



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in August 2024

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<http://www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk/>



Sunday 4th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight)
Leader: Travers Harpur
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – “Restoring a Withered Hand”
Readings: Exodus 20:8 – 11; Luke 6:6 – 11

Sunday 11th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leaders: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Jane Harpur – “Saving a Centurion’s Servant”
Readings: Isaiah 42:1 – 9; Luke 7:1 – 10

Sunday 18th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Service of **Morning Prayer**
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight)
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Geoff Windus – “Raising a Widow’s Son”
Readings: 1 Kings 17:17 – 24; Luke 7:11 – 17

Sunday 25th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Service of **Morning Prayer**
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight)
Leader: Geoff Windus
Preacher: Fiona Selden – “A Girl and a Woman”
Readings: Hebrews 11:8 – 12; Luke 8:40 – 56

Services During the Week

Weekly Morning Prayer on Tuesdays via Zoom at 9:30 am.

Important Dates in August

Sat 3 rd , 10:00 am	– Coffee Morning in Church
Mon 5 th , 10:30 am	– Churchyard Care Team meeting (Vestry)
Sat 10 th , 9:00 am	– Churchyard Tidy-Up and Church Clean
2:00 pm	– Fundraising event: Cream Tea and Bingo (Church)
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	– Summer Club (Church)
Wed 14 th , 9:00 am	– Wednesday Prayer in Church
4:00 pm	– Website Team meeting (via Teams)
Wed 28 th , 9:00 am	– Wednesday Prayer in Church

Future Dates

Sun 1 st Sep, 10:00 am	– Creation Sunday
12:30 pm	– Prayer event with Bishop Adam, and picnic
Wed 4 th Sep, 7:30 pm	– Missions Team meeting (Travers and Jane's house)
Fri 6 th Sep, 9:30 am	– Safeguarding Team meeting (vicarage)
Mon 9 th Sep, 10:00 am	– MLT meeting (Fiona's house)
Sat 14 th Sep, Time TBC	– Fundraising event: Quiz Night
Sun 15 th Sep, 10:00 am	– Fairtrade Sunday
Wed 18 th Sep, 7:30 pm	– PCC meeting (Church)
Mon 23 rd Sep, 7:30 pm	– Homegroup Leaders' meeting (vestry)
Sun 29 th Sep, 4:00 pm	– Joint Service in the Copse (4:30 pm start)
Sat 12 th Oct, Time TBC	– Fundraising event: Murder Mystery Evening
Sun 20 th Oct, 3:00 pm	– Confirmation Service

NOTICES

August Summer Club

Alice Loates and Ruth Selden are running a kid's Christian holiday club from 12th - 16th August in church for primary school aged children. Volunteers are essential for this event to go ahead. Whether that is group leaders, help with refreshments or helping with crafts / activities, anything would be greatly appreciated, even if you can't help every day. We ask that our youth members (Mega) come along as young leaders to help out in any capacity they feel comfortable, and we are also looking for adult volunteers too. The day itself will run 10am-3pm with the opportunity for any young helpers (Mega) to have some social time at the end of the session for an hour. If you have any questions or are able to help at all, please get in touch with Alice or Ruth or email childrenandyouth@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk

Upcoming Fund-Raising Activities:

1. **Cream Tea Afternoon**, Saturday 10th August, 2 pm to 4 pm cost £5. Bingo game and small raffle. Donations of small prizes would be gratefully received.
2. **Quiz Night, 14th September and Murder Mystery Night, 12th October (Times TBC).**

Hoovering After Church on Monday Mornings

Anne is seeking a small team of volunteers to participate on a monthly rota basis, for an hour or so, each Monday morning to hoover and tidy-up the church following the Sunday services. Flexible arrangements between volunteers could be managed via WhatsApp. Do please contact Anne (sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk; 07703 586537) if you think you could help.

Church Instagram Page

As Ruth is off to Uni shortly, Karen and Emily Sharrock have taken over running the church Instagram page. The address is: "st.michaels_church_galleywood" and the QR code is:



@ST.MICHAELS_CHURCH_GALLEYWOOD

Churchyard Tidy-Up

We are so fortunate to have a beautiful churchyard. We are grateful to those families who lovingly tend the grave of their loved ones. We are also grateful to our volunteers and paid grounds-team, who work so hard to care for this beautiful place. David, Anne and Travers (the Churchyard Care Team) are currently drafting helpful leaflets which explain the laws of the churchyard, and which help people to apply for headstones, reserve burial plots, and place memorial benches. We are also working on signs that can be displayed in the churchyard. There are currently many items on graves that are not allowed under the law (e.g. borders, loose stones, vases, pots, tablets, ornaments, etc.). So, over the summer we plan to send the new leaflet "The Churchyard Code" to families for whom we have contact details, and we will encourage people to remove those items from their loved one's grave which are not allowed. Getting the balance right between caring for our grieving families, and upholding the law so that what happens is fair for everyone, is a sensitive and demanding task, as well as being a huge piece of work, and one for which we will no doubt be criticised for on social media; so please pray for our Churchyard Care Team.

