Welcome to the Parish of Rushall and the Churches of St. Michael the Archangel and Christ the King

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King

Services this week

Christ the King	**22nd**	**8am**	**Holy Communion**	**St. Michael's**
		9am	**Holy Communion**	**Christ the King**
		10.30am	**Holy Communion**	**St. Michael's**
		6.30pm	**Evening Prayer**	**St. Michael's**
Monday	**23rd**	**8am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Zoom**
Tuesday	**24th**	**8am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Zoom**
		6pm	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
Wednesday	**25th**	**8am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Zoom**
		6pm	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
Thursday	**26th**	**9.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**St. Michael's**
		10am	**Drop In**	**St. Michael's**
		6pm	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
		7.30pm	**PCC**	**St. Michael's**
Friday	**27th**		**No services**	
Saturday	**28th**	**8am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Zoom**
		6pm	**Evening Prayer**	**Zoom**
Advent Sunday	**29th**	**8am**	**Holy Communion**	**St. Michael's**
		9am	**Holy Communion**	**Christ the King**
		10.30am	**Holy Communion**	**St. Michael's**
		6.30pm	**Evening Prayer**	**St. Michael's**

Services online

The Sunday 10.30am service at St. Michael's is streamed live on Facebook for those unable to attend in person.

Morning and Evening Prayer take place on Zoom on various days of the week: please contact us for the link if you wish to join us.

The last Sunday of the church year.

Readings for Holy Communion – 22nd November

The Collect
Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading *Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24*

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As
shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek
out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on
a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather
them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on
the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I
will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;
there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie
down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I
will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the
weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock,
and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall
feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Psalm 95.1-7

R: O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms. **R**
3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**
6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God;
We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **R**

Second Reading *Ephesians 1.15-23*

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints,
and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in
my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so
that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to
which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in
Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the
heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all
things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. **Alleluia.**

Gospel *Matthew 25.31-46*

Jesus said to his disciples: [31]'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33]and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34]Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; [35]for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." [37]Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38]And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39]And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" [40]And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." [41]Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; [42]for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." [44]Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" [45]Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Prayer of preparation

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Evening Prayer

Psalm *93*
R: The Lord is King, and his apparel is glorious.

1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;
the Lord has put on his glory
and girded himself with strength. **R**
2 He has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved.
3 Your throne has been established from of old;
you are from everlasting. **R**
4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their pounding waves. **R**
5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the Lord on high is mightier. **R**
6 Your testimonies are very sure;
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever. **R**

First Reading *2 Samuel 23.1-7*

[1]Now these are the last words of David:
The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

[2]The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
[3]The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
[4]is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

[5]Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
[6]But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
[7]to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Second Reading *Matthew 28.16-20*

[16]The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. [17]When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. [18]And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19]Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'



Christingle Service
Sunday December 13th
at 4pm
At St. Michael's





Carol Service
Sunday December 20th
at 4pm
At St. Michael's

Midnight Mass
Christmas Eve
Thursday December 24th
at 11.30pm
At St. Michael's



Coming up soon:

Advent Sunday	29th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's
Monday	30th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tuesday	1st	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		10am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Drop In	Christ the King
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	2nd	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		10am	Drop In	St. Michael's
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod	Pelsall
Friday	4th		No services	
Saturday	5th	8am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
		7pm	Christmas Draw	St. Michael's
Advent Sunday	6th	8am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		9am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
		10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
		4pm	Concert	Christ the King
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Michael's

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