



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in October 2024

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



Sunday 6th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Fiona Selden
Preacher: Geoff Windus – “Jesus Meets Zacchaeus”
Readings: Ezekiel 34:11 – 16; Luke 19:1 - 10

Sunday 13th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion (with Sonlight)
Leaders: Cesca Watkinson and Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Revd David Cattle – “The Ten Minas”
Readings: Malachi 3:1 – 7; Luke 19:11 – 27

Sunday 20th October – 21st Sunday after Trinity - Harvest

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Revd David Cattle
Preacher: Jane Harpur – “Songs of Joy”
Readings: Psalm 126; Deuteronomy 14:22 – 28
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Service – with Bishop Adam

Sunday 27th October – 22nd Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

- 8:30 am BCP Communion
- 10:00 am Service of the Word (with Sonlight and MEGA)
Leader: Jane Harpur
Preacher: Travers Harpur – “Why Read the Bible?”
Readings: Psalm 19; 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Services During the Week

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

Important Dates in October

Wed 2 nd ,	12:45pm	– Wednesday Fellowship Harvest Lunch
Fri 4 th ,	7:00 pm	– Upwards youth group
Wed 9 th ,	9:00 am	– Wednesday Prayer in Church
Sat 12 th ,	7:00 -10:00 pm	– Fundraising event: Murder Mystery Evening
Mon 14 th ,	10:00 am	– MLT and Churchwardens' meeting (Fiona's house)
Wed 16 th ,	10:00 am	– St Michael's Junior School Harvest Festival (Church)
Fri 18 th ,	7:00 pm	– Upwards youth group
Sun 20 th ,	10:00 am	– Harvest Festival
	3:00 pm	– Confirmation Service
Wed 23 rd ,	9:00 am	– Wednesday Prayer in Church
Fri 25 th ,	10:30am	– Churchyard Care Team meeting (Vestry)

Future Dates

Sun 10 th Nov,	10:15 am	– Remembrance Sunday service
Mon 11 th Nov,	7:00 pm	– Worship Planning Team meeting (on Zoom)
Thu 14 th Nov,	7:30pm	– PCC meeting (Church)
Mon 18 th Nov,	2pm – 8pm	– Bradwell Area Study Day (for clergy and LLMs) (Church)
Sat 30 th Nov	9am – 4pm	– Christmas Tree Festival
Sun 8 th Dec,	10:00 am	– Nativity practice
Sun 15 th Dec,	10:00 am	– Nativity
	4:00 pm	– Carol Service
Mon 16 th Dec,	10:00 am	– St Michael's Junior School Carol Service
Tue 17 th Dec,	10:00 am	– Galleywood Infant School Carol Service
Sat 21 st Dec,	4:00 pm	– Carols on the Common (Heritage Centre)
Tue 24 th Dec,	4:00 pm	– Christingle Service
	11.15 pm	– Christmas Eve Midnight Communion
Wed 25 th Dec,	10:00 am	– Christmas Day Family Communion

NOTICES

PCC update

The PCC thought it would be good if we could let the congregation know about some of the things that we have been discussing. So, here are two highlights from our meeting on 18th September:

1. We have agreed to apply to become a Fairtrade Place of Worship, which means using Fairtrade products (tea, coffee, etc), and promoting Fairtrade in our services, like we did recently on our Fairtrade Sunday.
2. We agreed to set up a new large outside noticeboard, which will contain notices and leaflets relating to the churchyard. This will be a blessing to all the users of the churchyard.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 20th October

Please bring items of food produce to donate during the service, which will be given to the Foodbank. For this year's Harvest Project, we will be collecting cash for Christian work in Adziwa, Malawi, see below:

Harvest Project 2024

Every year at Harvest time, we have an appeal to support a charity which is meeting a current serious need. This year, we are raising money for a church in Malawi's Capital City, Lilongwe. More than 70% of Malawians live below the poverty line and over 20% are living in extreme poverty in Malawi. Gavin and Peggy Adlington were involved in the establishment of the Capital City Baptist Church (CCBC) in the early 1980's and even at that time it was so encouraging to see the Malawian members of the congregation that had a real heart for their fellow citizens' needs.

Part of the church's outreach involves providing meals for schoolchildren in a deprived area called Adziwa, and at the Lilongwe Central Hospital where they provide prayer, counselling and food at the children's ward that is caring for malnourished children and their mothers. This is called the "King's Pantry". More information can be found on the church website <https://ccbcmalawi.org/> Check out the Get

Connected/ Ministries tab to see the various programmes of support. More on the work in Adziwa can be found on <https://friendsofadziwa.org/adziwas-story>

The Church will collect donations, and also the Gift Aid on those donations for those who have filled in a Gift Aid form. We will promote this in Church during October and collect donations until the end October. Funds will go jointly to their work in the King's Pantry and at the Adziwa school. Cheques can be made payable to "St Michael & All Angels' Church (Galleywood PCC)". Please write 'Harvest Appeal' on the back of the cheque. Or donations can be sent 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".)

Upcoming Fund-Raising Activities:

1. **Coffee Morning**, 5th October 10 am – 12 pm. Donations of cakes will be appreciated.
2. **Murder Mystery Night**, 12th October. 7 pm – 10 pm. Tickets £10, available from Sheila Roblin. Ploughman's provided, but bring your own drink. There will be a raffle.
3. **Coffee Morning with Craft Stall Event**, 2nd November, 10 am – 12 pm. Donations of cakes will be appreciated
4. **Christmas Tree Festival**, 30th November 9:00 – 4:00 pm. Please let Beryl know ASAP if you plan to provide a tree.

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 2nd 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; 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. 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 Chris Selden:

“Unchanging”

September and October are a time of change; children move to new schools or leave for university; autumn colours appear on the trees, and the supermarket shelves that recently held “Back to School” supplies start to be filled with mince pies and Christmas puddings.

Amateur dramatic groups around the country will be casting their pantomimes and starting rehearsals, hoping to entertain their audiences in a few months' time (early note: Galleywood's Panto will be performed on 18th and 19th January).

Of course, we recognise the reality that life doesn't offer us a rehearsal. We don't get to rewind events to play the same scene a different way – which is why it can be so difficult to handle our guilt when we realise we've made a mistake.

As Shakespeare put it: *“All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts.”* A bit melancholy perhaps, but it does capture something of the changing nature of our lives and experiences.

And while our lives might change, and our circumstances might place new expectations on us, we can take reassurance that God doesn't change. He is a reliable anchor. He is the maker and sustainer of all the life we see around us. He isn't playing a part like an actor, which would make us wary of how He might behave day-to-day. In the Bible God refers to Himself as “I AM” – underlining this consistency in His own person.

So whatever roles your life might be needing you to play, and whatever changes you might be experiencing, take assurance that you can rely on God being the same today as He was yesterday and will be forever (Hebrews 13:8).

The deadline for articles for November's What's On is Sunday 20th October. Please send them to Geoff Windus (whatson@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk).

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