



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

“Jesus, teach us all to love”

What's on in August 2019

Our Sunday services

Sunday 4th August (7th Sunday after Trinity)

10am All Age Service with Baptism

“Rooted in Christ”

Cesca Watkinson and Rev David Cattle lead,
Travers Harpur preaches
(Psalm 138; Colossians 1:24 – 2:7)

Sunday 11th August (8th Sunday after Trinity)

10am Holy Communion, with groups for children

“Fullness of Life in Christ”

Karen Robertson and Revd David Cattle lead,
Revd David Cattle preaches
(Luke 11: 1-13; Colossians 2:6 - End)

Sunday 18th August (9th Sunday after Trinity)

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Service of the Word, with groups for children

“New Life in Christ”

Barbara Webb leads, Fiona Selden preaches
(Psalm 49; Colossians 3: 1-41)

Sunday 25th August (10th Sunday after Trinity)

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am All-age service with Holy Baptism

“A Thankful Heart”

Revd David Cattle leads, Jane Harpur preaches
(Psalm 103; Colossians 4: 2-end)

SONlight continues over the summer holidays. Starting on 4th August and running for five Sundays we will be discovering the story of Jonah through listening to the story, craft activities and games to create a collage which will be on display during September. Parents too are welcome to come and MEGA welcome also!

Week-day worship

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

To be confirmed, please check for each week

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

Fri 9th 10am to 12 noon Galleywood Good Neighbours (at Keene Hall)

Sat 10th 10am to 12 noon Churchyard Working Party

Thurs 22nd MLT meeting, 2pm at Fiona Seldon's house.

Baptisms during August

Zac is being baptised on 4th, during the morning service.

Weddings during August

Please pray for:

Adam and Katie who are to be married on Saturday 17th at 3pm

and Jason and Laura on Saturday 24th at 2pm

Beyond August



On 8th September, 4pm, at a special confirmation service here at St Michael's, 4 people from our church are being confirmed by the Bishop of Bradwell;

Ellen Morrison, Betty Simister, Sara Tucker and Claire Arnup.

Please pray for them as they approach this special time in their walk with Jesus. And it would be wonderful to see as many of the church family there as possible to support them, so please come if you can.



The Headteacher of St Michael's school, Mrs Maria Rumsey, has written to the church to thank us for raising the money to buy a Bible for every child at school. Maria says: "I am writing to thank you all for the beautiful Bibles that your church has so kindly paid for, ensuring that all our children have a Bible to see them through St Michael's School and beyond...Thank you all for your kindness towards our children; the children in Year 6 will know that they have these comforting words with them as they progress to secondary school."



Maria Rumsey's retirement - a message from David.

At the end of the summer term, Mrs Maria Rumsey retired. Maria will be much missed by all of the children and staff at St Michael's school, and by us as well. She has been a fantastic Headteacher. She has driven up standards at the school and has done so with real care for the children, while also providing a broad curriculum which has really benefited the children. The atmosphere in school is calm and loving, which was especially evident when Maria calmly led the school through the recent tragic death of Leo Latifi. Maria has been great to work with.

I now look forward to working with **Mrs Rowen Prigg**, who will take over as Head from September. Please pray for Rowen as she takes up her new role.

Thought for the month, by Revd David Cattle

This month, in our 10am services, we are continuing with our preaching series on Paul's letter to the Colossians. It's a great letter – really inspiring stuff. And I recommend reading through the whole thing in one sitting, and then doing that again. It's really good!

In chapter 1, Paul says that God has “rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.” In other words, when we believed the Gospel and accepted Jesus into our lives, we moved from a place where God is absent (darkness), to a place where God is present (light).

Of course, God is never completely absent. Every human being alive has been made by God and is loved by God, even people who we think are really nasty pieces of work. God's Holy Spirit works in all people, whatever their beliefs or lifestyles. So we should not take Paul completely literally here.

Instead, as with a lot of the Bible, Paul sets before us 2 extreme situations in order to make the point that one is much better than the other.

Those of us who follow Jesus Christ have something wonderful, something that other people don't have. We are the people who know that God is love, and that his love for each one of us is immense. We know that Jesus has died for our sins and so we are forgiven. We know that Jesus rose on the third day, thus conquering death, and giving us hope for life beyond death. We know the Holy Spirit is active, and so we can work with him to become better people.

So we have the resources and the potential to live lives of joy, hope and purpose, because we know that no matter how bad life gets, God is always with us, and that in the end all things will be well.

Let's praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has saved us.

Please get all notices for the **September “What's on” by Sunday 25th August**

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