



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in March 2025

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



Sunday 2nd March – Sunday Before Lent

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Geoff Windus, Colossians – 6: “Christ In You, the Hope of Glory”
Readings: John 17:13 – 23; Colossians 1:24 – 29

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's, Widford

- 7:30 pm Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Leader: Revd Stephanie Gillingham
Preacher: Revd David Cattle

Sunday 9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Jane Harpur, Colossians – 7
Readings: Matthew 13:44 - 46; Colossians 2:1 – 5

Sunday 16th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent – MEGA Takeover Sunday Worship!

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (all-age service)
Leaders: Will and Ruth
Preacher: Piotr and Dan
Readings: 1 Peter 4: 12 – 19; Matthew 6:25 – 34

Sunday 23rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Geoff Windus
Preacher: Revd David Cattle, Colossians – 8
Readings: John 15:1 – 11; Colossians 2:6 – 7
- 4:30 pm South West Chelmsford Churches Service, St Luke's Moulsham (4 pm for 4:30)

Sunday 30th March – 4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Chris Selden
Readings: Exodus 2:1 – 10; Matthew 12:46 – 50

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in March

Sat 1 st ,	10:00 – 12:00	– Coffee Morning in Church
Sun 2 nd ,	11:00 am	– Fairtrade stall in church (after service)
Wed 5 th ,	2:15 pm	– Wednesday Fellowship (Galleywood Ukelele Group)
Sat 8 th ,	9:00 – 12:00	– Churchyard and Copse Tidy-Up
	7:00 pm	– Saturday Night Youth Group For Year 9+ (in Church)
Mon 10 th ,	10:00 am	– MLT meeting (Fiona's house)
Wed 12 th ,	9:00 am	– Wednesday Prayer (Church)
	9:15 am	– Friendship + (Keene Hall)
Fri 14 th ,	7:00 pm	– Upwards Youth Group
Sat 22 nd ,	6:00pm	– 'Country Evening' with sausage supper (in Church - see below)
Wed 26 th ,	9:00 am	– Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Fri 28 th ,	7:00 pm	– Upwards Youth Group

Future Dates

Tue 1 st April,	10:00am	– Galleywood Infant School Easter service
Wed 2 nd April,	10:00am	– St Michael's Junior School Easter service
Mon 14 th April,	7:30pm	– Holy Week Compline on Zoom
Tues 15 th April,	7:30pm	– Holy Week Compline on Zoom
Wed 16 th April,	7:30pm	– The Way of the Cross
Thu 17 th April,	7:30pm	– Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Fri 18 th April,	8:00 am	– Good Friday Meditation on the Cross
Sun 20 th April,	time tbc	– Easter Sunday Dawn Service at St Luke's, Moulsham
	10:00am	– Easter Sunday Communion
Sun 18 th May,	11:30am	– Church Annual Meetings
Sun 8 th June,	12:00 pm	– Welcome Lunch (at Church, after morning service)

NOTICES

Full Revision of the Electoral Roll

Every year, we update our Electoral Roll in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The Electoral Roll is the official Church membership list, which all Church of England churches need to compile. This year we need to do a full revision of the Roll, which means that if you would like your name to be on the Roll you need to fill in an application form, even if your name is currently on it. And for those who are not yet members of the Roll, please consider joining. If you join the Roll:

1. You can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which we elect PCC members.
2. You can stand for election to be the PCC member or as a Churchwarden.
3. You make a statement about belonging - that this is your Church family.

You can join the Roll if you are baptised, and are aged 16 or over, and are resident in the Parish OR worship with us regularly (or would worship with us, but are prevented perhaps because of age or illness). The closing date for applications is Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday). There will be paper copies of the application form at the back of Church. For more information, please speak to our Electoral Roll Officer, Jane Dougan (jmd8@post.com).

Pastoral Care

We are pleased to announce that Jane Windus is now officially in post as Pastoral Care Team Leader and she will be supported by a small team of Pastoral Visitors (once safeguarding issues, etc are satisfied). Please pray for Jane and her team as they fulfil this vital role in the life of our church. If you yourself, or someone you know within our church family, would value a personal visit or a phone-call, please see Jane, or email her on pastoralcare@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk. Included within this ministry, David is also very happy to bring Holy Communion and celebrate it at home or in hospital. Again, please contact Jane in the first instance.

Country Evening Sausage Supper

To support our fund-raising efforts, we have a 'Country Evening Sausage Supper' arranged for Saturday 22nd March (6:00 for 6:30 pm) which will include a sausage supper, a raffle and music entertainment from Alice Loates. Tickets (£12) are now available from Beryl Moss (07939 283841), or one of her team.

