

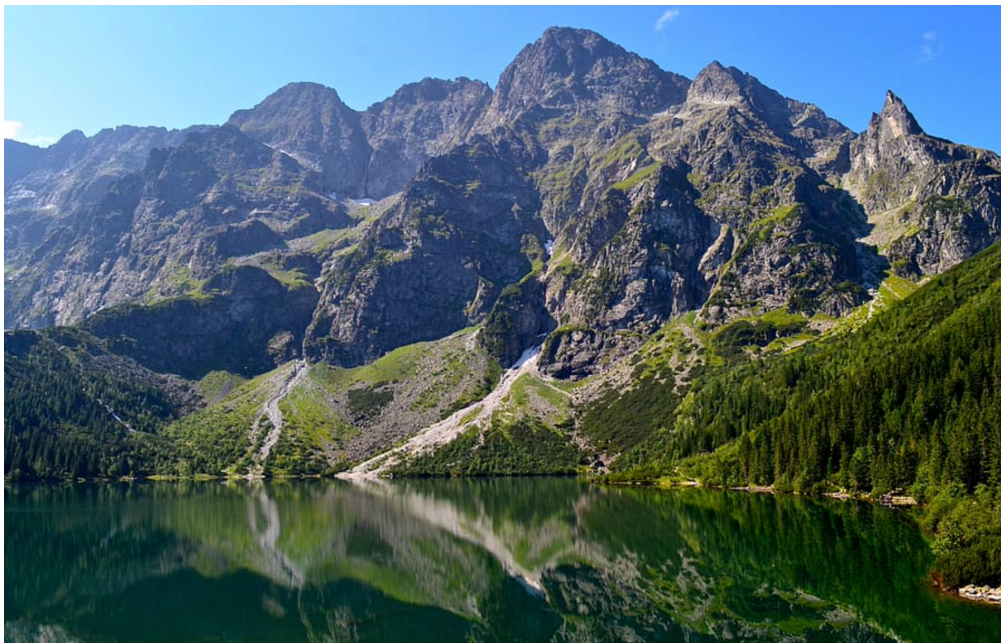


St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in July 2026

Follow our website link to watch our 10 am services on Facebook, live or after:

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



"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Sunday 5th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: MEGA
Preacher: MEGA
Readings: TBC

Sunday 12th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Gavin Adlington – "The Church in Smyrna"
Readings: John 8:38 – 47; Revelation 2:8 – 11

Sunday 19th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity – Visit of "Made for More"

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Tim Button (Made for More)
Readings: TBC

Sunday 26th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

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 – "The Church in Pergamum"
Readings: Joshua 24:1 – 15; Rev 2:12 – 17

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in July

Wed 1 st	2:15 pm – Wednesday Fellowship: Summer Strawberry Tea with a table quiz
Sat 4 th	10:00 am – Coffee Morning with Fairtrade Stall (Church) 10:30 am – Bradwell Pilgrimage starts at St Thomas's Church, Bradwell-on-Sea (see below)
Wed 8 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church) 9:15 am – Friendship + (Keene Hall) Teddy bear's picnic – see below
Sat 11 th	9:00 am – Churchyard and Copse Tidy Up 7:30 pm – Big Church (Pizza and an Escape Room! - Church)
Sun 12 th	11:30 am – Youthwork Strategy Meeting (Vestry)
Mon 13 th	10:00 am – MLT (Fiona's house)
Wed 15 th	2:00 pm – Churchyard Care Team Meeting (Vestry)
Thu 16 th	10:00 am – St Michael's School Leavers Service (Church) 7:30 pm – PCC Meeting (Vestry)
Mon 20 th	8:00 pm – Worship Planning Team Meeting (Zoom)
Wed 22 nd	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Sun 26 th	10:00 am – Baptism Service (see below)

Future Dates

Sun 2 nd Aug	10:00 am – Creation Sunday Service (in the Copse)
Sat 15 th Aug	1:00 pm – David and Jacqui's wedding (Chelmsford Cathedral) – all welcome

Important: see below

NOTICES

Fund-Raising News

July's coffee morning will be on the Saturday 4th July 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. August's Coffee Morning will be on 1st August. Gill will be present with her Fair Trade stall each morning.

