



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

“Jesus, teach us all to love”

What's on in July 2019

Our Sunday services

Sunday 7th July (3rd Sunday after Trinity)

10am All Age Service with Baptism

“Bath Time”

Revd David Cattle leads, Jane Harpur preaches
(2 Kings 5: 1 - 14)

Sunday 14th July (4th Sunday after Trinity)

10am Holy Communion,

“Rescue from Darkness”

Sally Bevan and Revd David Cattle lead,
Revd David Cattle preaches
(Luke 10:25 – 37; Colossians 1:1-14)

6pm MMU Choral Evensong, which takes place at St Michael's

Sunday 21st July (5th Sunday after Trinity)

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

with Rev Stephanie Gillingham

10am Service of the Word, with groups for children

“The Supremacy of Christ”

Fiona Selden leads, Chris Selden preaches
(Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15 - 23)

Sunday 28th July (6th Sunday after Trinity)

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Service of the Word, with groups for children

“Caen, Normandy”

Travers Harpur leads, Jane and Sena preach
(Readings TBA)

Week-day worship

Morning Prayer: Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9.15am.

MMU Morning Prayer on 17th at 9.15am at St Luke's, Moulsham.

Other dates in July (All events in church, unless otherwise stated)

The toddler group Friendship+ meets every Wednesday in term time
at the Keene Hall, from 9.15 to 11.15am.

Galleywood Good Neighbours - meets every 2nd Friday

at Keene Hall from 10am to 12 noon. Free admission.

Tues 2nd 7.30pm MMU Financial Advisory Group meeting (St John's Moulsham).

Weds 3rd 2.15 pm Wednesday Fellowship

- Summer entertainment from Alex Southgate and his accordion

Thurs 4th 10am MLT meeting (Vicarage).

Thurs 4th 7.30pm Upwards

Fri 5th 7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 6th July **Bradwell Pilgrimage** 10.30am to 3.45pm (See website for more details)

Fri 12th to Sun 14th Solid Festival (Youth event)

Mon 15th 9am Special assembly to present Bibles (St Michael's school).

Weds 17th July 8pm Confirmation course - last session (the vicarage)

Thurs 18th 10am School Leavers' Service.

Thurs 18th 7.30pm Upwards youth group

Fri 19th 10am to 12 noon Galleywood Good Neighbours (at Keene Hall)

Fri 19th 7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 27th 10am to 12 noon Churchyard Working Party

Beyond July

Sun 8th Sep at 4pm – **Confirmations** with the Bishop of Bradwell

see more details below

A thank you, from David

I would like to thank all those people who have helped in any way since the sad death of Leo Latifi. His parents, and our wider community, have really appreciated that the church has been open for prayer and reflection. And many thanks to those who helped at Leo's funeral service on 19th June. It was a very emotional occasion, and I am very pleased with the way that our volunteer team, led by Karen, helped the occasion to run very smoothly. It is at times like this that the world sees what church is really about, and I feel that we have given a good witness to God's love over these past few weeks. Please keep Leo's parents Natalie and Eddie, and his brother Luca, in your prayers. Thanks.

Bibles for school children

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our Lent Appeal to raise money to buy a Bible for every child at our Church School (St Michael's Junior). David is in the process of buying the Bibles and plans to lead a special assembly in school on **15th July**, at which the Bibles will be presented. Each child will receive a Bible with their name in the front, with a label saying that this is a gift from St Michael's church. We pray that the children will keep and read these Bibles for the rest of their lives.

Baptisms and weddings and Funerals this month

Please pray for Louie Cable, who is being baptised in our 10am service on Sunday 7th, and for Tallulah Locker, who is being baptised at 2pm on Sunday 14th.

Please pray for Sonnie-Lee Stewart and Stacey Ash who get married here at 1.30pm on Monday 8th.

Finally, keep the family of Primrose Patience in your thoughts as her funeral takes place on Friday 19th

Confirmation. On 8th September, we are hosting a confirmation service. Confirmation is a special service, led by the Bishop, at which people have the opportunity to confirm the promises that were made for them when they were baptised, or that they made themselves when they were baptised. You don't need to be confirmed as part of your spiritual journey, of course, and I know that lots of us are from non-Anglican traditions, where confirmation makes less sense. But if you would like more information about being confirmed, please speak to David. Confirmation is a way of going deeper with Jesus. There will be a confirmation preparation course over July and July (dates above), and we shall be looking at big questions like, "what is God?" "why do we suffer?" "what is the Bible?" **Confirmation Course on Wednesday evenings at the Vicarage**

***New Messy Church leader needed!** After a long period of fruitful work, Sue Kitson has decided that the time is right for her to step down as Messy Church leader. Her last Messy Church was on 8th June. We are all thankful for her time. If anyone has the passion to take on this important role, to see children and their families worshipping God in a fun way in church, please speak to Sue or David for more details.

Solid. Eleven young people are going to Solid, of whom six are camping for the whole weekend and five are attending on the Saturday.

The children will attend services and get to take part in lots of adventure activities including banana boating, high ropes, archery, abseiling etc. In the evening there are discos and an outdoor cinema. Plenty to keep them entertained. Please pray that everyone enjoys the weekend and that they feel the spirit moving around them and it helps them on their journey towards Jesus.

Thought for the month, by Fiona Selden

Recently we said goodbye – or au revoir – to Suzanne McAllister, who has now started her curacy in Moulsham. Suzanne's last service with us was on Trinity Sunday – and her sermon to us was all about this complex theological issue.

And so this month I decided to share some further thoughts on our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God in Three Persons: this idea is one of the mysteries of God (which is a nice way of saying we humans struggle to understand it).

The following is a story told of St Augustine of Hippo, an important Christian theologian born in 4th Century:

"Shortly after St. Augustine had finished his theological tome *On the Trinity*, he was walking along the Mediterranean shore on the coast of North Africa when he chanced upon a boy who kept filling a bucket with seawater and pouring it into a large hole in the sand.

"Why are you doing that?" Augustine asked the boy.

"I'm pouring the Mediterranean Sea into the hole," the boy replied in all seriousness.

"My dear boy, what an impossible thing to try to do!" chided Augustine. "The sea is far too vast, and your hole is far too small."

Then as Augustine continued his walk, it dawned on him that in his efforts to write on the Trinity he was much like that boy: the subject was far too vast, and his mind was far too small!"

In a nutshell: we can't fully grasp or explain the idea of the Trinity. Although it doesn't stop the theologians trying!

However, God doesn't need us to understand and explain the Trinity – even though we do keep trying! He wants to welcome us into the relationship at the centre of His Being.

Please give all notices for the **August "What's on" by Sunday 21st July** to Brian Pepper, Church Administrator adstmichaelgalleywood@gmail.com

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