

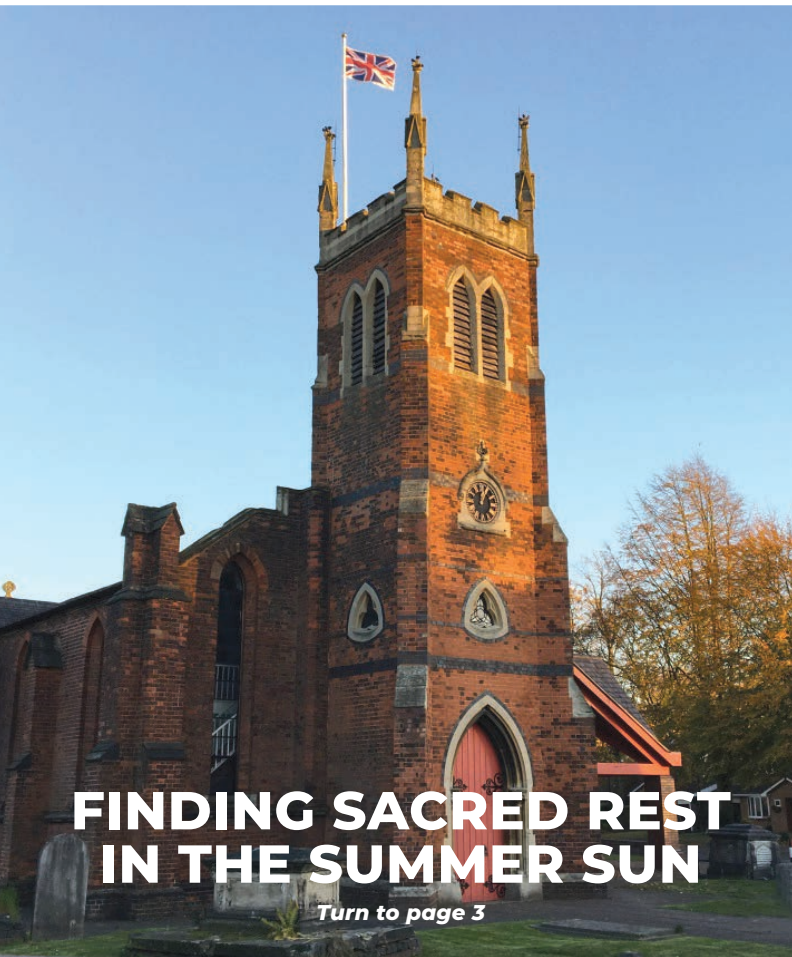
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SUMMER  
2026

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*St. Michael's Church is maintaining a Christian presence in our community, serving the community, sharing the faith and offering a sanctuary for prayer and worship."*

## SERVICES AT ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS PARISH CHURCH

**St. Michaels has a planned church calendar of services with additional special services when appropriate. All of our services aim to be flexible to cater for the wide needs of the church and the community.**

**Sunday Service: 10.00am**

Holy Communion.

**Wednesday Midweek Service: 10.00am**

Holy Communion.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please check our website to confirm upcoming dates and any scheduling changes.

### HOW TO CONTACT US

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### FUNERALS, BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

are taking place in church as usual.

**BAPTISMS** take place once a month at 4.00pm on Sunday afternoons. Bookings include a date for baptism preparation which is offered once a month.

**WEDDINGS** are being booked which automatically include dates for marriage preparation and wedding rehearsals.

**For those interested in baptism and wedding bookings please see below for contact details or phone the Church Office to speak with the parish administrator: Jill Cumpston. Bookings for 2026 / 2027 are being taken.**

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and we will do our best to include as many as we can.



Rev. Alison

# From The Vicar's Desk

## 'Finding Sacred Rest in the Summer Sun'



**As the warmer months roll in and routines change, our lives often enter a slower gear. For many of us, summer brings the promise of holidays, outdoor adventures, and a welcome break from the busy pace of life.**

But as Christians, how can we ensure that our summer is not just a break from our routines, but a season of true spiritual renewal? Summer is not simply a time for rest and relaxation in the sun. Like all seasons, it is a chance to grow in intimacy with God.

