



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in October 2026

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



*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever."
Psalm 136:1*

Sunday 4th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity – Harvest Sunday

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 "Too good to be true?"
Readings: Isaiah 53:3 – 6, 11 – 12; Isaiah 55:1 – 2, 6, 8 – 11

Sunday 11th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Revd David Cattle
Readings: Revelation 5

Sunday 18th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Revd Andy Griffiths
Readings: TBA

Sunday 25th October – 21st Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am BCP Service of Morning Prayer (Travers and Jane)
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Chris Selden
Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1 – 12; 1Thessalonians 2:1 - 8

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in October

Sat 3 rd	10:00 am – Coffee Morning (Church) with – Fairtrade stall
Sun 4 th	10:00 am – Harvest Sunday
Wed 7 th	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church) 12:25 pm – Wednesday Fellowship – Harvest Lunch, £4
Sat 10 th	9 am – 12 pm – Churchyard Tidy-Up 7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)
Wed 14 th	10:00 am – St Michael's Junior School Harvest Festival
Sat 17 th	10:00 am – Going Deeper – “Why Did Jesus <i>Have</i> to Die?” Session 1 (Church) – see below 6:30 for 7:00 pm – Quiz Night (Church)
Sun 18 th	10:00 am – Bible Sunday – Visit of Revd Andy Griffiths (previous vicar of St Michael's)
Tue 20 th	6:15 pm – Standing Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
Wed 21 st	9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)
Sat 24 th	7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)

Future Dates

Sun 1 st Nov	4:00 pm – Memorial Service
Sat 7 th Nov	10:00 am – Coffee morning and Craft Fair
Sun 8 th Nov	10:15 am – Remembrance Sunday Service (Note the start time)
Sun 22 nd Nov, 4 for	4:30 pm – Joint Service with Southwest Chelmsford Churches (at Church of the Holy Spirit)
Sat 28 th – 29 th Nov	– Christmas Tree Festival Weekend

NOTICES

Fund-Raising News

October's coffee morning will be on the Saturday 3rd October at 10:00 am. As usual, the team would very much appreciate any generous contribution of cakes. If you can help, please contact Beryl or one of the team. November's Coffee Morning will be on 7th November. Gill will be present as usual with her Fair Trade stall and also in Church on the Sunday.

Quiz Night, 17th October, 6:30 for 7:00 pm start. Tickets £5. Cash raffle. As usual please contact Beryl Moss (berylmoss111@gmail.com) or one of her team for tickets. Teams 8 to a table.

Christmas Tree Festival, 27th – 29th November. This has become an annual event now, where individuals, shops and various other groups and clubs can display real or innovative artificial designs, all in aid of the Church Fundraising. See Beryl (berylmoss111@gmail.com) if you would like to display a tree.

Going Deeper

Going Deeper is back with a new series starting on **Saturday October 17th at 10:00 am**. The preaching team will be presenting a series of seven monthly talks (each lasting no more than one hour) under the overall title, “**Why Did Jesus *Have* to Die?**”. Further details will be announced very shortly. See Geoff Windus for more information. (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk).

Harvest Collections 2026

Our Harvest Festival takes place on Sunday 4th October. Every year at Harvest time, St Michael's Church runs a Harvest Project, where we collect money for a charity or a mission organisation. This year, we've chosen an organisation called International Nepal Fellowship (INF). They are a Christian organisation which started in 1952. They work with local partner organisations to help some of the poorest communities in Nepal, specialising in improving access to education and healthcare, and in helping to build strong and independent communities. They have a special interest in those groups who might be marginalised due to caste, gender, ethnicity or disability. Their vision is “For a Nepal free from poverty and exclusion”.

