



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in March 2026

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

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

Sunday 1st March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Geoff Windus – “Jesus Meets Nicodemus”
Reading: John 3:1 – 21

Sunday 8th March – 3rd of Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leaders: Cesca Watkinson and Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Chris Selden – “Jesus Meets the Woman At the Well”
Readings: John 4:1 – 42

Sunday 15th March – 4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am All-Age Service of the Word (no Sonlight or MEGA)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Jane Harpur
Readings: Luke 2:41 – 52

Sunday 22nd March – 5th Sunday of Lent

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 – “Jesus Raises Lazarus”
Readings: John 11:1 – 45

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leaders: Revd David Cattle and Jane Harpur
Preacher: Travers Harpur – “Palm Sunday”
Readings: Isaiah 50:4 – 9a; Matthew 21:1 – 11

Monday 30th March

7:30 pm Compline (Night Prayer) on Zoom (details will be circulated)
Leader: Travers Harpur

Tuesday 31st March

7:30 pm Compline (Night Prayer) on Zoom (details will be circulated)
Leader: Revd David Cattle

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in March

Wed 4th, 2:15 pm – Wednesday Fellowship – Armchair Aerobics with Ola
Sat 7th, 10:00 am – Coffee Morning with Fairtrade Stall (Church)
Mon 9th, 10:00 am – MLT meeting (Fiona's house)
Wed 11th, 9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Thu 12th, 7:30 pm – PCC Meeting (Church)
Sat 14th, 9:00 am – Leader's Away Day (Sandon Village Hall)
9 am – 12 pm – Churchyard Tidy-Up
7:00 pm – Big Church (for school years 8+) (Church)
Sun 15th, 10:00 am – Mothering Sunday (all age) service
Mon 16th, 7:00 pm – Worship Planning Team Meeting (Zoom)
Friday 20th, 7:30 pm – Choir Practice for Easter
Sat, 21st 10:00 am – Know Why You Believe: "Where is God In All The Suffering?" (Church)
6:30 pm – Sea Shanty Evening (Church) – 7pm start. See Fund-Raising below
Sun 22nd, 4:30pm – Joint Service (St Luke's Moulsham - tea and cakes 4 pm)
Wed 25th, 10:00 am – Junior School Easter Service (Church)
3:00 pm – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Thu 26th, 10:00 am – Infant School Easter Service (Church)
Friday 27th, 7:30 am – Choir Practice for Easter
Sat 28th, 7:00 pm – Big Church (for school years 8+) (Church)
Sun 29th, 10:00 am – Palm Sunday Service

Future Dates

Sun 5th Apr, 10:00 am – Easter Sunday service
– Revision period for Electoral Roll starts
Sun 17th May, 11:30am – Annual Church Meetings

NOTICES

Lent Preaching Series – "Encounters With Jesus"

In March, our preaching team will be taking a look at three of the people that Jesus met in John's Gospel – Nicodemus (ch 3), The Woman at the Well (ch 4) and Lazarus (ch 11). As part of our Lent journey this year, we will be inspired by these three encounters. See the programme on the front page.

Fund-Raising News

Coffee Mornings: March's coffee morning will be on the 7th March at 10:00 am. The team would very much appreciate any generation contribution of cakes. If you can help, please see Beryl or one of the team. April's Coffee Morning will be on 4th April. Gill will be present with her Fair Trade stall each morning.

Sea Shanty Concert, 21st March 6:30 pm for 7 pm start.: A popular local team (The Silver Darlings) from Southend (who have toured widely across the UK and Europe) will be entertaining us. It promises to be a fun-packed and entertaining evening. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Tables for 6 can be reserved. Sailor dress optional!

Tickets are £12 from Beryl (berylmoss111@gmail.com) or Shirley.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the Easter lilies and flowers for Easter Sunday, envelopes for this purpose will be available from Sunday 22nd March. Also, if you would like a loved one's name to be placed on the Easter Memory Board, then please do write their name on the envelope. A basket at the back of the church will be available to receive envelopes. Please see Susan Drummond for further details.

Easter Choir

Our service on Easter Sunday morning will be led by our Church singing group. If you would like to be part of the Choir, please see Cesca or Janette. Rehearsals will be held on Fridays 20th and 27th February at 7:30 pm.

Churchyard Tidy-Up, Saturday 14th March, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday Churchyard Tidy-Up recommences after the winter break on the second Saturday of each month. It would be helpful to let Anne know sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk if you plan to come, or ... just turn up! Do bring your own small tools and a kneeler.

“Know Why You Believe” – “Where is God In All the Suffering?”

“Know Why You Believe”, session 5 will be held on Saturday 21st March at 10:00 am when we will be asking the difficult question “Where is God In All the Suffering?” If you have been unable to attend previously but would like the notes, please email Geoff Windus (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk). **All are welcome to attend** (even if you have missed the previous sessions!).

Holy Week and Easter

Here is the complete list of our Holy Week and Easter Services:

Mon (30 th Mar)	7:30 pm	– Compline (night prayer) (Zoom)
Tue (31 st),	7:30 pm	– Compline (night prayer) (Zoom)
Wed (1 st Apr),	7:30 pm	– Way of the Cross (Church)
Thu (2 nd),	7:30 pm	– Maundy Thursday Holy Communion (St Mary, Widford)
Good Friday (3 rd),	8:00 am	– Meditation on the Cross
	9:25 am	– Walk of Witness (starting at Church of the Holy Spirit)
	11:00 am	– High Street Open Air Service (Chelmsford City Centre), run by “Christians Together in Chelmsford”.
Easter Sunday (5 th),	5:45 am	– Dawn Service (Church of the Holy Spirit, Widford)
	10:00 am	– Holy Communion Service

Homegroups – would you like to join one?

If so, do contact our homegroup co-ordinators Martin (martinwilson03@hotmail.co.uk) or Veryan veryanwilson@hotmail.co.uk for more details:

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).

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.

Thought for the Month by Geoff Windus:

Emotional Frailty

Have you sometimes been shocked to notice how quickly your emotional state and sense of well-being can change?

Think of Elijah (1 Kings 18) who, immediately after an amazing victory over 850 prophets of Baal and Asherah ran for his life in terror when threatened by a woman, the evil Queen Jezebel! He ran to save his skin and became so depressed he even asked God to take his life.

Peter (Mark 8), is another example, who immediately, after being commended by Jesus for his declaration of faith in who his Master really was, received a severe, blunt rebuke from Jesus for entertaining thoughts that came from Satan himself!

Such is the frailty of the human emotional state and I guess many of us can identify with Elijah and Peter.

And then there is Jesus!

When He was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, there was the amazing voice from heaven affirming Jesus as God's Son, in whom His Father was well pleased (Matthew 3). Jesus was then immediately driven by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil (ch 4). What must Jesus have thought being assailed by Satan in such an insidious manner, particularly with that heavenly endorsement still ringing in his ears? Although Son of God, Jesus was not a heavenly 'superman' immune to the weaknesses and temptations of humanity. He was "tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin." (Heb 4:15). His humanity was truly and fully authentic. We read how each temptation was robustly responded to with a quotation from the Scriptures.

And therein is a valuable lesson for all of us, particularly when our emotions play havoc with our mental state. Our guiding principles for living in faith are all contained within Scripture. Just like Jesus, we must be ready to put the Word into our speech, thoughts and actions, and our trust in Him who gave Himself for us. Our emotions will then fall into place – hopefully!!

The deadline for articles for April's What's On is Sunday 22nd March.

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

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