



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in August 2025

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



"And God said, "Let there be light, ... water, land, ... vegetation, ... Sun, Moon and stars, ... all kinds of creatures." Finally, God said "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness." And it was so. And God saw all that He had made, and it was very good! (Genesis 1)

Sunday 3rd August – 7th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Service of Morning Prayer: Gavin Adlington
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Jane Harpur
Preacher: Travers Harpur – "Nahum"
Readings: Nahum 1:1 – 8 and 2:11 – 13; Romans 12:14 – 21

Sunday 10th August – 8th Sunday after Trinity

- 10:00 am Service of the Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Jane Harpur – "Hosea"
Readings: Hosea 11:1 – 11; Luke 15:11 – 24

Sunday 17th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – "Habakkuk"
Readings: Psalm 18:31 – 45; Habakkuk 3:17 – 19

Sunday 24th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Fiona Selden – "Zechariah"
Readings: TBC

Sunday 31st August – 11th Sunday after Trinity – Creation Sunday – In the Copse

- 8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
- 10:00 am All-age Service of the Word
Leader: Revd David Cattle/Alice Loates
Preacher: Revd David Cattle/Alice Loates – "Creation"
Readings: TBC
- 1:00 pm Picnic and Forest Church Service (1:45 pm) in the Copse (with our partner churches)

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in August

Sat 2nd Aug 10:00 am – Coffee Morning (in Church)
Sat 9th 2:00 pm – Fundraising Cream Tea (in Church)
Wed 13th 9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Wed 27th 9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Thu 28th 7:30 pm – PCC Meeting (in Church)
Sun 31st 1:00 pm – Picnic and Forest Church Service with our partner churches (in Copse)

Future Dates

Wed 3rd Sep, 5:00 pm – Baptism/Confirmation course for teenagers starts (Vicarage)
7:30pm – Baptism/Confirmation course for adults starts (Vicarage)
Fri 26th Sep, 7 - 9:30 pm – Faith and Fashion (in Church – see below)
Sat 27th Sep, 9:30 am – Going Deeper (Church)
12:00 pm – Family BBQ at the Heritage Centre
Sun 28th Sep, 10:00 am – Michaelmas Service
Sun 5th Oct, 10:00 am – Harvest Festival
Sun 2nd Nov, 4:00 pm – Annual Memorial Service

NOTICES

Fundraising Cream Tea, 9th August

All tickets now sold! For information, contact Beryl Moss, berylmoss111@gmail.com.

Creation Sunday, 31st August

Our 10am service will focus on the theme of God's creation, and will take place in the Copse. At 1pm, there will be a bring-your-own picnic in the Copse with some members of our partner churches. And at 1.45pm there will be a Forest Church service in the Copse. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Faith and Fashion, Friday 26th September, 7 – 9:30 pm.

Jenny Allan will be joining us to share her story about starting a Fair Trade fashion brand called Jenerous (www.jenerous.org). Jenny has an interesting story to tell about her experience in the fashion world and as a designer for Debenhams. The evening will include a catwalk show and a selection of her Fair Trade designs available to purchase, accompanied by Fairtrade drinks and snacks. Tickets at £5 available from Gill Wehren gill4fairtrade@gmail.com or 07749-258527.

Family BBQ, Saturday 27th September, 12 – 3 pm, Heritage Centre

After the success of last year's BBQ we would like to invite you to join us for another day of good food and fun. If you would like to be involved in running the event please speak to Alice. Tickets are free, but obtainable from childrenandyouth@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk



Baptism and Confirmation Course (starting Wednesday 3rd September)

Baptism (sometimes called “christening”) takes place when a person who is a Christian officially joins the Church family, during which water is poured over their head (or they are immersed in water). Baptism is an ancient practice, and Christian baptism is traced back to the ministry of John the Baptist (who baptised Jesus). Jesus himself told his followers to make disciples of all nations, and baptise people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Baptism is an act of obedience to God.

