



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in October 2025

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



“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” (Genesis 8:22)

Sunday 5th October – 16th Sunday after Trinity - Harvest

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Geoff Windus
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – “Harvest”
Readings: Psalm 100; John 6:22 - 35

Sunday 12th October – 17th Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

10:00 am Service of the Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preachers: The Preaching Team
Readings: Various - from the preaching team

Sunday 19th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Travers Harpur
Preacher: Jane Harpur/Bogi (International Mission to Jewish People)
Readings: Leviticus 23:39 – 43; John 7:37 – 44

Sunday 26th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Service of Morning Prayer – Geoff Windus
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Chris Selden
Readings: Joel 2:23 – 32; Luke 18:9 – 14

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in October

Wed 1 st	12:45 pm – Wednesday Fellowship – Harvest Lunch (Church)
Sat 4 th	10:00 am – Coffee Morning + Fairtrade Stall (Church) 7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Sun 5 th	10:00 am – Harvest Service
Wed 8 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Sat 11 th	7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Mon 13 th	10:00 am – MLT/Warden meeting (Fiona's house)
Wed 15 th	10:00 am – St Michael's School Harvest Festival (Church)
Sat 18 th	10:00 am – Start of Going Deeper (Know Why You Believe)
Tue 21 st	6:15 pm – Website Team meeting (Teams)
Sat 25 th	7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Wed 22 nd	9:00 pm – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Fri 24 th	10:00 am – Churchyard Care Team Meeting (Vestry)

Future Dates

Sat 1 st Nov,	10:00 am – Craft Fayre (Church) – and coffee morning
Sun 2 nd Nov,	4:00 pm – Annual Memorial Service (Church)
Sun 23 rd Nov,	tbc – Deanery Confirmation Service (Holy Trinity Springfield)

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Going Deeper

We do hope you will be able to join us for the start of a new teaching programme launching on Saturday 18th October at 10:00 am in Church. Under an umbrella title of “Going Deeper”, we will start with a series of sessions called “Know Why You Believe”, which will examine the rational and evidence basis of our faith. After an initial introductory session, we will examine such questions as “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?”, “Are science and faith in conflict?” The sessions are aimed at everyone, and will not at all be overtly ‘academic’ in content. Each morning will not last more than one hour and will include an opportunity for Q & A.

Remember: “Know Why You Believe” **is for everyone!** Invite your non-Christian friends too, if they are interested in finding out more about our faith!

NB. It would help considerably with the logistical arrangements if you could let Geoff know if you plan to come. (geoffwindus@gmail.com)

Fundraising Update (see recent email circular, dated 4th September for more detail)

Craft Fayre, Saturday 1st November. 10:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Christmas Tree Festival, Saturday 29th November to Sunday 30th.

Harvest Appeal 2025

Every year we have a Harvest Project, in which we ask for donations for an appropriate charity. This year the Mission Team proposed and the PCC endorsed an appeal for Emmanuel Clinic in the Republic of Moldova.

Why Moldova? For most of this current century it has been the poorest country in Europe. The war in Ukraine has made matters worse, particularly given Russian involvement in the breakaway part of Moldova (Transnistria).

Why the Emmanuel clinic? The state health service is underfunded (even worse than we can imagine), very corrupt and lacking a culture of care. Emmanuel clinic uses Christian doctors and nurses who give of their time to provide honest triage, subsidised medicine, Christian care and mobile clinics even in neglected rural parts. I (Travers) have seen them at work and the blessing

they are. I have also seen in rural Moldova the most deprived homes in the many countries I have visited.

Our Church will collect donations, and also the Gift Aid on those donations for those who have filled in a Gift Aid form. The Harvest service is on 5th October. We will promote this in Church during late September and early October and collect donations until the end of October. Cheques can be made payable to "St Michael & All Angels' Church (Galleywood PCC)". Please write 'Harvest Appeal' on the back of the cheque. Or donations can be sent to our 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".)

There will also be the opportunity to make extra contribution of food to the local food bank. If you have any questions or concerns do contact Travers at traversllm@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk



Annual Memorial Service – Sunday 2 Nov, 4pm

This special service gives an opportunity to remember our loved ones. Their names will be read out in the service, and will be printed on the Order of Service, and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. We invite those known to us who have been recently bereaved, but everyone is welcome to come to the service. If you would like the name of a loved one(s) read out, please let Karen Robertson or David know by Sunday 19th October.

Churchyard Tidy-Up

There is no organised Tidy-Up this month as Anne is away, but if anyone is happy and keen to keep things moving, tidying up fallen leaves is the main priority. Contact Anne in advance if you need access to the tool shed. A big Tidy-Up will be organised for the second Saturday (8th) in November.

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.

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 Revd David Cattle

A Trailer for Bible Sunday!

We are going to celebrate Bible Sunday on 12th October. It will be a special service in which all six members of our Preaching Team will choose a passage of the Bible and talk briefly about what it means to them. The aim is to show how important the Bible is, and how it changes lives. It will be a rare opportunity to hear from all our preachers in the same service!

I haven't yet decided which passage I will choose, but here is good one to be going on with: John 6:60-71. I'd recommend reading the passage before reading the rest of this Thought.

Those following Jesus were finding his teaching difficult to swallow, and some deserted him. He asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" But Peter replied, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God."

Peter didn't always get it right, but sometimes he comes out with a blinder!

One of the reasons why I am a Christian is that I find Jesus so compelling. He speaks with such a wisdom – I know in my bones that he has the words of eternal life. He is the one I need to listen to, in order to hear from God, find meaning and purpose for my life and for the world, and hear the words of acceptance and forgiveness for which I long.

In all the seasons of life, when I am happy and when I am sad, when pride makes me feel indestructible and when fear makes me feel frail, when I feel clean and when I feel dirty, I go back to the words of Jesus – words which penetrate the fog and give me clearer vision, words which comfort me with the almighty love of God, and words which challenge me to live a better life.

To whom can we go? We can go to Jesus, the Holy One of God.

Perhaps you might like to think about a particular Bible passage that has spoken powerfully to you, and then please do come and tell me about it – I'd love to know. Don't worry about making a clear argument with fancy words. Just tell me how God has spoken to you.

God bless,
David.

The deadline for articles for November's What's On is Sunday 19th October.

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

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