



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

'The Church on the Hill'

What's On in October 2022

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



Sunday 2nd October – 16th Sunday after Trinity – Michaelmas Service

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
10.00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Rev David Cattle – “Michaelmas”
Readings: Revelation 12:7 – 12; John 1:47 – 51

Sunday 9th October – 17th Sunday after Trinity

- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Geoff Windus
Communion President: Rev David Cattle
Preacher: Fiona Selden – “Ten Healed of Leprosy”
Readings: 2 Timothy 2:8 – 15; Luke 17:11 – 19
4:30 pm Joint MMU Service at St Johns – Harvest Theme (Refreshments at 4 pm)

Sunday 16th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity - Harvest

- 8:30 am BCP Communion in – person only
10:00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Rev David Cattle
Preacher: Geoff Windus – “Harvest”
Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1 – 11; John 6:25 – 35

Sunday 23rd October – 19th Sunday (Last) after Trinity – Bible Sunday

- 8:30 am BCP Communion in-person only
10:00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Jane Harpur
Preacher: Travers Harpur – “Bible Sunday”
Readings: Psalm 119:129 – 136; Romans 15:1 – 6

Sunday 30th October

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
10:00 am Joint MMU Service at St Mary's Widford (No 10 am service at St Michael's)

Services During the Week

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

Important dates in October:

Saturday 1 st Oct	10:00 am – Coffee Morning in Church 1.30 pm – Wedding of Elise and Carl
Sunday 2 nd Oct	10:00 am – Michaelmas service and Cake Fest 5:00 pm – Service of farewell to Archdeacon Elizabeth, who is retiring (Chelmsford Cathedral)
Monday 3 rd Oct	10.30 am – Funeral of Howard Smith (Chelmsford Crematorium)
Wednesday 5 th Oct	12.15 pm – Wednesday Fellowship Harvest Lunch 2.30 pm – Funeral of Ian Lovie (Chelmsford Crematorium)
Thursday 6 th Oct	7.30 pm – PCC meeting (in Church)
Sunday 9 th Oct	4:00 pm – Joint MMU service, St Luke's Moulsham (theme is Harvest)
Monday 10 th Oct	1:00 pm – MLT meeting (Fiona's house) 7.30pm – Lynchpins meeting (venue tbc)
Wednesday 12 th Oct	9:00 am – Informal prayer in church
Sunday 16 th Oct	10:00 am – Harvest Festival
Wednesday 19 th Oct	10:00 am – St Michael's School Harvest Festival
Thursday 20 th Oct	1.30 pm – Wedding of Esther and Gareth
Saturday 22 nd Oct	7:00 pm – Quiz Night (fundraising event) in Church
Wednesday 26 th Oct	9:00 am – Informal prayer in church
Sunday 30 th Oct	10:00 am – Joint MMU service, St Mary's Widford

Future Dates:

Saturday 5 th Nov	11:00 am – Artisan Market (fundraising event) in Church
Sunday 6 th Nov	4:00 pm – Annual Memorial Service
Tuesday 8 th Nov	8:00 pm – Stondon Singers Concert celebrating the work of Ralph Vaughan Williams. Tickets £10, (01227 886769) or stondonsingers@gmail.com . Retiring collection in aid of CHESS Homeless
Saturday 10 th Dec	10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday 11 th Dec	4.30pm – Carol Service
Saturday 17 th Dec	4.30pm – Carols on the Common
Sunday 18 th Dec	10:00 am – St Michael's Nativity
Saturday 24 th Dec	4:00 pm – Christingle 11.15 pm – Midnight Communion
Sunday 25 th Dec	10:00 am – Christmas Day Family Communion

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Michaelmas service and party

On Sunday 2nd October, we shall celebrate our patronal festival, as we reflect on St Michael and All Angels! After our 10 am service, we shall enjoy a Cake Fest party together!

Quiz Night. Our next big event is a quiz night, which will be held on Saturday 22nd October in the Church at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Teams will consist of 6 – 8 per table, at £5 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles!

Annual Memorial Service, Sunday 6th November, 4 pm.

This is a service of remembering and giving thanks for those we have loved and lost, whether recently or longer ago. During the service we will read the names of those we want to remember and if you would like someone included in this please let Karen Robertson know by Tuesday 1st November so that we can include their name in the order of service.

Karen: k-robertson@blueyonder.co.uk, 07941 857097 (if there is no reply, please leave a message and she will return your call).

Christmas Tree Festival

Over the weekend 9th – 11th December we shall be holding a Christmas Tree Festival in the Church for all to enjoy and to allow small local businesses to advertise. Further details will be provided in November's What's On.