Churchyard and Copse Tidy-Up Team, Saturday 8 March, 9 am – 12 pm

We will be restarting our 'turn up and help' team on Saturday 8 March and then every second Saturday in the month over the Summer and Autumn. So future dates will be 12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 13 September and 11 October.

We do tidy-up tasks such as weeding the borders, weeding and cutting the hedge in the Garden of Remembrance, keeping compost heaps in order, maintaining and weeding paths in the Copse, mowing and strimming the grass as needed. We have all the big tools but please bring your own gloves, kneelers and smaller hand tools. Tea, coffee and homemade cake is served! For more info please contact Anne Pepper sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk or just turn up – you will be so welcome.

Donations needed!

If anyone can donate any colouring pencils or **non-permanent** felt tips, as well as Bible-themed colouring or sticker books, we would be most grateful. Please see Anne Pepper if you can help.

The Leprosy Mission

A big thank you to everyone who supported The Leprosy Mission project in Odisha, India when Matt Henderson came to speak to us recently. We are delighted to say that £484 was raised for this much needed region. The latest New Day newsletter, which has more details about Odisha, together with the new prayer diary are both available on the Mission Table. Please help yourself.

Good Friday Event on Chelmsford High Street (18th April)

Churches Together in Chelmsford is running its annual Good Friday open-air service on Chelmsford High Street at 11am. This will include worship singing, prayers and a Gospel message. This will be followed by an afternoon of fun, food, music, children's craft, prayer ministry and Gospel presentations from 1pm until 4pm. The organisers are looking for volunteers to be stewards for both events. If you would like to help out, please contact Pete Bardwell, pastor of River Church, at petebardwell@theriver.uk

Clothing Collection Outside St Michael's School

There is a big green metal clothing bin outside St Michael's school on Barnard Road. You can donate unwanted clothes by putting them in the bin, and the clothes are then sold to raise money for the school.

Welcome Lunch

We have been delighted to welcome many new faces to St Michael's since the pandemic. If this includes you, we would like to invite you to a special Welcome Lunch. This will take the form of a BBQ to be held after the Sunday morning service on 8th June. If you consider yourself new to the church, then you will be very welcome, so place this date in your diary! Further details will follow 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: prayerchain@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk. All requests are treated with strict confidence 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. If you would like to ask to become a member of the Prayer Chain, please let Jane know.

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. Travers Harpur, our homegroup co-ordinator would love to hear from you if you would like to think about joining a group: travers.harpur@gmail.com.

Safeguarding at St Michael's

We work hard to ensure that St Michael's is a safe place for everyone, and we have adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice. If you don't feel safe, or suspect that someone else is not safe, whether inside or outside the Church, you can talk to our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Janella Coates, our Vicar, Revd David Cattle, or our Churchwardens, Gavin Adlington and Anne Pepper (contact details are on the back page).

Thought for the Month by Jane Windus:

Love One Another

'A new command I give to you: "Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'" John 13:34 – 35

Such a challenging command! To love in this context is an action, not a feeling. We live in a world which values living for self, doing things which make you feel good and not being concerned when they adversely affect others. Jesus turned those values on their head and said, 'show your love for each other because then people of the world will see that your values are different.' A small pastoral team is currently being set up and once paperwork and checks are made, it will be putting this command into practice and serving others. We will be visiting/phoning those in our church family who are sick, lonely or just needing a chat or a prayer. Yet, this command is for *all* the church family to be involved in, and not just a few. Whether you are having a coffee at the Saturday coffee mornings or indeed any other church meeting, including our Sunday morning services, we should be looking out for new people to welcome, or those we know who are going through difficult times, and just coming alongside them to give encouragement and support. When people feel loved and valued, they in turn will feel moved to help others. Sometimes we are called to go through really awful experiences, but we could use them to bring comfort to others facing similar experiences.

Every day we are given 24 gold coins. These coins are priceless, nothing on earth can match their value. They are not transferrable; they are ours and ours alone. We cannot save them up for a rainy day or invest them to make more. We can squander them or use them wisely; the choice is solely ours to do with them what we like. BUT, one day, we will not be given our full quota, and on that day, we will be called to account before the King of Kings, as to what we have done with all those coins we have been blessed with over our lifetime. May we have no regrets! So let us all rise to the challenge and show our love to one another, that the world may know we belong to Him.

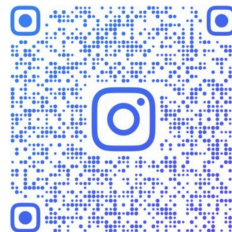
The deadline for articles for April's What's On is Sunday 23th March.

Please send them to Geoff Windus (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk).

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