



## St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

### What's On in May 2025

Follow our website link to watch our 10am services on Facebook, live or after:  
<http://www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk/>



#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and Mega)  
Leader: Revd David Cattle  
Preacher: Jane Harpur – Colossians - 10  
Readings: Mark 15:21 – 32; Colossians 2:13 – 15

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- 10:00 am Service of the Holy Communion (with Sonlight)  
Leaders: Cesca Watkinson and Revd David Cattle  
Preacher: Chris Selden – Colossians - 11  
Readings: John 1:43 – 51; Colossians 2:16 – 23

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and Mega)  
Leaders: Fiona Selden  
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – Colossians - 12  
Readings: Matthew 16:21 – 38; Colossians 3:1 – 4

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 am BCP Morning Prayer – Travers Harpur
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)  
Leader: Geoff Windus  
Preacher: Travers Harpur – Colossians - 13  
Readings: Matthew 5:27 – 30; Colossians 3:5 – 11

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day Communion Service at St Mary's, Widford**

- 7:30 pm Leader: Revd Stephanie Gillingham  
Preacher: Revd David Cattle

## Services During the Week

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

### Important Dates in May

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	9 – 12 pm – Coffee Morning in Church
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> ,	11:00 am – Fairtrade stall in church (after service)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> ,	2:15 pm – Wednesday Fellowship (Flower arranging with Fiona and Friends)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> ,	11:00 am – Churchyard Care Team (in Vestry) 7:00 pm – Upwards Youth Group (in Church)
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	9 – 12 pm – Churchyard and Copse tidy-up 7:00 pm – Big Church Youth Group (in Church)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church) 9:15 am – Friendship + (Keene Hall)
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	7.30 pm – Fundraising concert: People of the Green Choir
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> ,	11:30 am – Church Annual Meetings (in Church after morning service)
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:30 pm – Homegroup Leader's Meeting (Vicarage)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> ,	7:00 pm – Worship Planning Meeting (on Zoom) 7:00 pm – Upwards Youth Group (in Church)
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:00 pm – Big Church Youth Group (in Church)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:30 pm – Ascension Day Holy Communion Service (St Mary's Woodford)

### Future Dates

Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June,	7:30 am	– Lynchpins Meeting (St Mary's Widford)
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> June,	4:30 pm	– Joint Service (St Mary's Widford, refreshments 4:00 pm)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July,	7.30 pm	– Missions Team meeting (Travers and Jane's house)
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> July		– Bradwell Pilgrimage (see below)

## NOTICES

### Fundraising News

The next big event will be another visit of the 'People on the Green' Choir on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm. Tickets at £12, include a glass of wine or fruit juice: see Shirley or Beryl ([berylmoss111@gmail.com](mailto:berylmoss111@gmail.com)).

### VE-80 Peal of Bells

Do listen out for our St Michael's Galleywood bell ringers who will be ringing for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May at 6.30!

### Welcome Lunch

We have been delighted to welcome new faces at St Michael's recently and we thought it would be a great idea to get to know each other better by means of a special Welcome Lunch, which will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June in Church after the morning service. There would be no cost but donations on the day would be most welcome. So, if you consider yourself 'new' to our church and now regard St Michael's as your spiritual home, you would be most welcome to come to the lunch. If that is you, it is important to **give your name(s) in person to Fiona Selden, Gavin Adlington or Geoff Windus, or via [whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)** as soon as possible.

### Standing for Leadership Posts

At our Church Annual Meetings on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, we will elect our church wardens, deputy church wardens and PCC members. Anne Pepper is stepping down as churchwarden this year, so we particularly need to replace her. Nomination forms are now available at the back of Church. Please complete these as soon as possible if you wish to be nominated. If you would like more information about any of the posts, please ask Anne, Gavin or David.

### Churchyard and Copse tidy-up

The next date is Saturday 10 May, 9am-12pm. Do come if you are able. Then it's the BIG one! – See below!

## The BIG HELP-OUT – ‘Lend a Hand’, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June



Come anytime between 10am and 3 pm



The national event is not running this year as we will have had the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, but we are still doing our own St Michael's Big Help Out this year!