Praying Together in Church on a Wednesday

This is an informal time of prayer at 9.00 am in the Church usually on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. It's a time of quiet reflection listening to God and to each other. All are welcome. For August, it's the 14th and 28th. See Sue Kitson for more details.

Prayer Event on Sunday 1st September, 12.30pm

Bishop Adam, the Bishop of Bradwell, will visit the Church at this date and time, and he will lead a prayer event. It starts with a picnic at 12.30pm, and ends at 3.30pm. It is a joint event with our friends in our partner churches in South West Chelmsford Churches. More details in due course.

Prayer Chain

The Church has a small, trusted group of committed members ready and willing to support you in prayer. If you have a prayer request for yourself, someone else, a group of people, or a situation, please let our Prayer Chain Co-ordinator Jane Windus know on the new prayer chain address: prayerchain@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk. Jane will then forward your request by e-mail to Prayer Chain members. Prayer requests will remain confidential within the Prayer Chain membership. If asking for prayer for an individual, please obtain their consent, or the consent of a parent or guardian for prayer for those under 18. (Consent is not needed for information already in the public domain.) If you would like to ask to become a member of the Prayer Chain, please let Jane know.

Home visits

If anyone can't get to Church at the moment, for whatever reason, and would like David to visit, please let David know (contact details on the back page). David is also very happy to bring Holy Communion and celebrate it at home or in hospital.

Homegroups – would you like to join one?

Lots of our Church members are already part of a homegroup. Homegroups are small groups that meet in people's homes, perhaps once or twice each month, where we study the Bible, pray, support each other, and enjoy ourselves with friends. They are places where people grow in faith, and find encouragement for the journey of life. We have a variety of styles of homegroup – some lean more towards serious Bible study, while others more towards friendship and support. Everyone is welcome to join a homegroup, and if we need to start more homegroups we will do so. Travers Harpur is our homegroup co-ordinator. If you would like to think about joining a group, please contact Travers for more details: travers.harpur@gmail.com.

Thought for the Month by Revd David Cattle

Faith and Trust in Jesus

How wonderful it is to read the Gospels! In my own Bible reading I am currently working my way through Luke's Gospel; at the recent school Leavers' service I preached on the story of Jesus and Peter walking on the water from Matthew's Gospel; and this coming Sunday (at the time of writing) I am preaching on a section of Mark's Gospel at St Luke's Church in Moulsham. (John's Gospel is also wonderful, and is many people's favourite of the four, and I am sure I will be back there soon enough.)

When people who are new to reading the Bible ask me where to start, I often say Mark's Gospel. This is because it is the shortest of the four Gospels, and is faced-paced and punchy. It doesn't have the Christmas stories, but it is still a great introduction to Bible. My passage for this Sunday is Mark 6:34-34 and 53-end. The Church of England lectionary (the official list of readings set for each day) has put these 2 separate passages together because they both show how people responded to Jesus:

He had tried to get away to a quiet place to get some rest and prayer time, so he and his disciples had set off across Lake Galilee in a boat. But the crowd figured out where they were going, and they got there on foot ahead of them! And then later, at a different place on the shore of lake, the crowds again recognised him and brought all who were sick so that he could heal them.

The crowds in both places knew that they needed Jesus, above all others. They did everything they could to get close to him, even walking to a deserted place to find him. They prioritised getting to him so that they could hear his teaching and be healed of their diseases, and so that they could bring their loved ones to be healed. They would not have had a fully formed Christian faith, of course, but they did respond to him in faith and trust. When we have this kind of faith and trust in Jesus, we can be assured that he will have compassion for us, just like he had compassion for those crowds on the shores of Lake Galilee. He said that those crowds were like sheep without a shepherd. We now know that Jesus is our Shepherd, and that we can rely on him for the forgiveness of our sins, for our eternal salvation, for the teaching that we need to bring us life, and for the healing of our lives.

The deadline for articles for September is Sunday 18th August. Please send them to Geoff Windus (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk).

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