



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in August 2026

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



*Jesus said: "I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance"
(Revelation 2:19)*

Sunday 2nd August – 9th Sunday after Trinity – Creation Sunday in the Copse

- 8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (no Sonlight or MEGA)
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Revd David Cattle
Readings: Psalm 8

Sunday 9th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight Summer Special)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Chris Selden – "The Church in Thyatira"
Readings: 1 Kings 21; Revelation 2:18 – 29

Sunday 16th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight Summer Special and MEGA)
Leader: Travers Harpur
Preacher: Jane Harpur – "The Church in Sardis"
Readings: Luke 13:1 – 9; Revelation 3:1 – 6

Sunday 23rd August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight Summer Special and MEGA)
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Geoff Windus – "The Church in Philadelphia"
Readings: Isaiah 22:20 - 24; Rev 3:7 – 13

Sunday 30th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Service of **Morning Prayer** (Fiona Selden)
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight Summer Special and MEGA)
Leader: Geoff Windus
Preacher: Travers Harpur – "The Church in Laodicea"
Readings: Hosea 12:8 - 11; Rev 3:14 – 21

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in August

Sat 1 st	10:00 am – Coffee Morning (Church) – no Fairtrade stall this month
Sun 2 nd	10:00 am – Creation Sunday Service (in the Copse)
Wed 5 th	7:30 pm – Lynchpins meeting (Vestry)
Wed 12 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Sat 15 th	1:30 pm – David and Jacqui's wedding (Chelmsford Cathedral) – all welcome Important: see below
Wed 26 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)

Future Dates

Thu 3 rd Sept	7:30 pm – Missions Team meeting (Travers and Jane's house)
Sun 6 th Sept	12:30 pm – Joint picnic and outdoor service with our partner churches (in Copse)
Thu 24 th Sept	7:30 pm – PCC Meeting (in Church)
Sun 27 th Sept	10:00 am – Visit of Pastor Daniel from our partner church in Pyotrikow, Poland
Sun 4 th Oct	10:00 am – Harvest Festival

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David and Jacqui's Wedding

As you all know, David is getting married to Jacqui on Saturday 15th August at 1.30pm in Chelmsford Cathedral. They would both like to invite everyone to the service, and to stay at the cathedral for cold and hot drinks with cake after the service. In order to have a rough idea of numbers for catering purposes, please could you write your name on the sheet that will appear at the back of Church **until Sunday 9th August**, if you plan to come. Many thanks!

Fund-Raising News

August's coffee morning will be on the Saturday 1st August at 10:00 am. As usual, the team would very much appreciate any generous contribution of cakes. If you can help, please contact Beryl or one of the team. September's Coffee Morning will be on 5th August. Gill is unable to be present with her Fair Trade stall in August.

Confirmation courses – September and October

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 them strength to live the Christian life.

David will be running two courses (a 5-session course for adults and a 3-session course for teenagers) on Wednesday evenings, starting in September, for those who would like to consider being confirmed. The courses 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 courses are also great for anyone who would like to consider being baptised, or for those who would just like a refresher on what it means to be a Christian.

Please see David if you would like to know more.

Stewardship Sunday – 6th September

Each year, we have a Stewardship Sunday. The word "stewardship" refers to how we use what God has given to us – our money, time, talents, etc. Everything we have is a gift from God, and it is given not just for our benefit, but so that we can also bless others with it. David will preach on this theme during our 10am service, and we will all be invited to think about our giving to the Church, to enable us to worship God and do God's mission in this place. It's helpful to review this once a year. If you would like more information about how to give money to the Church, please contact our Treasurer Richard Hyland on treasurer@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk

Church Address

It may surprise you that the church has never had an official postal address. But that has now finally changed! The City Council inform us that St Michael's Church resides at:

St Michael and All Angels
Church Lane
Galleywood
Chelmsford
CM2 8GH

Churchyard Tidy up

The next one will be on Saturday 12th September 10am to 2pm when Anne's campervan will be present for serving teas/coffees and cakes (volunteers needed for this!). The aim is to clear and plant groundcover on the older graves. If you have any succulents in your garden you could dig up and donate please let Anne Pepper know (sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)

Church Prayer

We would very much like to encourage more to join in the Church's regular prayer meetings. Every **Tuesday morning at 9:30** we meet for 40 minutes (max) on Zoom, when we read a few Scriptures, share any thoughts we may have and then pray for those in particular need. An email is sent to the church distribution list beforehand with the Zoom login details. On the **2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month** another group meets in person at the church in the "Upper Room" at 9:00 am. Come when you can and leave when you like. In both cases there is no pressure at all to participate. Sitting in silence is perfectly acceptable. **Remember: A praying church is a growing church! The opposite is also true!**

Homegroups – would you like to join one?

If so, do contact our homegroup co-ordinators Martin or Veryan Wilson at homegroups@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk.

Prayer Chain

The Church has a small, trusted group of committed members ready and willing to support you in prayer. If you have a confidential 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.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care Team is run by Jane Windus who is supported by a small team of Pastoral Visitors. However, pastoral care within our church is as much the responsibility of all of us. If you know of someone within our church family who would value a personal visit or a phone-call, **or you have missed in church recently**, please contact Jane, pastoralcare@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk.

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 or Sue Metcalfe (all contact details are on the back page).

Thought for the Month by Fiona Selden:

I've always felt an affection for the parable of the two sons (Matthew Chapter 21): the first son says: "I'd rather not dad, if it's all the same to you" – but then changes his mind and does go to work in the vineyard. The second son says to his father, "Yes of course I will work in the vineyard" but doesn't follow through on his promise. I always identified with the son who says no but eventually does it anyway. This son's response characterises my reactions to so many things that I face and feel called to do: at first fearful, reluctant, a bit weary (or lazy) but in the end I do it. Mind you, like the other son my good intentions often wither by the way-side. But good intentions that go nowhere; or a fearfulness and reluctance that we eventually overcome: that is not what this parable is actually about.

The context that precedes this parable is a challenge from the religious leaders of the day to Jesus. They approach him as he teaches in the Temple in Jerusalem and they demand to know 'by what authority' he is doing these things (i.e. teaching and the miracles that are reported far and wide). In this parable, Jesus portrays the 'sinful' outsiders (the first son) who are so surprisingly coming to faith. Such people repented when they heard John the Baptist's preaching, and have now welcomed the coming of Jesus. Meanwhile the religious 'insiders' (the second son) are claiming to be right with God, but their faith is a sham. Jesus says that the sinners who are living a new life are entering the kingdom of God ahead of the religious experts. They are in fact taking their place. And Jesus does explain this interpretation of his parable: "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Righteousness is not another word for moral goodness; it means being in right relationship with God. The self-righteous religious leaders thought they *were* in right relationship with God; they believed they had *earned* favour with God because of *their* birth-right and social position, *their* good deeds and *their* religious practices.

But John pointed to the only true way of righteousness: the Lamb of God who would die in our place and the one who would send the Holy Spirit to help us walk in his ways day by day. We all need saving; and we all need his empowering presence with us. And those who recognised their need and their brokenness – the prostitutes and the tax collectors – were amongst the first to respond to the hope that Jesus brings.

I've been troubled in recent years by a particular message that the Western church calls out to the culture around us; and that message is "We are made in the image of God; we are fine just as we are because this is how God made us." Yes we are made in the image of God – but that image is marred by sin and the Fall. We are fallen; the world we live in is fallen. We need a Saviour (we need the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World); and we need his transformational power in our lives. We should all identify with the first son – we are all naturally inclined towards the wrong choice... but God, by His mercy and grace, opens up the way of salvation and the power to choose obedience.

The deadline for articles for September's What's On is Sunday 23rd August.

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

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