



## St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

### What's On in November 2024

Follow our website link to watch our 10 am services on Facebook, live or after:  
<http://www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk/>



#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent – All Saints**

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)  
Leaders: Fiona Selden and Revd David Cattle  
Preacher: Chris Selden  
Readings: Deuteronomy 6:1 – 9; Mark 12:28 – 34

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday**

8:30 am BCP Communion  
**10:15 am** Service of the Word (Sonlight and MEGA **not** meeting today)  
Leader: Travers Harpur  
Preacher: Fiona Selden  
Readings: Psalm 62:5 – 12; Hebrews 9:24 – 28

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

8:30 am BCP Communion  
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)  
Leader: Revd David Cattle  
Preacher: Geoff Windus – “A New and Living Way”  
Readings: Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11 – 14 and 19 – 25

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King**

8:30 am BCP Communion  
10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)  
Leader: Cesca Watkinson  
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – “Safeguarding”  
Readings: Isaiah 43:1 – 7; Mark 12:28 – 34  
4:00 pm Memorial Service led by Revd David Cattle

## Services During the Week

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

## Important Dates in November

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	10am – 3:30pm	– Coffee Morning (10 am – 2 pm) and Craft Fayre (10 am – 3:30 pm)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> ,	2:15 pm	– Wednesday Fellowship, with children from St Michael's School
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:00 pm	– Upwards youth group
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	10:15 am	– Remembrance Sunday Service
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> ,	10:45am	– Armistice Day Service (Keene Hall)
	1:00 pm	– MLT meeting (Fiona's house)
	7:00 pm	– Worship Planning Team meeting (on Zoom)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 am	– Wednesday Prayer (in Church)
	11:00 am	– Churchyard Care Team meeting (Vestry)
	1:30 pm	– Churchwardens/Vicar meeting (Vestry)
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:30 pm	– PCC meeting (Church)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> ,	2pm – 8pm	– Bradwell Area Study Day (for clergy and LLMs) (Church)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> ,	7:00 pm	– Upwards youth group
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 pm	– Memorial Service
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:30 pm	– Lynchpins meeting (venue tbc)
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 am	– Wednesday Prayer (in Church)
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> ,	9am – 4pm	– Christmas Tree Festival

## Future Dates

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec,	10:00 am	– Nativity practice
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec,	10:00 am	– Nativity
	4:00 pm	– Carol Service
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec,	10:00 am	– St Michael's Junior School Carol Service
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec,	10:00 am	– Galleywood Infant School Carol Service
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec,	4:00 pm	– Carols on the Common (Heritage Centre)
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec,	4:00 pm	– Christingle
	11:15pm	– Christmas Eve Midnight Communion
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec,	10:00 am	– Christmas Day Family Communion

## NOTICES

### Memorial Service – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm

Each year we host a service to remember loved ones who have died. Their names are printed in the Order of Service and read out in the service, and there will be an opportunity to light candles to remember them. Everyone is welcome to attend this service to remember their loved ones, and invitations are sent out to those who have been bereaved (or who have had their loved one's ashes buried in our churchyard) in the last 3 years. If you would like your loved one(s) to be remembered in the service (even if you can't come to the service yourself), please let David know by e-mail (see back page for e-mail address) **by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Upcoming Fund-Raising Activities:

- Coffee Morning with Craft Stall Event**, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 10 am – 3:30 pm. 35 stalls to visit. Donations of cakes will be appreciated
- Christmas Tree Festival**, 30<sup>th</sup> November 9:00 – 4:00 pm and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Please let Beryl know ASAP ([berylmoss111@gmail.com](mailto:berylmoss111@gmail.com)) if you plan to provide a tree.

### Christmas Singing Groups

The church singing group will be leading the singing at our Carol Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00 pm. Practices will be held on Fridays 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30.

We have also been asked to help lead Carols on the Common on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December and lead some communal carol singing at the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (time to be confirmed).

If you would like to be part of any of these groups please let Cesca or Janette know.

## **Welcome Lunch**

We have been delighted to welcome many new faces to St Michael's since the pandemic. We are accordingly planning a special welcome lunch for our new members after one Sunday morning service in early spring. Details will follow in due course.

## **Churchyard Care**

We are so fortunate to have a beautiful churchyard, which is lovingly cared for by our volunteers, paid grounds-team, and those who tend the graves of their loved ones. David, Anne and Travers (the Churchyard Care Team) have recently designed information leaflets, to help people to apply for headstones, reserve burial plots, and place memorial benches. We are also designing signs which will shortly be put up around the churchyard. These things also explain the laws regarding what is allowed to be placed on graves in churchyards in this Diocese. There are currently many items in our churchyard which are not allowed under the law (e.g. borders, loose stones, vases, pots, ornaments, tablets, etc.). We will very soon be sending the new leaflet "The Churchyard Code" to those for whom we have contact details, and we will encourage people to remove those items which are not allowed under the law. Getting the balance right between caring for our grieving families, and upholding the law so that what happens is fair and safe 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 on social media; so please pray for our Churchyard Care Team.

## **Church, Churchyard and Copse Tidy-Ups**

We are pausing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays' tidy-ups for the winter. There will still be jobs to do outside - mainly leaves. For inside the main emphasis will be cobwebs on windows, window sills, and high up as well as mopping and hoovering the creche room floor. If you find yourself wanting to pop up and do something it would be so welcome - just drop Anne Pepper an email or text ([sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:sexton@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk); or 07703 586537). We will let you know when an organised activity is planned.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:travers.harpur@gmail.com).

## Thought for the Month by Travers Harpur:

### Chris Fox

The longstanding link between St. Michaels Galleywood and the Evangelical church in Piotrkow was established about 25 years ago by Chris Fox of EPIC (European Partners in Christ). Sadly, Chris died on 24th September after a severe illness that prevented her travelling to Eastern Europe this spring. Her memorial service is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October in Bildeston, Suffolk, where she lived for many years.

Chris worked tirelessly to help various churches in Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Bosnia and Bulgaria. Her final tour of Eastern Europe was in October 2023 and referred to in her Prayer Letter (copies available from me). Chris originally worked for European Christian Mission and travelled for them behind the Iron Curtain in Communist days. Later she established EPIC and carried on her links with that part of the world. For many believers she was their support and conduit for aid.

Jane and I travelled three times with her, once in 2012 to Romania and the former Soviet republic of Moldova, Chris driving us around. Other trips with her were to Bulgaria, Macedonia, Bosnia and Serbia. In most destinations she was the key to many pastors and congregations, we were usually 'hangers on' or guest speaker though we did introduce her to a Serbian Orthodox priest we knew from earlier travels! Chris was slow to appear 'at the front' and when it came to photographs, she disappeared. Often Chris travelled across Europe on her own, driving long days in difficult areas. She will be missed but hopefully links like ours with Piotrkow will continue as meaningful to both parties.

Chris' dedication and perseverance was an example to me and her simple lifestyle and commitment to her 'flock' was challenging. Humanly speaking she was a 'loner' but her commitment to her Lord and Saviour meant she was not alone. Loving care flowed from her for those to whom she ministered. I am sure she is hearing 'well done, good and faithful servant'. Till we meet again .....

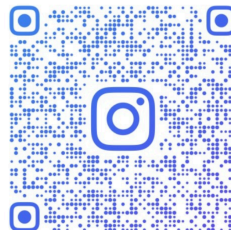
**The deadline for articles for December's What's On is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.** Please send them to Geoff Windus ([whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)).

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