



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

'The Church on the Hill'

What's On in July 2022

Follow the link from our web site for live streamed services:

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

Sunday 3rd July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Communion in-person only
10.00 am Service of the Word with SONlight – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Fiona Selden – “The Unknown God in Athens”
Readings: Acts 17:22 – 33; Isaiah 55:6 – 13

Sunday 10th July – 4th Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Holy Communion with SONlight – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Fiona Selden and Communion President: Rev David Cattle
Preacher: Chris Selden – “Working with Others in Corinth”
Readings: Acts 18:1 – 11; 1 Kings 19:12 – 18

Sunday 17th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Communion in-person only
10:00 am Family Service with Baptism – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Jane Harpur– “Daily Discussions in Ephesus”
Readings: Acts 19:8 – 20; 2 Corinthians 1:8 – 11

Sunday 24th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Communion in-person only
10:00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Geoff Windus
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – “A Sad Farewell in Miletus”
Readings: Acts 20:13 – 36; John 10:11 – 18

Sunday 31st July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Communion in-person only
10:00 am Service of the Word and Joint Service with MMU. Visit of Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leaders: Travers and Jane Harpur
Preacher: Sena Ounate-Lare

Paul's Third Missionary Journey:



Services During the Week

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

Important dates in July:

Mon 4th July, 7.30pm – Lynchpins meeting (here at St Michael's)

Wed 6th July, 2.15pm – Wednesday Fellowship (fun and games and a strawberry tea)
8pm – Archdeacon's Visitation Service, hosted by St Michael's

Thurs 7th July – Upwards Youth Group

Sun 10th, 12.30-3.30pm – Lunch and MMU Retreat (details below)

Mon 11th July, 7pm – Meeting of the website development team (on Zoom)

Tues 12th July, 7.30pm – PCC meeting in Church

Wed 13th July, 9am – Informal prayer in Church

Thurs 14th July – Older Youth Group

Sun 17th July, 10am – Baptism of Charlotte Lawson

Wed 20th July, 10am – St Michael's School Leavers' Service

1pm – MLT meeting, Fiona's house

8.30pm – Worship Planning Team meeting, via Zoom

Thurs 21st July – Upwards Youth Group

Sat 23rd July from 10 -12 in church, Coffee Morning for the Bereaved

Wed 27th July, 9am – Informal prayer in Church

Sun 31st July, 10am – joint MMU service, hosted by St Michael's

Future dates

Sat 10th Sept – Quiz Night (fundraising event) in Church (see below for details)

Sun 11th Sept, 4.30pm – Joint MMU afternoon service, Taize at Church of the Holy Spirit

Mon 12th Sept, 8pm – Missions Team meeting (venue tbc)

Tues 13th Sept 7.30pm – PCC meeting in Church

Sat 4th Nov, 11am – Artisan Market (fundraising events) in Church

NOTICES

MMU Lunch and Retreat – Sunday 10th July, 12.30-3.30pm

We have planned a special Retreat, which will be led by Revd Canon Imogen Nay, who has worked at the Cathedral for the last few years. Imogen will be talking about finding God in nature, so most of the Retreat will be held outside in our wonderful grounds (the churchyard and the copse). Our time together will start with lunch – please bring your own packed lunch/picnic. Further details will follow, but please mark this date in your diaries.

Prayer Chain

If anyone has an urgent need, please be aware the Church has a small group of committed members ready and willing to support you in prayer. Please contact Jane Windus, the Prayer Chain Coordinator (jane.windus@gmail.com), who will circulate your request amongst the team. Furthermore, if you would be willing to join the team and commit to supporting others in this important and privileged ministry, again please contact Jane.

Treasurer Vacancy

We give our thanks to Colin Dawson, who officially stepped down as Treasurer at the Annual Meeting on 22nd May after many years' service. We are still looking for a new Treasurer. Please do pray that we will fill this important role very soon. If anyone is interested to learn more about the role, please speak to Colin, Gavin or David.

Baptism of Charlotte Lawson – Sunday 17th July, 10am

Charlotte Lawson will be baptised in our 10am service on 17th July. Charlotte is the daughter of Sarah and John, who were married at St Michael's in 2020, and Sarah is the daughter of Dai and Anne Jones. After the service, everyone is invited to stay for some cake and refreshments.

