



## St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

### What's On in September 2026

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



*"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you!" Jeremiah 32:17.*

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Stewardship Sunday**

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion  
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)  
Leader: Geoff Windus  
Preacher: Revd David Cattle  
Readings: Psalm 112; Matthew 6:19 – 34

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)  
Leader: Revd David Cattle  
Preacher: Fiona Selden – "Around the Throne in Heaven"  
Readings: Revelation 4

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion  
10:00 am Service of the Word with Baptism (with Sonlight and MEGA)  
Leader: Jane Harpur  
Preacher: Revd David Cattle  
Readings: Isaiah 49:1 – 7; Luke 14:15 – 24

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8:30 am BCP Service of Holy Communion  
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)  
Leader: Revd David Cattle  
Preacher: Pastor Daniel from Piotrków, Poland  
Readings: TBA

## Services During the Week

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

## Important Dates in September

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| Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 7:30 pm – Missions Team meeting (Travers and Jane's house)                                    |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:00 am – Coffee Morning (Church) with – Fairtrade stall                                     |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 12:30 pm – Picnic and outdoor service in the Copse with our partner churches in SW Chelmsford |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)                                                           |
| Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 pm – Homegroup Leaders' meeting (Vicarage)                                               |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> | 10 am – 2 pm – Churchyard Tidy-Up (see below)<br>7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)                |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am – MLT (Fiona's house)<br>8:00 pm – Worship Planning Team meeting (Zoom)              |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer (Church)                                                           |
| Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 pm – PCC Meeting (in Church)                                                             |
| Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 pm – Big Church (Church)                                                                 |
| Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am – Visit of Pastor Daniel from our partner church in Piotrków, Poland                 |

## Future Dates

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| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct  | 10:00 am – Coffee morning                                |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | 10:00 am – Harvest Festival                              |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 6:30 for 7 pm – Quiz Night (see below)                   |
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 10:00 am – Bible Sunday and visit of Revd Andy Griffiths |

## NOTICES

### Fund-Raising News

**September's coffee morning** will be on the Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 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. October's Coffee Morning will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Gill will be present as usual with her Fair Trade stall and also in Church on the Sunday.

**Quiz Night**, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 6:30 for 7:00 pm start. As usual please contact Beryl Moss ([berylmoss111@gmail.com](mailto:berylmoss111@gmail.com)) or one of her team for tickets.

**Picnic in the Copse, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 12:30 pm.** We will be enjoying a picnic (do bring your own!) and a short "Forest Service" in the Copse together with our friends from our partner churches. Do come and join us.

### Confirmation courses – September and October

Confirmation is a special service in which a Christian confirms the promises made at their baptism (or that were made for them, if they were a child when they were baptised). In the Church of England tradition, confirmation is an important step in the journey of faith. At the confirmation service, a Bishop lays hands on the person's head and prays for God's Holy Spirit to give them strength to live the Christian life.

David will be running two courses (a 5-session course for adults and a 3-session course for teenagers) on Wednesday evenings, starting in September (**in David's absence, dates are to be announced**), for those who would like to consider being confirmed. The courses will cover lots of aspects of Christian life, and it is a safe place to learn more about faith and to ask any questions you might have.

The courses are also great for anyone who would like to consider being baptised, or for those who would just like a refresher on what it means to be a Christian.

Please see David if you would like to know more.

### Stewardship Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> September

Each year, we have a Stewardship Sunday. The word "stewardship" refers to how we use what God has given to us – our money, time, talents, etc. Everything we have is a gift from God, and it is given not just for our benefit, but so that we can also bless others with it. David will preach on this theme during our 10am service, and we will all be invited to think about our giving to the Church, to enable us to worship God and do God's mission in this place. It's helpful to review this once a year. If you would like more information about how to give money to the Church, please contact our Treasurer Richard Hyland on [treasurer@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)

### Churchyard Tidy up, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 10 am – 2 pm

Anne's campervan will also be present for serving teas/coffees and cakes (volunteers needed for this)! The aim is to clear and plant groundcover on the older graves. Other tasks include raking up twigs and leaves - a fun family activity for those of all ages!, turning over the 3 compost heaps and putting the old grave markers in the small shed. Lots for all ages and enthusiasms! If you have any succulents in your garden you could dig up and donate please let Anne Pepper know: ([sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk))

**Fairtrade Celebration, Chelmsford Central Baptist Church on Saturday 26 September, 2 pm – 4 pm**, hosted by the Chelmsford City Fairtrade Campaign. This event is part of Fairtrade Fortnight, an annual event which this year falls between Monday 21 September and Sunday 4 October. There will be Fairtrade tea and coffee with a selection of Fairtrade cakes and biscuits together with a Fairtrade video and talk. There will also be a FREE Fairtrade raffle and an opportunity to purchase Fairtrade products from the Fairtrade stall. Please contact Richard Hyland [treasurer@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk) for more information.

All are welcome but it would be helpful if you could book a place on [gill.parker@sky.com](mailto:gill.parker@sky.com) if you intend to come so as to give some idea of numbers.

### 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** 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in each month** another group meets 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 at all to participate. Sitting in silence is perfectly acceptable.
- Please note that 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September is the Global Week of Prayer coordinated by the organisation "24/7" prayer. Do consider joining in. At Wednesday Prayer on 9<sup>th</sup> September, we will join with our brothers and sisters worldwide to pray. All are welcome. Contact Sue Kitson for more details.



Apologies for the smaller than usual font size above, but I thought you would like to see a couple of pictures from David and Jacqui's big day! (with thanks also to Karen R)

## Thought for the Month by Geoff Windus:

### Are You Dry?

It has been an extremely hot and dry summer, probably more severe than any of us can remember. The land is desperately dry, crops have failed, yield is poor and everywhere is parched and brown. It will take months of heavy rain to restore life and fill up the reservoirs.

Many people today in their hearts feel just like the land – dry and lifeless – lacking life and purpose, longing for something more, but not able to articulate exactly what that ‘something else’ is.

Living can be tough and when it gets bad, we too can sometimes feel dry and lifeless inside. In Psalm 63:1, whilst in the desert, it seems even David felt just like the land he saw around him: *"O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."*

David was crying out to the only one who could possibly refresh him – the Lord! And that is also just as true for any of us going through inner dryness like this. Supremely Jesus himself referred to ‘living water’ that He would give to anyone who was thirsty inside. *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within him". (John 7:37)*

And also to the woman at the Samaritan well Jesus said: *"Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* (John 4:13).

Whether we feel dry and lifeless inside, or not, none of us can afford not to keep coming to Jesus every day and drinking from his life-giving stream. It's health, it's life and it's wholeness! And it's everlasting too! Only Jesus can give us that!

Come and drink!

**The deadline for articles for October's What's On is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**  
Please send them to Geoff Windus ([whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)).

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