



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in November 2025

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

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



NB. 10:00 am Holy Communion is on the first Sunday this month (2nd) and that our Remembrance Service (9th) commences at 10:15 am.

Sunday 2nd November – 4th Sunday before Advent – All Saints

- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Geoff Windus – “One with Christ”
Readings: Romans 8:14 - 17; John 14:15 – 24
- 4:00 pm **Annual Memorial Service**
Leader: Karen Robertson
Preacher: Revd David Cattle

Sunday 9th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

- 8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
- 10:15 am Service of the Word (no Sonlight or MEGA)
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Revd David Cattle
Readings: Psalm 17:1 – 9; Luke 20:27 - 38

Sunday 16th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

- 8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Revd David Cattle
Readings: James 2:14 - 26; 1John 3:16 – 24

Sunday 23rd November – Christ the King

- 8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (no Sonlight)
Leader: MEGA
Preacher: MEGA
- TBC pm **Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity Springfield.**

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday

- 10:00 am Service of the Holy Communion (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Geoff Windus
Preacher: Jane Harpur
Readings: Romans 13:11 – 14; Matthew 24:36 - 44

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in November

Sat 1 st	10:00 am – Coffee Morning + Fairtrade Stall and Craft Fayre (Church)
Wed 5 th	2:15 pm – Wednesday Fellowship – Craft for Fellowship Christmas Tree (Church)
Thu 6 th	10:00 am – Churchyard Care team meeting (Vestry)
Fri 7 th	7:30 pm – Christmas Choir Practice (Church)
Sat 8 th	7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Tue 11 th	10:45 am – Remembrance Service at Keene hall
Wed 12 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Fri 14 th	7:30 pm – Christmas Choir Practice (Church)
Sat 15 th	10:00 am – “Know Why You Believe”, Session 2 – “Are the New Testament Documents Reliable?” (Church)
Sat 22 nd	7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Sun 23 rd	4.30pm – Joint Service with our partner churches (Church of the Holy Spirit)
Mon 24 th	10:00 am – MLT (Fiona’s house) 7:30 pm – Lynchpins meeting (Church of the Holy Spirit)
Wed 26 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Sat/Sun 29 th /30 th	– Christmas Tree Festival (Church)

Future Dates

Sun 14 th Dec,	4:00 pm – Nativity Play
Tue 16 th Dec,	10:00 am – Galleywood Infants School Carol Service (Church)
Wed 17 th Dec	10:00 am – St Michael’s Junior School Carol Service (Church)
Sat 20 th Dec,	4:00 pm – Carols on the Common (Heritage Centre)
Sun 21 st Dec,	4:00 pm – Church Carol Service
Wed 24 th Dec,	4:00 pm – Christingle Service 11:15 pm – Midnight Communion Service
Thu 25 th Dec,	10:00 am – Christmas Day Family Service

NOTICES

Know Why You Believe (the first series of the Going Deeper programme)

It was great to see such a good attendance at the first session, “Faith on Trial”. If you were unable to attend but would like the notes, please email Geoff Windus (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk). We resume the programme on Saturday 15th November at 10:00 am when we will be examining whether we can have confidence that the New Testament books we have in our hands have been reliably transmitted down the centuries, and therefore faithfully represent what the authors originally wrote. It’s an interesting story. **All are welcome to attend** (even if you missed the first session!).

Fundraising Update

Coffee Morning, Fairtrade Stall and Craft Fayre, Saturday 1st November. 10:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Christmas Tree Festival, Saturday 29th November to Sunday 30th. Do let Beryl

(berylmoss111@gmail.com) know if you would like to display a tree. The trees will go up Friday 28th November, 5 – 8 pm and will be taken down on Sunday 30th at 4 pm.

Christmas Choir

You may not have a voice like Pavarotti, or Maria Callas, but then none of us have! However, if you enjoy singing, and can do so in tune, you will be very welcome to join the Christmas Choir for our Carol Service on Sunday 21st December. In particular it would be really great if some men could be persuaded to join in the fun! If you would like to, then please let Cesca (watkinson@blueyonder.co.uk) or Janette (jan.gibson70@outlook.com) know. The rehearsals will be held on Fridays, 7th and 14th November, and 12th and 19th December, all at 7:30 pm

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care Team is run by Jane Windus who is supported by a small team of Pastoral Visitors. 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. 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.

Homegroups

On the recent appointment of Martin and Veryan Wilson as our new Homegroup Coordinators, we also express our thanks to Travers who has faithfully fulfilled this role for very many years. As they take up their new responsibility please pray for Martin and Veryan who see their new role dovetailing well with their Welcome Team duties, by encouraging newcomers to become integrated into church life.

They are looking now to establish a new group led by themselves, either in the daytime or evening, so if you are interested in joining, do please contact or speak directly with Martin or Veryan.

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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 (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 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. All requests are treated with strict confidence within the Prayer Chain membership. If asking for prayer for an individual, please obtain their consent, or the consent of a parent or guardian for prayer for those under 18. If you would like to ask to become a member of the Prayer Chain, please let Jane know.

Thought for the Month by Jane Harpur

How do you feel at the start of November? The clocks have gone back and the curtains are drawn earlier because of the increasing darkness as the month proceeds and all the Christmas lights have still to arrive. The beautiful shades of autumn are disappearing, but all the fallen leaves have to be raked up.

It is also a time for remembering – “Remember, remember the 5th of November, Gunpowder, treason and plot!” An old saying which I used to say as a child- I have never liked the sudden loud bangs of fireworks and I am glad the animals share my feelings but of course we also remember on the 11th those who died in the first and second world wars plus the wars since then and those still going on.

But November 1st is All Saints Day. When people used to come round the houses asking for trick or treat on Halloween, I used to say I don't celebrate that pagan festival, I remember All Saint's Day and they look at me in amazement. Who are the Saints- those with names like the apostles or those who have been martyred for their faith like St Catherine who was tied to a spiked wheel to be tortured and killed but it broke when she touched it; she was beheaded instead. Catherine wheels which are used on fireworks night are called after her. Now all of us who have been made holy through believing in Jesus and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. In Paul's letters to the churches he often calls the believers there 'saints'.

Let us remember the many saints who helped us in our Christian lives. We will all be singing together in Heaven. We will also be with those Old Testament people of Faith mentioned in Hebrews 11- they would be made perfect together with us because of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Jesus said to the thief on the cross today you will be with Me in Paradise. Perhaps the thief was the first believer to meet the Old Testament saints.

The deadline for articles for December's What's On is Sunday 23rd November.

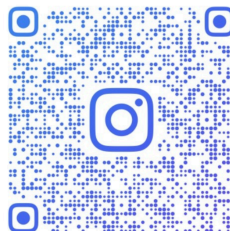
Please send them to Geoff Windus (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk).

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