



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in July 2024

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



Sunday 7th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
- 10:00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Jane Harpur
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – “Stewardship”
Readings: 1 Corinthians 8:1 – 15; Matthew 6:24 – 34

Sunday 14th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leaders: Cesca Watkinson and Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Jane Harpur – “Calming the Storm”
Readings: Luke 8:22 – 25

Sunday 21st July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
- 10:00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Chris Selden – “Casting Out an Evil Spirit”
Readings: Acts 19:11 – 20; Luke 4:31 – 37

Sunday 28th July – 9th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
- 10:00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Travers Harpur – “Cleansing a Leper”
Readings: Leviticus 13:9 – 17; Luke 5:12 – 16

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in July

Wed 3rd, 2:15 pm – Wednesday Fellowship - Strawberry Tea!
Fri, 5th, 7:00 pm – Upwards Youth Club
Sat 6th, 10:00 am – Coffee Morning in Church
Sun 7th, 10:00 am – Stewardship Sunday
Mon 8th, 7:30 pm – PCC meeting (Church)
Tue 9th, 10:30 am – Church Care Team meeting (the Vestry)
Wed 10th, 7:30 pm – Adult confirmation course, session 4 (the Vicarage)
9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer in Church
Sat 13th, 9:00 am – Churchyard Tidy-Up and Church Clean
Mon 15th, 10:00 am – MLT/Churchwardens' meeting (Travers's house)
7:00 pm – Worship Planning Team meeting (Zoom)
Wed 17th, 10:00 am – St Michael's School Leavers' Service (in Church)
Fri, 19th, 7:00 pm – Upwards Youth Club
Wed 24th, 7:30 pm – Adult confirmation course, last session (the Vicarage)
9:00 am – Wednesday Prayer in Church

Future Dates

Sat 10th Aug, 2:00 pm – Fundraising event: Cream Tea and Bingo
Sun 1st Sep, 10:00 am – Creation Sunday
12:30 pm – Prayer event with Bishop Adam, and picnic
Sat 14th Sep – Quiz Night
Sun 15th Sep, 10:00 am – Fairtrade Sunday
Sun 29th Sep, 4:30 pm – Joint Service in the Copse
Sat 12th Oct – Murder Mystery Night
Sun 20th Oct, 3:00 pm – Confirmation Service

NOTICES

Upcoming Fund-Raising Activities:

1. **The New City Singers Choir** Saturday 6th July at 7:30 pm. **CANCELLED** due to insufficient support. If you have bought tickets, please see Peggy or Beryl for a refund.
2. **Cream Tea Afternoon**, Saturday 10th August, 2 pm to 4 pm cost £5. Bingo game and small raffle. Donations of small prizes would be gratefully received.
3. **Quiz Night, 14th September** and **Murder Mystery Night, 12th October**. Details in due course.

August Summer Club

Alice Loates and Ruth Selden are running a kid's Christian holiday club from 12th - 16th August in church for primary school aged children. We really need volunteers for this event to go ahead. Whether that is group leaders, help with refreshments or helping with crafts / activities, anything would be greatly appreciated, even if you can't help every day. We ask that our youth members (Mega) come along as young leaders to help out in any capacity they feel comfortable, and we are also looking for adult volunteers too. The day itself will run 10am-3pm with the opportunity for any young helpers (Mega) to have some social time at the end of the session for an hour. If you have any questions or are able to help at all, please get in touch with Alice or Ruth or email childrenandyouth@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk
Further information with regards to the club itself will be sent out in due course.

Churchyard Summer Tidy-Up

We are so fortunate to have a beautiful churchyard. We are grateful to those families who lovingly tend the grave of their loved ones. We are also grateful to our volunteers and paid grounds-team, who work so hard to care for this beautiful place.

David, Anne and Travers (the Churchyard Care Team) are currently drafting helpful leaflets which explain the laws of the churchyard, and which help people to apply for headstones, reserve burial plots, and place memorial benches. We are also working on signs that can be displayed in the churchyard.

There are currently many items on graves that are not allowed under the law (e.g. borders, loose stones, vases, pots, tablets, ornaments, etc.). So, over the summer we plan to send the new leaflet "The Churchyard Code" to families for whom we have contact details, and we will encourage people to remove those items from their loved one's grave which are not allowed.

Getting the balance right between caring for our grieving families, and upholding the law so that what happens is fair for everyone, is a sensitive and demanding task, as well as being a huge piece of work, and one for which we will no doubt be criticised for on social media; so please do pray for our Churchyard Care Team.