In modern life, we treat rest as a reward we earn after we are exhausted. However, the Bible gives a very different picture. From the beginning of creation, God established a rhythm of work and rest. In Genesis, after six days of creation, God rested on the seventh day to admire, enjoy and bless His creation. Jesus also modelled this rhythm throughout the Gospels. Despite the enormous demands of His ministry - teaching, healing and travelling - He frequently withdrew to a solitary place to pray and recharge. If the Son of God Himself needed to step away from the crowds to connect with

His Father, how much more do we? So with this in mind there is an opportunity to try something different in your prayer life to deepen your prayer life and intimacy with God. For example here are some suggestions below:

**Participate in our Summer of Prayer:** Join our programme of summer prayer with different services, events and activities. Details are available on pages 8 & 9 of this magazine.

**Spend time in creation:** Take a walk in a park or sit in your garden and use all your senses to thank God for the beauty of the natural world.

**Explore a new devotional or read the Bible:** Read a spiritual book or spend time reading the Bible perhaps reflecting on the words from the Gospels.

**Engage in fellowship:** Host a summer barbecue or picnic to catch up with neighbours and friends who

you might not see during the busy seasons.

**If you are travelling this summer:** visit a local church or experience worship in a new setting - a cathedral or an outdoor service on the beach - this can be a wonderful reminder that the body of Christ is vast, and that God is present wherever two or more are gathered.

As you enjoy the sunshine and the longer days, remember to give yourself permission to pause. May this summer be a holy season for you to recharge, refresh, and draw a little closer to God and his world of nature. This summer, make your own commitment to prayer and watch Him move to meet you every single day.

**May you find sacred rest in the summer sun.**

*Blessings*

**Rev. Alison**

## Confirmation Service

***“God has called you by name and made you his own”***

The Bishop says these words to all being confirmed. It is a special way of receiving God's grace: the presence of God's gift of the Holy Spirit is confirmed in you through prayer and the laying on of the Bishop's hands for the life of Christian faithfulness, service, and witness.

St. Michael's will be holding a Confirmation Service on **Sunday 12th July 2026** at the **10am** Holy Communion when Bishop Tim, the Bishop of Wolverhampton, will confirm candidates from our church, plus candidates from other churches. Please try to support them at the service and please pray for: Thalia Baxter, Susan Birkenhead, Matthew & Sarah Cunningham, Darren & Amy Gethin, Jake Hale, Jayne Lloyd, Barry & Amanda Moore, Olivia Pringis, Daniel Simpson, Charis Sissons, Jim Thomas, Felix Thompson and Andrew Timms.

***“We wish them well on their Christian journey as God calls each of us to participate in the ministry of the Church and gives us the gifts we need for this”***

## Celebrate & Give Thanks to Bishop Michael

**A wonderful Sunday service with Bishop Michael was held on Sunday 3rd May before he retires in late September.**

It was an opportunity to celebrate, to give thanks to God for his episcopal ministry and to show our appreciation. Bishop Michael was presented with a framed painting of St. Michael's done by Jenny Joyce, a local artist plus a rose bush for their garden and a selection of beers. We thank Bishop Michael for his prayerful support.



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Our branch in Pelsall meets monthly and has 22 members, who have served between 6 months and 47 years, to listen to regular speakers and share fellowship and compassion, whilst making a difference to others on a local and global scale. Recently we have supported Black Country Women's Aid, Ukraine and Friends of Di's Kitchen with toiletries, clothing and food.

The support we receive from our congregation is also appreciated and we would welcome anyone interested in joining us at our meetings.

In August we'll be celebrating 148 years of this Branch and 150 years of the organisation with an Afternoon Tea when we will be joined by other invited guests.

**We look to the future and the challenges it brings as we continue in the footsteps of Mary Sumner.**

## What is Gift Aid?

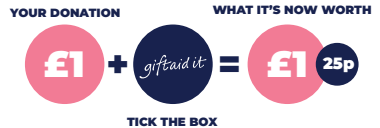
Gift Aid is an arrangement that allows charities (including churches) to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer.

This means every donation will be worth 25% more, at NO extra cost to the giver!