They also help with disaster relief, and we would like to support their special appeal to help those affected by the recent flash floods, which have killed thousands. For more information, see <https://www.inf.org.uk>

Our appeal opened on Sunday 20th September, and we will continue to collect donations (and also the Gift Aid on those donations, for those who have filled in a Gift Aid form) until Sunday 18th October. There are a number of ways to donate:

- Cash and cheques can be put into the bucket at the back of Church (cheques made payable to “St Michael & All Angels’ Church (Galleywood PCC)”; please write “Harvest Appeal” on the back of the cheque.
- You can choose the option for “Nepal” on our card reader at the back of Church.
- You can transfer money directly to our bank account:

Account name: St Michael & All Angels’ Church (Galleywood PCC)

Account number: 50433136 Sort code: 20-19-95.

Please reference bank transfers as “Harvest Project”.

Donations may also be submitted via: <https://donate.myдона.com/stmichaels-church-galleywood>

We will also be collecting produce for the local Foodbank during the Harvest Festival Service on 4th October. Please bring tinned or dried produce to the service, which can be brought to the front and placed on the table during the service.

Memorial Service

We will be holding our annual memorial service on Sunday 1st November at 4:00 pm. This is a service of reflection and thanks for loved ones who have passed away. We will remember them by name and there will be an opportunity to light candles for those who would like to do so. If you would like your loved one’s name to be read out during the service please speak to Karen Robertson by Sunday 25th October or via email: karenrobertson384@gmail.com.

Church Prayer

We would very much like to encourage more to join in the Church’s regular prayer meetings.

- Every **Tuesday morning at 9:30 am.** we meet for 40 minutes (max) on Zoom, when we read a few Scriptures, share any thoughts we may have and then pray for those in particular need. An email is sent to the church distribution list beforehand with the Zoom login details.
- On the **7th and 21st October** another group will meet in person at the church in the “Upper Room” at 9:00 am. Come when you can and leave when you like.
- In both cases there is no pressure to participate. Sitting in silence is perfectly acceptable.

Homegroups – would you like to join one?

Please contact homegroup co-ordinators Martin or Vervan 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 Churchwardens, Gavin Adlington or Sue Metcalfe (all contact details are on the back page).

Thought for the Month by Chris Selden:

When it goes wrong...!

We all know that life isn't perfect. We let ourselves down; our bodies let us down; other people let us down – and that's just three scenarios to get started with. The Mischief Theatre Company has built a reputation on things going wrong; staging productions in which problems after problems arise, from collapsing sets to unconscious actors (they created 'The play that goes wrong', 'Peter Pan goes wrong', 'A Christmas Carol goes wrong', etc. – all well-recommended if you want a night of theatrical comedy).

As the problems pile up, the helpless cast realise that the cracks are visible, and we recognise the embarrassment that they feel as they try to carry on regardless. We do not laugh at their suffering but at the realisation that we too might find ourselves in similarly embarrassing situations (or have done in the past!), and know how it would feel to have your flaws exhibited for people to see.

Of course, in those shows the failings are planned and rehearsed – to the extent that the same errors will occur like clockwork in every performance, and all exaggerated for comic effect. The failings that affect our lives are however not scripted, and not humorous. We do not know when or how something might go wrong for us, but it will happen – and possibly in significant ways. How we respond to matters such as ill health and terminal illness (a topic that recently returned to the news) matters deeply in expressing what we value about life – but such situations are not easy. Not easy at all.

When something goes wrong in our lives it is too easy to lash out (perhaps verbally or emotionally, if not physically) but as difficult as it is, the times when things go wrong are the very times when we need to harvest up the fruit of the Holy Spirit that has hopefully been growing in our lives. We should hope to respond to problems with kindness, patience, gentleness, and self-control (see Galatians chapter 5). And we should do so even though we are confused and hurting and worried about the future.

They are also the times when we most often become aware of the support of our friends and neighbours – when we peel back the veneer of self-sufficiency and find people willing to offer help, each knowing that we will be glad of receiving similar support in those times when something goes wrong in our own life. As Paul writes in Galatians chapter 6: *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* So let's continue to allow God to strengthen our characters, so that the fruit of the Holy Spirit will grow in our lives – to help nourish us but also feed and support those around us. Particularly when things go wrong.

The deadline for articles for November's What's On is Sunday 18th October.

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

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