



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in May 2026

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



“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Sunday 3rd May – 5th of Sunday of Easter

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 – “Stephen – the First Martyr”
Readings: Psalm 139:1 - 18; Acts 7:55 – 8:1

Sunday 10th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Jane Harpur – “Paul in Athens”
Readings: Acts 17:22 – 31; John 14:15 – 21

Sunday 17th May – 7th Sunday of Easter - Ascension

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Travers Harpur – “Ascension”
Readings: Ezekiel 36:24 – 28; Acts 1:6 – 14

Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Travers Harpur
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – “Pentecost”
Readings: Acts 2:1 – 21; John 20:19 – 23

Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

8:30 am Service of Morning Prayer (Travers Harpur)
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Geoff Windus
Preacher: Chris Selden – “Trinity”
Readings: Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16 – 20
4:30 pm South West Chelmsford Churches Joint Service at St Mary's Widford
(Refreshments from 4:00 pm)

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in May

Fri 1 st	10:00 am – Churchyard Care Team meeting (Vestry)
Sat 2 nd	10:00 am – Coffee Morning with Fairtrade Stall (Church)
Mon 4 th	10:00 am – MLT (Vicarage)
Wed 6 th	2:15 pm – Wednesday Fellowship: Baloo + Mandy (with children from St Michael's School)
	7:30 pm – Missions Team meeting (Vicarage)
Fri 8 th	6:30 pm – “Land of the Book” evening talk – see below (Church)
Sat 9 th	7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Wed 13 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Sat 16 th	10:00 am – Know Why You Believe: “Beyond All Reasonable Doubt” (Church)
	6:30 pm – Quiz Night (Church) – see below
Sun 17 th	11:30 am – APCM Meeting (Church - after morning service)
Mon 18 th	10:00 am – MLT with Churchwarden (Fiona's house)
Sat 23 rd	7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Wed 27 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)

Future Dates

Wed 24 th Jun	7:30 pm – Lynchpins meeting (Vestry)
Sat 15 th Aug	1:00 pm – David and Jacqui's wedding – all welcome (Chelmsford Cathedral)

NOTICES

Fund-Raising News

Coffee Mornings: May's coffee morning will be on the Saturday 2nd May at 10:00 am. The team would very much appreciate any generation contribution of cakes. If you can help, please contact Beryl or one of the team. June's Coffee Morning will be on 6th June. Gill will be present with her Fair Trade stall each morning.

Quiz Night, 16th May. 6:30 for 7 pm start. See Beryl (berylmoss111@gmail.com) or one of the team for tickets.

Cluedo Murder Mystery, 26th – 28th May incl. at 7:00 pm (in Church).

An immersive comedy murder mystery performance starring many church members and directed by Ruth Selden, with other members of the church helping behind the scenes as well! Do come along and support - it's a really fun show and you'll be so close to all the action! Entry is £8, with proceeds going towards the church fundraising project. Tickets can be bought at www.ticketsource.com/galleywood-theatre-group. There are no 'child' tickets, but parental discretion is advised for children under 10, in particular, as there are depictions of murder and themes of a sexual nature.

Churchyard and Copse Tidy-Up: Saturday 9th May

Anne will be away and not able to coordinate. However, regulars are very welcome to do some work on that day (or on any other day). Key tasks are the flower borders in the churchyard and putting bark chippings on the paths in the Copse.

June 13th will be the annual whole-day Tidy-Up (10am to 3pm) with the Campervan, bunting, cake and tea/ coffee. Put the date in your diaries!

“Know Why You Believe” Session 7: “Beyond All Reasonable Doubt”

The final session of “Know Why You Believe”, will be held on Saturday 16th May at 10:00 am when Geoff will be bringing our thoughts to a final conclusion. For further information, contact Geoff (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk). **All are welcome to attend.**

“Land of the Book: The Impact of Landscape on Biblical Narrative” - Friday 8th May, 6.30 pm

We are hosting this joint event, which is run by Southwest Chelmsford Churches. Revd Mark Hendley will speak about the land of the Bible, and how that has affected the stories in the Bible. It will be a fascinating evening. It will begin with refreshments at 6.30 pm, and end at 9.15 pm. The whole of Chelmsford Deanery will be invited to attend, so there could be a good number of people here. “Entry is free, but please could you book your ticket(s) by speaking with Richard Hyland or David, or by sending an e-mail to Events@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk.”

Annual Meetings, and Election to Church Offices

Our annual meetings take place on Sunday 17th May at 11.30am. There are two meetings, one after the other. First, the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) is the meeting at which we will elect up to two Churchwardens. Second, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is the meeting at which we elect PCC members, Deputy Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives, and Lynchpin members, and we hear reports on the Church’s ministry and accounts. Everyone is encouraged to attend if you can.

Nomination forms for the above roles are now available at the back of the Church. If you would like to know more about any of the roles, please speak to our Churchwarden Gavin or Vicar David (contact details on the back page).

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 Jane Harpur:

This year Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday all fall in the same month.

The apostle Paul tells us in 1Corinthians that 500 people met the Risen Jesus in Galilee apart from those we know about from the Gospels. His step-brother James is also mentioned. This is when Jesus gave the great commission to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came and then to go out into the rest of the world.

The disciples witnessed the Ascension before that. They must have felt bereft. Some of them would have experienced that lovely time when he made breakfast on the beach but now, he had gone again. They did the most important thing they all prayed together- in fact there were 120 of them including his mother and his step-brothers.

They just had to wait ten days when they had this amazing experience of the coming of the Holy Spirit- they couldn't have dreamed it was going to be like this. It was also amazing that it coincided with the Jewish festival of Pentecost when people were asked to bring the first-fruits of the wheat harvest to the priests. Jesus had risen from the dead when the first fruits of the barley harvest were celebrated. Jewish people including converts to Judaism were there for the festival in Jerusalem from so many countries all around the Roman empire and beyond- notice Medes and Elamites also from Libya. 3000 believers on that first day who all went back to these different cultures as believers. In Acts we note that Peter and John didn't waste any time witnessing in Jerusalem but after the martyrdom of Stephen and more persecution, many went out into Judea and Samaria preaching the word as the risen Jesus had commanded. I always hope that the woman at the well who met Jesus would be one of the people who received the good news from Philip. He was also led to the Ethiopian man on the Gaza road and baptised him.

We are all called to be involved in mission - it may be locally but it could be much further afield as the Spirit guides us.

The deadline for articles for June's What's On is Sunday 17th May.

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

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