For example, with Gift Aid the church can claim 25p for every £1 donated, which makes a huge difference. If you would like to support St. Michael's with Gift Aid, you simply need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration.

Please see Anne Newport for more details.

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## LadiesDotCom – Marking Their 15th Birthday

**The Ladies Fellowship Group held their first meeting on the 10th March 2011 with 24 ladies in attendance.**

A representative from Walsall Hospice gave an update on the Building work of the new unit. The group has now been running for 15 years offering support and friendship whilst sharing common interests. As a combined group we have supported Church and other Charities both local and overseas with fund raising events.

On the 19th March 2026 a celebration evening was held marking our 15th Birthday.

21 ladies attended which began with an Irish Sweepstake followed by Wine and Snacks and a Birthday Cake which was made by Sue Briggs.



***"The group is open to all ladies who enjoy a little company and a welcome awaits you at our regular meetings at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in the Church Centre."***

# Summer Fruit Treats



Make the most of Summer Fruits at this time of year. Currants, gooseberries, strawberries, raspberries, cherries and peaches are plentiful. Summer fruits are ideal for snacking and creating delicious summer desserts.

## Bakewell Peaches

### Ingredients:

- 1 tsp oil
- 8 raspberries, plus a handful to serve
- 4 medium fresh peaches or nectarines halved and stoned
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 tsp almond essence
- 30g natural yogurt
- 4 tsp sugar
- 30g plain flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tbs flaked almonds

### Method:

1. Preheat oven 180°C / Gas Mark 4 and lightly oil an ovenproof dish
2. Halve the peaches and place a raspberry into the centre of each half (where the stone was). Arrange the peach halves in a dish.
3. Place the egg, almond essence, yogurt and sugar in a bowl and beat together well.
4. Mix the baking powder with flour and gently stir into the egg mixture.
5. Spoon the mixture on top of each peach half and scatter with the almonds.
6. Bake for 12-15 minutes until the top is golden and the peaches are soft but still firm.
7. Serve with ice or clotted cream.

**Tip:** Tinned half peaches in juice will work just as well for this recipe.

## Fruit Jam

(makes about 2 jars of jam)

You will need to put a couple of plates in the freezer beforehand.

### Ingredients:

- 500g fresh soft fruit (strawberries, raspberries, blackcurrants etc)
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 500g jam sugar

### Method:

1. Cut large fruit in half. Put the fruit and lemon juice into a pan. Heat until soft, add the sugar and stir over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved.

## Classic Scones (makes 10)

To make a good scone do not make the mixture too dry and do not handle the dough too much.

### Ingredients:

- 225g self-raising flour
- 50g butter
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 5g caster sugar
- 1 large egg
- Milk

### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 220°C / Fan 200°C / Gas Mark 7 and lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. Measure the flour and baking powder into a bowl, add the butter and rub in until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.
3. Crack the egg into a measuring jug, lightly beat and make up to 125ml (4fl oz) with milk. Stir most of the egg and milk into the flour keeping 1 tablespoon to glaze the scones before baking. Mix to a soft dough.
4. Turn on to a lightly floured surface, knead lightly then roll out to ½ in thickness. Cut into rounds with a fluted 3in cutter, (if you do not have a cutter, cut into 10 triangles).
5. Place the scones on a baking sheet, brush the tops with milk and egg and bake in preheated oven for about 10 minutes or until a pale golden brown.
6. Remove from the baking sheet and leave to cool on a wire rack.

**Tip:** Add approx. 125g fresh strawberries cut into small pieces and rolled in flour to the mixture to make strawberry scones. Scones can be frozen.

2. Once the sugar has dissolved and the liquid is clear, boil steadily for about 6 minutes, or until setting point is reached. To test if the jam is at setting point, spoon a little onto a cold plate from the freezer, leave for a minute and push the jam with your finger, if the jam crinkles, setting point has been reached.
3. Cool for 10 minutes and then spoon into sterilised containers with a lid.

**Tip:** To sterilise containers either place in a dishwasher or wash containers with hot soapy water and rinse well. Dry containers in an oven at 100°C for 15 minutes until completely dry.

# ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS PARISH CHURCH

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## 'What's On' At St Michaels: July – September 2026

### Regular Services

#### WEEKLY SERVICES

**Holy Communion**  
Sunday 10:00am

**Holy Communion**  
Wednesday 10:00am

*'Please check our Facebook page or the website for up-to-date info on our services.'*

### Regular Group Meetings

**FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**Mothers Union Meetings**  
Church Centre  
2:00pm

**THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**LadiesDotCom Meetings**  
Church Centre  
7:30pm

**MONDAY & TUESDAY WEEKLY**  
**Bellingring Practice**  
Bell Tower  
7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY WEEKLY**  
**St Michaels Singers Practice**  
Church Centre  
7:00pm

### Seasonal Services and Festivals

#### AUGUST 2026

**Back Pack Sunday**  
Holy Communion Service – blessing of the children as they return to a new school year  
Sunday 30th 10:00am

#### SEPTEMBER 2026

**Festival of God the Creator**  
Holy Communion Service  
Sunday 6th 10:00am

**St Michael's Patronal Festival**  
Holy Communion Service  
Sunday 27th 10:00am

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF SERVICES**  
**OCTOBER 2026**

**Pet Service**  
Check our website for more details  
Sunday 4th

**Harvest Festival**  
Holy Communion Service followed by Harvest Lunch  
Sunday 11th 10:00am

**Healing and Anointing**  
With Holy Communion Service  
Sunday 18th 10:00am

**Candles of Lament & Remembrance**  
Sunday 25th 6:00pm

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF SERVICES**  
**NOVEMBER 2026**

**All Saints & All Souls**  
Holy Communion Service  
Sunday 1st 10:00am

**Remembrance Sunday**  
Holy Communion in Church followed with a Service of Remembrance at Pelsall Cenotaph  
Sunday 8th 9.30am



*Times and Dates may change, for up-to-date information go to our Facebook page or visit the events section of the website: [www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk)*

### Forthcoming Events

#### JULY 2026

**Pelsall Ladies Choir Summer Concert**  
Tickets £5 each available from Sue Briggs and the Parish Office.

Proceeds will be divided between St. Michaels Church and the Pelsall Ladies Choir Charity, Fastaid.

**Friday 10th July 7:30pm in Church**

#### JULY 2026

**Annual Teddy Bears Picnic**  
Short Church service followed with fun, games and food.

Tickets available from Rev. Alison and the Parish Office on **01922 685666** or **stmichaelschurchpelsall@gmail.com**

**Saturday 11th July 2:00pm – 4:00pm in Church**

#### SEPTEMBER 2026

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**

**Friday 25th September 8:45am till 11:45am in Church Hall**



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## What is Prayer?

**Prayer is an integral part of Christian life, but what is it and why do we do it?**

**Prayer is a direct line of communication and relationship-building with a higher power or God. Prayer isn't a just for getting what we want, and it isn't reserved for 'holy' people, or for special times or places, but a way to align your heart with a divine will.**

### Prayer is talking to God

God loves to hear from us as often as possible, as you would talk to a close family member. You don't need to be a regular church attender; God makes himself known to anyone who reaches out to Him with an open heart.

### Why Pray?

There are a number of reasons why we might pray, thanking God for what he has given, praising God for who he is and asking for help, saying we're sorry and asking for forgiveness. Or maybe just tell God what is in our hearts.

**Prayer is a conversation;** it involves both speaking your heart and listening in silence.

**It is relational;** building an understanding and trust much like a friendship.

**Prayer is not a transaction;** it is not a hand-out or a list of demands to be fulfilled. It should not be empty repetitions which does not make prayer more effective.

### How to Pray

**Find a quiet space.** Minimize distractions to help your mind focus.

**Be honest.** Share your genuine feelings, including doubt, anger and joy

**Use Scripture.** Many people find it helpful to turn verses into personal prayers

**Listen.** Allow moments of complete silence to wait on guidance.

There is no set way to pray. Jesus often took himself away to a quiet place to pray. Some find it helpful to go to church or room on their own or to take a walk. Others prefer to pray formal pre-written prayers. Generally Christians use a mixture of formal and informal prayers. Often it could be a quick prayer to God in specific circumstances, such as *'Help me say the right thing to this person.'*

St Michael's Church offers many ways to help with Prayer, using prayer cards, devotional booklets and prayer groups, please see opposite for ideas which could help you use prayer more effectively in your life.