Prayer Chain

If anyone has an urgent need, please be aware the Church has a small group of committed members ready and willing to support you in prayer. Please contact Jane Windus, the Prayer Chain Coordinator (jane.windus@gmail.com), who will circulate your request amongst the team. Furthermore, if you would be willing to join the team and commit to supporting others in this important and privileged ministry, again please contact Jane.

Make Lunch

Make Lunch is a project that we have run for many years. In the school holidays, we provide a hot meal and games/crafts for those families whose children would usually qualify for free school meals in term time. It is a great project which is really valued by the local schools and the community. At the moment, we need more volunteers to keep the project running, and we especially need someone to lead (or perhaps two people to co-lead) the project, who co-ordinate between the various parties involved – volunteers, grant-making bodies, local schools, and our families. If you think you can help, please speak with David or Sue Kitson for more information.

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 that. 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

Harvest Project 2022

Every year at Harvest time, we have an appeal to support a charity which is meeting a current serious humanitarian need. The PCC have endorsed the Missions team proposal, that this year we would focus on disabled children in Ukraine.

Ukraine, as is also the case for much of Eastern Europe (EE), has, as a legacy from Soviet days, avoided the issue of disability, even pretending it is not there. Disabled children end up hidden at home, usually a small apartment up many floors, or placed in an institution, usually grim and providing little hope. The Ukrainian government is seeking to remedy this long term but has other matters distracting attention.

A charity 'Child Aid to Eastern Europe' (www.ChildAidee.org.uk) seeks to provide homes and support. Child aid was formed in 1973, but then called 'Aid to Russian Christians'. After the end of the Soviet Union it became 'Child Aid EE' working with children in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine. The PCC and Mission team agreed to focus on Ukraine and disabled children, including in particular the Little Lighthouse project in Makariv, just West of Kyiv and close to Bucha (the place of many alleged war crimes). It was involved in the early fighting but work has now recommenced. It provides services and help for disabled children and their families; help not normally available outside very limited facilities in Kyiv. The work is carried out by partners and the local Baptist church (the main protestant denomination in Ukraine – and much of eastern Europe).

In summary, the Harvest project is:

Child Care EE's work with disabled children in Ukraine including the Little Lighthouse in Makariv. This gives some flexibility e.g. if fighting engulfs Makariv and if specific work has to move.

The Church will collect donations, and also the Gift Aid on those donations for those who have filled in a Gift Aid form. We will collect cash and cheques at the Sunday services on 2nd 9th 16th and 23rd October (specifically 16th is the Harvest festival). Cheques can be made payable to "St Michael & All Angels' Church (Galleywood PCC)". (Please place in an envelope marked 'Harvest Project'). Alternatively, donations can be sent directly to the church bank account:

Account name: St Michael & All Angels' Church (Galleywood PCC)
Account number: 50433136
Sort code: 20-19-95 (Please reference bank transfers as "Harvest Project".)

Travers (I am happy to be contacted with any questions.)

Thought for the month by Chris Selden:

Dissatisfaction

I saw a TV programme this month in which two musicians were reflecting on touring and their life in the industry. They had known world-wide fame in the 1960's and 70s, and talked about the difficulties of transitioning from local gigs to world tours, life in hotel rooms, and how you feel as a person between concerts (when there isn't a crowd screaming how great you are). They also reflected on how common it is at the height of fame for solo musicians to think it would be better to be in a band, while members of a band think it would be better as a solo musician. It reminded me of the old saying that "the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence". I usually think of that phrase as a warning against envy; that specific desire to have (or take) something that we see someone else has – but I think it has something more to offer us. We people have complex emotions, and we also have the ability to understand our circumstances and situations; we can imagine possible futures (cue the success of romance or science-fiction novels). This is wonderful for creativity and driving 'human progress' – but it also creates a huge potential for personal dissatisfaction (which if unchecked can spiral into depression and other conditions). Such dissatisfaction doesn't only come from wanting something that we see someone else having; it can brew if we imagine a different life. We may find ourselves thinking "My life would be better if it wasn't for..." – and however we might finish the sentence, the risk is that we end up resenting something precious that we *do* have in our lives, because we think it prevents us from having some imagined life that we think would be so much better for us. The potential is that we resent aspects of our life rather than being grateful that we have them – opportunities, capabilities - even people. The Bible warns us against such thinking, reminding us to be thankful for the things we have in our life. Consider 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*" We must not let our current circumstances make us resentful of things which are actually good for us; we must not let desire for things we might *want* replace our thankfulness for the things we *have*. Yes, we will continue to pray for things which are causing us concern in our lives (or in the lives of others) – but we must ensure that such prayers are aligned with God's will rather than our own current reactions. Philippians 4: 6-7 shows this balance, which is the way to finding God's peace in our lives: "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*"

The deadline for articles for November is Sunday 23rd October. Please send them to Geoff Windus (geoffwindus@gmail.com).

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