Coffee Morning for the Bereaved, Saturday 23rd July, 10am – 12 noon in Church

We would like to invite anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently or not, to come to a coffee morning in church. This will be an informal time to get-together over coffee and chat, and if it would help, to light a candle in memory of your loved one or pray with someone. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book, just come along and we would love to see you.

Fundraising Events

Rock Concert. A very big thank you to Beryl and her fundraising team for all their work so far, and especially for the recent Rock Choir concert, which was very much enjoyed by those who were there. At the last count, the Rock Choir concert raised nearly £800!

Quiz Night. Our next big event is a quiz night, which will be held on 10th September in the Church at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Teams will consist of 6 – 8 per table, at £5 per person. Bring own drink and nibbles!

Wedding of Sam Wilson

Martin and Veryan's son Sam is getting married on 23rd July! Some of you will know Sam as he was a regular member of St Michael's church as a child and teenager. Sam and his fiancée Amy would like to invite anyone who would like to join them to their wedding service and tea reception (sandwiches and drinks) after the service, which will be held on 23rd July at 11.30 am at St Luke's church, Earls Court, Radcliffe Gardens, London, SW10 9HF.

Foundation Governor Vacancies at St. Michael's Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School.

Due to various circumstances, a number of Foundation/Church Governor vacancies are available at St. Michael's Junior School.

Volunteering for this role, you would join a team of Foundation Governors whose role is to:

- be a link between the Church, school and diocese.
- ensure the Christian ethos of the school is maintained and developed.
- play an active role in the school community.
- support the school in its journey of providing an excellent education for all children in an environment that enables them to flourish.

The governing body is seeking people with any of the following qualities:

- financial expertise.
- knowledge of health and/or safety.
- experience of working in the construction industry.
- an interest in education or would like to see the education system from a different perspective

If becoming a Foundation Governor is something you would be interested in, please contact Revd David Cattle (revdcattle@gmail.com) or Jane Cregan-Bird (admin@st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk) Chair of Governors. Thank-you.

Thought for the Month by Geoff Windus

“The Fullness of Time”

Galatians 4:4. But when the time *had fully come*, God sent His Son, born of a woman

God's timing is always impeccable!

I often used to wonder why Jesus came when He did, and not thousands of years before, because there had always been a desperate need for His redeeming work ever since the Fall in Eden. However, 2000 years ago world events came together in an amazing way to produce a perfect scenario for the rapid expansion of the gospel by Paul and the other early Christians.

Politics. After centuries of violent political strife and endless wars across the whole of the Mediterranean world, finally in BC 27 one man, Caesar Augustus, became the first emperor of Rome. His greatest achievement was to establish a realm of peace and stability both at home and across the whole empire which by now, stretched from Spain to Judea, and North Africa to Germany. Efficient communication and transport had resulted for both trade and people along good roads and shipping routes protected by the Roman army – ideal for Paul and the early Christians to easily travel and spread the amazing news of Jesus everywhere.

Culture. Just over two centuries earlier, the Greek general Alexander the Great was the ruler of this part of the world and he rapidly established a vast empire stretching even to India. His main legacy was cultural, and amongst other aspects, a common language in Greek was established across the whole of his realm. So, when the early Christians took their message to all people, they only needed one language with which to preach and to write to anyone and everyone, whatever their status in society. And remember, the whole of the New Testament was written in the common Greek of the first century. Imagine the challenge of taking a new message across Europe today with its many languages!

Religion. The world of the first century was literally full of gods and idols. In addition to the 'official' gods of Roman and Greek culture, there was also a plethora of gods who were deemed to have control over local towns and cities, farming, weather and whatever else you cared to think of! Many beliefs had degenerated into feeble superstitions and meaningless rituals, and the gross immoralities and petty squabbles of some deities exposed them to public ridicule. People were desperate for more meaning in religious faith and expression. Many Jews too were expectant for the appearance of their Messiah. All this created an environment ripe for a new message of faith, hope, love, forgiveness and new life.

Have you been aware of events in your own life which have occurred at 'just the right time'?

All of which goes to show, God's timing, whether in the big events of history, or even in the mundane events of our daily lives, is always perfect. Let us rest then in our Father's good care!

The deadline for articles for August is Sunday 24th July. Please send them to Geoff Windus (geoffwindus@gmail.com).

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