Confirmation is a special service in which a Christian confirms the promises made at their baptism (or that were made for them, if they were a child when they were baptised). In the Church of England tradition, confirmation is an important step in the journey of faith. At the confirmation service, a Bishop lays hands on the person’s head and prays for God’s Holy Spirit to give strength to live the Christian life.

David will be running a 5-session course, for those who would like to consider being baptised or confirmed. The course will cover lots of aspects of Christian life, and it is a safe place to learn more about faith and to ask any questions you might have. The course will be run separately for adults and teenagers. Please see David if you would like to know more.

Going Deeper

We are excited to announce the launching of a regular monthly teaching session on a Saturday morning starting on 27th September, entitled “Going Deeper”. It will cover topics not suitable or easy to cover in Sunday sermons or Homegroup settings. We will start with a series on apologetics under the sub-title “Know Why You Believe”, which will examine the entirely rational and evidence-based nature of our faith. Subjects to be considered will include, “How can we have confidence that all the books of the Bible, despite being hand-copied over many, many centuries are faithful records of what the original authors wrote down?” How do we *really* know that Jesus was raised from the dead, and the resurrection was not a happy ending added later?” “How can there be a God of love when there is so much evil and suffering in the world?”, etc.

The sessions will help us all to have the wherewithal to obey the injunction of 1 Peter 3:15: “*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*”

Remember: “Going Deeper” **is for everyone!** Invite your non-Christian friends too! More details will follow in due course.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care Team is run by Jane Windus who is supported by a small team of Pastoral Visitors. 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. Please contact Jane in first instance.

The Churchyard Code

Anne, Travers and David have just written to all those whose loved ones are buried or remembered in our churchyard, to send them a copy of the latest version of our leaflet “The Churchyard Code” which summarises the rules of the churchyard. These rules are set by the Diocese, and are part of English law. We are aware that there are many items currently on graves which are not allowed to be there, so we are having a Spring Tidy-Up in the churchyard, and we are asking everyone to read the new leaflet carefully and then to remove any items which are not allowed. It is important that we do move towards complying with the law, over time, out of respect for the people and the place.

We know that different people grieve in different ways, and that removing cherished items from a grave can be hard. If anyone would like support from the Church, please do contact us (see the back for contact details). We always do our best to support our grieving families. The leaflet, and our full Churchyard Policy, can be found on our website: <https://www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk/churchyard>.

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 Churchwarden, Gavin Adlington (contact details are on the back page).

Thought for the Month by Fiona Selden:

As summer unfolds, many of us look forward to rest—whether it's time off work, family holidays, or simply a slower pace. There's something in us that longs for a break. But even when we stop working or go away, true rest can feel elusive. Our bodies may pause, but our minds often keep racing.

The Bible speaks of a deeper kind of rest—God's rest—that is available to us now. In Hebrews 4:9–10 we read, *"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for those who enter God's rest also rest from their works, just as God did from his."* This rest isn't just about a holiday: it's about a heart at peace, grounded in God's presence and promises.

During the summer, we have a beautiful opportunity to pause not only physically but spiritually. Whether you're travelling, spending time with family, or simply enjoying quiet moments in your garden, this season can become a sacred invitation to rest in God.

God's rest is not the absence of activity—it's the presence of trust. It means letting go of the pressure to have it all together, and instead leaning on God's grace. It's remembering that our worth is not in our busyness, but in being His beloved children. It's choosing stillness, prayer, and reflection over constant motion.

As you take time this summer to relax and refresh, why not also make space to reconnect with God? Maybe that looks like a walk in nature with a thankful heart, reading Scripture by the sea, or simply sitting quietly and asking God to speak.

Let this summer be more than just time off. Let it be time *with* God. In Christ, we are invited to enter His rest—not just someday, but today.

So wherever your summer takes you, may you know the peace that comes from resting in Him—the kind of rest that renews your soul and reminds you that you are deeply loved.

A Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for the gift of rest. In this season of summer, help us to slow down and find our peace in you. Quiet our minds, refresh our spirits, and draw us closer to your heart. Teach us to trust, to let go, and to simply be with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The deadline for articles for September's What's On is Sunday 24th August.
Please send them to Geoff Windus (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk).

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