The Bradwell Pilgrimage: Saturday 4th July

The annual pilgrimage to the ancient Saxon chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall at Bradwell starts at St Thomas's Church in the village of Bradwell-on-Sea at 10:30 am. After a short commissioning service there is a walk to St Peter's Church (about two miles) or a lift will be available for those unable to walk. Once people have gathered at the Chapel there is an open-air service with the afternoon free for people to enjoy a picnic, go for a stroll along the beach or various other organised activities, or just spend time in the historical church. The day ends with a short service at 4:00 pm, followed by the return to the village of Bradwell. This is always a splendid day of fellowship and worship, and is thoroughly to be recommended. This year's theme is 'Living Stones'. See Pam for any further details or visit <https://bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk>.

Friendship +

Friendship + is a group for parents/carers and pre-school toddlers meeting once a month on Wednesdays in Keene Hall from 9:15 to 11:15 am during term-time. Wednesday 8th is the last meeting of the school year and is a special Teddy Bear's picnic. Bring your favourite toy and your grown-up and join in the fun!

NB. If anyone thinks they might like to get involved with Friendship + as a helper, please contact Peggy Adlington. She would really love to hear from you!

Big Church

Big Church will also be holding its last meeting of the school year and both an 'Escape Room' and pizza are planned! **If you (or your offspring!) are planning to come, please let Peggy or Gavin know for catering purposes.**

NB. If anyone thinks they might like to get involved with our Big Church Saturday youth group as an adult helper, please contact Peggy or Gavin Adlington or Claire Broome. They also would really love to hear from you!

Baptism service – Sunday 26th July, 10am

During the 10am service, a member of our congregation will be baptised. If anyone else would like to consider being baptised, this service is an opportunity for it to happen. If anyone would like to explore this further, please speak to Revd David (contact details on the back page).

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 during July, if you plan to come. Many thanks!

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

Thought for the Month by Revd David Cattle:

God Keeps Calling

At the beginning of the year, I set myself the challenge of reading the whole Bible in 2026. So, I started working my way through my reading plan (I send this plan out every new year – please let me know if you would like me to send it to you now; it can be started at any point in the year). We are now halfway through the year, and I am pleased to report that I am on schedule!

I read Psalm 81 during this past week, while I was on retreat at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre in Sussex. Some things about this Psalm caught my attention. Here is my brief summary of the Psalm (please do read it for yourself too):

The Psalmist (the person who wrote it) commands ancient Israel (God's chosen people) to praise God. The Psalmist then reminds Israel about what God has done for them in the past – he rescued them from slavery in Egypt; he took care of them in the wilderness, even providing a miraculous spring of water from within a rock; and he gave them commands so that they would know how to live lives that would bring blessings to the world.

The Psalmist then implores the people to listen to God. God says, "Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!" And later on he says, "O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!" The problem, it seems, is that the people been worshipping other gods, thus breaking the first of the 10 commandments. They had been relying on other gods to meet their needs, when they should have been trusting in the one true God who had chosen them and rescued them and built them into a people. It's a sin, and a message, that gets repeated again and again throughout the Old Testament.

It sounds a bit gloomy, but the encouragement I take from this Psalm is that God never gives up! He calls people to follow him and to have a relationship with him, and he keeps calling. Through all the messes that his people in ancient times, his people now, and the whole world, get into, he still keeps calling. You've got to wonder about God's sanity – why does he do this, when it looks like a fool's errand?! What's the point in continually calling to people who, it seems, are determined to walk away from him?

But that's my point – this is what God is. He had made human beings, he loves us with a passion, and he keeps calling out to us. He keeps giving us opportunities to turn from evil and turn to him. Even the most dire warnings of judgement in the Old Testament are designed to encourage people to turn back to God.

If you feel you've let God down, be encouraged that he is still calling out to you and giving you opportunities to come to him. And he wants to bless you, because that's what he is. Check out the last verse of the Psalm: "I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you." God wants to bless human beings with wonderful things. Let's reflect on that as we go through the rest of our day.

The deadline for articles for August's What's On is Sunday 19th July.

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

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