Volunteer and help us at St Michaels Churchyard and Copse – bring your own gloves and small hand tools – all welcome - large tasks and small, or just visit and have some cake and refreshments.....  
Come anytime between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

There will be lots to do:

- Serve the cakes and refreshments
- Weeding the paths in the Copse
- Taking out small laurel bushes that regrow
- Strimming the grass around the Copse, the church, benches and graves
- Emptying and repairing compost heaps
- Rubbing down, stripping and oiling benches with teak oil

We need people to volunteer to lead a small group of volunteers. Please email Anne who will suggest some areas (see above) for you to lead.

Bring your own gloves and small hand tools – we have a selection of larger tools.

Anne's campervan will be serving tea/coffee/cakes (donations of cakes welcome!)

Contact Anne Pepper [sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)

### Bradwell Pilgrimage

On Saturday 5th July, Churches Together in Essex and East London are holding their annual Bradwell Pilgrimage and Gathering. This is a wonderful day of open-air worship by the sea and an opportunity to visit the ancient Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall, Bradwell where St Cedd landed, bringing Christianity to Essex 1400 years ago. To find out more please speak to Pam Bullman.

### Pastoral Care

We are pleased to announce that Jane Windus is now officially in post as Pastoral Care Team Leader and she will be supported by a small team of Pastoral Visitors (once safeguarding issues, etc are satisfied). Please pray for Jane and her team as they fulfil this vital role in the life of our church. If you yourself, or someone you know within our church family, would value a personal visit or a phone-call, please see Jane, or email her on [pastoralcare@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:pastoralcare@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk). Included within this ministry, David is also very happy to bring Holy Communion and celebrate it at home or in hospital. Please contact Jane in first instance.

### The Churchyard Code

Anne, Travers and David have just written to all those whose loved ones are buried or remembered in our churchyard, to send them a copy of the latest version of our leaflet "The Churchyard Code" which summarises the rules of the churchyard. These rules are set by the Diocese, and are part of English law. We are aware that there are many items currently on graves which are not allowed to be there, so we are having a Spring Tidy-Up in the churchyard, and we are asking everyone to read the new leaflet carefully and then to remove any items which are not allowed. It is important that we do move towards complying with the law, over time, out of respect for the people and the place.

We know that different people grieve in different ways, and that removing cherished items from a grave can be hard. If anyone would like support from the Church, please do contact us (see the back for contact details). We always do our best to support our grieving families. The leaflet, and our full Churchyard Policy, can be found on our website: <https://www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk/churchyard>.

## Thought for the Month by Jane Harpur:

### How Long?

Most of us don't like waiting – it can be something ordinary like waiting for a bus or a train, or getting an important letter in the post which hadn't come even though it was sent by first class, or more importantly waiting for an urgent appointment at the hospital, or even waiting for answers to our prayers.

8<sup>th</sup> May is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe – we will be celebrating this in our country on 5<sup>th</sup> May. There were great celebrations in London in 1945. Travers' father came all the way up from Bristol to be there. It was 5 long years for Hitler to be defeated. Some people would have been sad that their loved ones had died in combat or through bombing. The cost of rebuilding the war damage was enormous and food rationing went on for several years. In Germany there were so many displaced people with nowhere to go, others fleeing from Stalin, and the few Jews still alive were not welcomed back into their homes in Poland. Many of the East European countries were under an Iron Curtain. This wouldn't be removed until after the Berlin wall came down in 1989 – a long time for all those people, but an amazing ministry for those imprisoned for their faith.

Ukraine regained its independence soon after that. How sad then that Putin invaded 3+ years ago! How long are they going to have to wait as they continue to see the loss of homes and businesses, families divided, soldiers killed and maimed, civilians killed, the cost of basic food increasing, etc? But there have been answers to prayer in all this and people have been finding Jesus through different ministries.

The chorus of one of Stuart Townend's hymns (MP 1014) is very apt:

"How long before You drench the barren land? How long before we see Your righteous hand?  
How long before Your name is lifted high? How long before the weeping turns to joy?"

So are these verses from Lamentations 3 which Jeremiah was inspired to write after the Fall of Jerusalem:

"The Lord is good to those who hope in Him; to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." (vs 25,26)

"For men are not cast off by the Lord for ever. Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love. For He does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men." (vs 31-33)

**The deadline for articles for June's What's On is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

Please send them to Geoff Windus ([whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)).

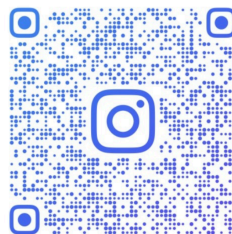
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