Made For More

Made for More (working to bring the gospel to students in Chelmsford's Secondary Schools) are holding "Impact 24" on Sunday 21st July at The River Church, 11 North Avenue, CM1 2AL, between 3:00 to 4:30 pm. You are warmly invited to hear about the past year and plans for the next. Refreshments provided.

Praying Together in Church on a Wednesday

This is an informal time of prayer at 9.00 am in the Church usually on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. It's a time of quiet reflection listening to God and to each other. All are welcome. For July, it's the 10th and 24th. See Sue Kitson for more details.

PCC Secretary needed

We are very fortunate to many capable people on our PCC, but we are still looking for someone to volunteer to be our PCC Secretary, to take the minutes at PCC meetings, and generally keep us organized. If you would like to know more, please ask Sue Metcalfe or David.

Sonlight in the summer holidays

Our regular Sonlight leaders will be taking a well-earned rest in the summer holidays. Like last year, we are hoping to put together a volunteer team to lead Sonlight for the six weeks from 21st July to 25th August. All of the material has already been prepared by Clare. If you would think you could help with this very important ministry, please contact David.

Prayer event on Sunday 1st September, 12.30pm

Bishop Adam, the Bishop of Bradwell, will visit the Church at this date and time, and he will lead a prayer event. It starts with a picnic at 12.30pm, and ends at 3.30pm. It is a joint event with our friends in our partner churches in South West Chelmsford Churches. More details will follow, but please mark this date in your diary.

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 on the new prayer chain address: prayerchain@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk. Jane will then forward your request by e-mail to Prayer Chain members. Prayer requests will remain confidential 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. (Consent is not needed for information already in the public domain.) If you would like to ask to become a member of the Prayer Chain, please let Jane know.

Home visits

If anyone can't get to Church at the moment, for whatever reason, and would like David to visit, please let David know (contact details on the back page). David is also very happy to bring Holy Communion and celebrate it at home or in hospital.

Homegroups – would you like to join one?

Lots of our Church members are already part of a homegroup. Homegroups are small groups that meet in people's homes, perhaps once or twice each month, where we study the Bible, pray, support each other, and enjoy ourselves with friends. They are places where people grow in faith, and find encouragement for the journey of life. We have a variety of styles of homegroup – some lean more towards serious Bible study, while others more towards friendship and support. Everyone is welcome to join a homegroup, and if we need to start more homegroups we will do so. Travers Harpur is our homegroup co-ordinator. If you would like to think about joining a group, please contact Travers for more details: travers.harpur@gmail.com.

Thought for the Month by Geoff Windus

Changing Our Nation

Well, here we are again! A general election is almost upon us and we are once more given the opportunity to have our say in who we want to be our representatives and to lead our nation. Many of us will be settled voters, always having voted for one party, or maybe we are more intent on weighing up the alternative policies and promises of each one - a floating voter. Maybe we just see it's time for a change. Others of us are weary of hearing unending empty promises upon empty promises to change what is perceived as the wrong way to solve the nation's problems, just to get pur vote.

At the end of the day, will it all make any difference to the health and wealth of the country? There may well be minor tweaks to the way the government will carry out its business, but it seems there will still be insurmountable problems of social deprivation and poverty, injustice, greed, dishonesty, moral decline and insecurity that no government can ever fully solve.

I am sure we all thank God for the Christian principles which, over past centuries, formed the foundation on which this nation of ours was built (despite some absolutely horrendous policies along the way!). In particular, faith in God and His Word, and regular worship, not only in churches up and down the land, but for the children in schools too. With church attendance in serious decline, and a society based on secular values, we have all come a long way off track.

But, it's not all doom and gloom! We praise God for significantly increased attendance over the last couple of years in St Michael's, and hearing of God's genuine working in the lives of many. We hear too of amazing stories of incredible growth in many churches up and down the country, particularly involving young people, making us believe that maybe, just maybe, the tide is turning.

What this country of ours really needs is not so much a new government, but a massive outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will change people's hearts and lives permanently, to such a degree that politicians will be forced to take into account the Christian perspective of voters. Now that would be radical, wouldn't it?

This may not be so far-fetched. God has come in revival power before, so why not again, and in our time? There is such a desperate need. Can you pray for it too?

Heavenly Father, send the Holy Spirit upon our nation. Turn the hearts of young and old, rich and poor to love and faith in Jesus. May the pockets of new growth and life that we see up and down the land continue to grow so that a joined-up cohesive unity will emerge that will truly change our nation, even for generations to come.

Please Lord, ... send another Pentecost! Amen.

The deadline for articles for August is Sunday 21st July. Please send them to Geoff Windus (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk).

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