



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in September 2025

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



"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ... Will God not much more clothe you, O you of little faith. ... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6: 25 - 33)

Sunday 7th September – 12th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – "Colossians 15/16"
Readings: Luke 10:38 – 42; Colossians 3:15 – 4:1

Sunday 14th September – 13th Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Service of the Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – "Colossians 17"
Readings: Luke 6:12 – 16; Colossians 4:2 – 6

Sunday 21st September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Jane Harpur
Preacher: Travers Harpur – "Colossians 18"
Readings: Mark 14:32 – 42; Colossians 4:7 – 18

Sunday 28th September – Michaelmas

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 – "Michaelmas"
Readings: Genesis 28:10 – 17; Revelation 12:7 - 12

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in September

Mon 1 st	7:00 pm – Worship Planning Team meeting (Zoom)
Wed 3 rd	5:00 pm – Baptism/Confirmation course for teenagers starts (Vicarage) 7:30 pm – Baptism/Confirmation course for adults starts (Vicarage)
Sat 6 th	10:00 am – Coffee Morning + Fairtrade Stall (Church) 7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Mon 8 th	10:00 am – MLT meeting (Fiona's house) 7:30 pm – Lynchpins meeting (Galleywood Vicarage)
Wed 10 th	9:15 am – Friendship+ restarts 9:30 pm – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Sat 13 th	7:00 pm – Quiz Night (Church)
Thu 18 th	7:30 pm – Homegroup Leaders Meeting (Vicarage)
Fri 19 th	10:00 am – Churchyard Care Team meeting (Vestry)
Sat 20 th	7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Wed 24 th	9:30 pm – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Fri 26 th	7:30 pm – Fairtrade Fashion event (Church) – see below
Sat 27 th	12:00 pm – Family BBQ (Heritage Centre)
Sun 28 th	10:00 am – Michaelmas Service

Future Dates

Sat 18 th Oct,	10:00 am – Going Deeper (Church)
Sun 5 th Oct,	10:00 am – Harvest Festival
Wed 8 th Oct,	12:30 pm – Clergy Chapter Meeting (Church)
Sat 1 st Nov,	10:00 am – Craft Fayre (Church)
Sun 2 nd Nov,	4:00 pm – Annual Memorial Service

NOTICES

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.

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

Fundraising Update

Quiz Night, Saturday 13th September, 7 for 7:30 pm start. Tickets £5: Beryl Moss berylmoss111@gmail.com.

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 break away 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 traverslm@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk



Going Deeper

We apologise, but due to unexpected circumstances, we regret that "Going Deeper" will now not commence on Saturday 27th September as previously announced, but will launch instead on Saturday October 18th at 10:00 am in Church.

Going Deeper 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, if they are interested in finding out more about our faith!

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 Geoff Windus:

Trauma

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1.

The word “trauma” has suddenly entered common language use in recent years. We have seen soldiers returning from war zones with loss of limbs and devastating mental scars of PTSD. We might also be shocked to really know how many of us live with the scars of real trauma that happened to us years, even decades ago. To give but a few examples of harrowing trauma, we can think of the unexpected loss of a loved one before their due time, or the divorce or death of one’s parents as a child. Furthermore, the statistics for sexual abuse in all its forms are truly staggering. Estimates in the UK alone suggest that about 1 in 3 women today are living with some form of emotional trauma due to physical or sexual abuse. Behind the smiles and cheerful greetings, there can lie a deep-seated invisible pain that refuses ever to go away, and given some trigger, can sometimes flare up, rearing its ugly head in a way that makes even the simple act of daily living a continuous nightmare. If this is us, we can often pile additional pressure on ourselves by thinking that I should not feel like this, so pray a bit harder! Why can’t I overcome it?

We can’t - but Someone else can!

In many cases, professional counselling may be called for. The Bible is full of the stories of individuals who have endured unbelievable traumas at a personal level. Think of Joseph, the son of Jacob in Genesis, to give one example. As believers of course, we should never forget that the One on whom our faith rests, Himself suffered multiple, unimaginable traumas. Forsaken by His friends at His hour of greatest need, misunderstood by His loved ones, unjustly accused and then tortured to within an inch of His life, stripped naked and nailed to a wooden gibbet for public display and left to die the most painful and degrading death ever devised by man. Finally and supremely, He was on the receiving end of His Father’s wrath, only because He was bearing our sin, and that of the whole world.

Oh yes! Jesus knows what trauma is all about! In literally all things, He became our perfect Saviour because He was completely identified with us in our humanity, suffering all the pain and agony of human life with its injustice and brutality. He is well able therefore to provide succour to empathise in all our mental battles, and to bring His all-powerful resurrection life to bear, with the promise of refuge, rest, healing and restoration.

It is vital we all become more ‘trauma-aware’ as it is a big issue in today’s world, even within the community of believers. We, as a church, and also as individuals, must be ready to recognise that others may be suffering behind smiling faces, and to sensitively offer our compassionate love and support, and above all, our prayers. The church across the country is witnessing a rising tide of enquirers, particularly young people seeking alternative answers to the empty promises this world has to offer. Many will, and have already, come with hidden traumas. We must be ready to receive them in love and compassion, offering genuine friendship and a listening ear. We have the message that can set them free and bring them life in all its fulness. We must not fail them! They may be sitting next to us on Sunday!

The deadline for articles for October’s What’s On is Sunday 21st September.

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

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