

# St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

"Jesus, teach us all to love"

### What's on in November 2019

**Our Sunday services** 

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (4<sup>th</sup> before Advent)

10am Holy Communion, with groups for children

"Discipleship in the Church in Sardis: faith without action is dead"

Sally Bevan leads, Travers Harpur preaches

(James 2: 14-26, Revelation 3: 1-6)

**4pm Memorial Service** 

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November (3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent)

10am Service of the Word, NO groups for Children

**Remembrance Sunday** 

Rev David Cattle leads, Fiona Selden preaches (Job 19:23-27a, Luke 20:27-38)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** (2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent)

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Service of the Word, with groups for children

"Discipleship in the Church in Philadelphia: 'Well done good and faithful servant"

Karen Robertson leads, Jane Harpur preaches (Luke 18: 18-30, Revelation 3:7-13)

4pm to 6pm Messy Church - "Jesus is my friend."

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** (Christ the King)

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Service of the Word, with groups for children

"Discipleship in the Church in Laodicea- only boast in the Lord"

Rev David Cattle leads, Chris Selden preaches (1 Corinthians 1: 18-31, Revelation.3:14-22)

6pm Joint MMU service at St Luke's Moulsham,

the Theme is "Christ the King"

### Week-day worship

Morning Prayer: Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9.15am.

Other dates in November (All events in church, unless otherwise stated)
Every Monday Stables Nursery and Rainbow Preschool 11 to 11.30am
Every Wednesday Friendship + (Toddler group) at Keene Hall
9.15am – 11.15am (Term Time only)

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> MLT at 2pm (at Fiona's house)

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Worship Planning at 7.30pm (at Fiona's House)

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Fellowship starting at 2.15pm.

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Upwards at 7.30pm

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service at the War Memorial (Keene Hall) at 10.45am

Tues 12th Stondon Singers Concert

Thurs 14th Older Youth at 7.30pm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Galleywood Good Neighbours (at Keene Hall) 10am to 12 noon Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Churchyard Working Group 10am – 1pm

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Messy Church – theme is **"Jesus is my friend."** 4pm to 6pm Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Galleywood Heritage Centre – Christmas Market 11am to 3pm Tues 26<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting in the Martin Room at 7.30pm Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Craft and Chatter 2pm to 4pm

## **Beyond November**

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December Farmyard Nativity at Lathcoats
   4pm for parts, for a 4.30pm start
- Sunday 15th Dec, 4.30pm, Carol Service
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Galleywood Infant School Christmas
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December St Michael's Junior School Christmas.
- Saturday 21st Dec, 4.30pm, Carols on the Common (at Galleywood Heritage Centre)
- Sunday 22nd Dec, 10am, Nativity Service
- Tuesday 24th Dec, 4pm, Messy Christingle
- Tuesday 24th Dec, 11.15pm, Midnight Communion
- Wednesday 25th Dec, 10am, Christmas Day Family Communion

#### In more Detail:

# **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

During the **morning service**, David will outline the priorities for St Michael's Church for the next 12 months – resulting from the joint MLT/PCC away day held on 12<sup>th</sup> October – More details will follow on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Memorial service**

We will be holding our annual memorial service on **November 3rd**. This is a service of reflection and remembrance for those who have been bereaved. During the service the names of loved ones who have died will be read out. If you would like someone to be remembered in this way, please let Karen Robertson know before the **27th October** so that they can be included in the order of service booklets.

#### Remembrance 2019

On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** we will be holding our normal service at Church at 10am, but there will be no groups for children.

On **Monday 1th November** there will be a short Remembrance Service at the War Memorial (Keene Hall) at 10.45am

## Messy Church - Sunday 17th, 4 to 6pm

Messy Church now happens on the third Sunday of every month. It is a time of worship involving craft, a Bible story, a song, some prayer, a (free!) hot meal, and plenty of fun for the whole family! Please spread the word. The theme this month is **"Jesus is my friend."** 

### **Church Administration**

Pepper, our Administrator for the past 6 years, is retiring at the end of the year. His last day of work will be 30th November. The PCC would like to cover the jobs that Brian currently does with a team of volunteers. Recently, a list of admin jobs was given out in church (spare copies are still available). Please could you have a look through to see if there is anything that you might like to do for the church. If you would like any information about any of the jobs, please speak with Brian or Sue Metcalfe. Many thanks.

### Thought for the month, by Travers Harpur (November)

Our harvest project this year has been about health care and its

comparative absence in Albania. The Bishop of Bradwell when he visited and spoke on 13th October reminded us that health is related to gratitude and reconciliation. Physical health is a matter on the minds of many here in Chelmsford. In an ageing population many conversations are about awaiting appointments or results. We have advantages over Albania but even here pressure on funding and staffing causes delay. Health concerns are not knowing. When Jesus was on earth, he healed many, but not all, in Galilee and Judea (and in Samaria as the Bishop reminded us). Then sickness was seen as more of a norm and health as a blessing. We take health for granted and expect fully functioning bodies even in old age - I am not alone in seeking help for an age-related deterioration (in my case my right eye). Though resources have increased more people need help so resources cannot keep pace with demand. We normally think of health as a physical issue and increasingly a mental one but there is also Spiritual health. How do we measure spiritual health? Do we see the need for it? What are the symptoms of lack of spiritual health? How is my 'wellness' in terms of loving God and my neighbour? Spiritual health is not just a matter for us as individuals but for us as a congregation. In November we return to the letters recorded in chapters 2 and 3 of the book of Revelation and written to specific existing churches. As we look at Sardis, Laodicea and Philadelphia we see their needs, weaknesses and ill health (or in the case of Philadelphia its positive health). How is our spiritual health as a congregation?

Please get all notices for the **November "What's on" by Sunday 17th November** to Brian Pepper, Church Administrator

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