## A Summer Prayer

*Long warm days...*

*The pace of life slows...*

*A time for picnics and rest  
in the shade...*

*Lord,  
help me to rest awhile in the  
cooling shade of your presence.*

*Slow down my restless heart  
and fill me with gentle  
compassion for all your people.*

*Amen*

## Summer Season of Prayer: 21st June - 23rd September

**Summer is not simply a time for rest and relaxation in the sun. Like all seasons, it is a chance to grow in intimacy with God.**

So with this in mind there is an opportunity to try something different in your prayer life. There is a chance to make a commitment to deepen your prayer life and intimacy with God. Carve out the summer from the 21st June to the 23rd September to make this a time of dedication to God and growth in your spiritual life. This summer, make your own commitment to prayer and watch Him move to meet you every single day.

To help with this there will be new prayer materials, cards and trails and a programme of services and activities. This will be based upon three main themes:

- **Nature and Creation**
- **Rest and Renewal**
- **Finding God in Everyday Life**

**Sunday 21st June at 10:00am** *Holy Communion: Introduction to Summer of Prayer Launch of the Summer Prayer Diary, prayer cards & prayer trails to be introduced during the summer months.*

**Wednesday 1st July 7:30pm** *Summer Evening of Prayers & Pimms Pop along for an informal evening about prayer as we continue to explore prayer over Pimms with nibbles!*

**Tuesday 21st July 7:00pm** *Prayer walk in Pelsall Community - An Opportunity to pray for our community as walkers stop to pray.*

**Tuesday 18th August 7:00pm** *A reflective journey in Church - Join others on a guided tour and reflective walk of prayer around the Church using Bible passages and prayers.*

**Saturday 19th September 10:00am - 12noon** *Community Prayer Day An invitation for prayer and fellowship for Pelsall people. Come and pray for yourselves, families, and neighbours in Pelsall church.*

**Light refreshments will be available.**

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# Community News



**Christian Aid  
Week 10th – 16th  
May 2026**



**This year Christian Aid events raised £2,813.25**

A big thank you to all who supported the events, the walkers and their sponsors, for the help at the coffee morning and those who provided the cakes and also for the donations received in the envelopes provided. Your generosity will go a long way in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say that this is my last year as the Christian Aid Representative for St Michaels Church. I have held the position for 20 years and would like to thank everyone for supporting the Charity over the years either by donating or helping with fund raising events. St Michaels will still be supporting Christian Aid next year as Mike Read has offered to take over from me. Once again a very big thank you and hopefully our Church will continue to support Mike during his time as Christian Aid Representative.



## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**This year's meeting was held in Church on Sunday 26th April 2026. During the meeting the following Officers and Parochial Church Council members were elected.**

### *Church Officers elected annually:*

**Lay Chairperson** – Keir Pedley

**Churchwardens** – Andy Chantler and Sarah Morris

**Treasurer** – Anne Newport

**Secretary** – Jill Cumpston

**Minuting Clerk** – Alison Mayley

**Lay Reader** – Alison Myatt

### *Parochial Church Council and Synod members:*

#### **Deanery Synod Representatives:**

John Maye and Alison Myatt

#### **PCC Representatives:**

Sue Briggs, Scott Cotgrave-Ellis, Becky Legg, Sue Lloyd, Alison Maley, Stephen McCallum, Keir Pedley, Mike Read and Sue Welch.

## Underground, Overground, Wombling Free

**An Intergenerational community event on the 11th June took place when Pelsall Village School and the Pelsall Wombles team joined together in a village litter pick.**

Pupils assembled at church led by Martin Collins and then proceeded to work very hard to tidy up parts of Pelsall community.

Congratulations and well done to all those who took part.



## Spring Jazz Jamboree Thank you for your support!

**On 30th April St. Michael's hosted the annual concert for Walsall Musical Education Service.**

St. Michael's School Band and Jazz @6 Big Band performed a selection of jazz music. A total of **£1,030.50** was raised and has been divided between WMES and St. Michael's Church.

This event is a perfect example of community engagement working together. Thank you.

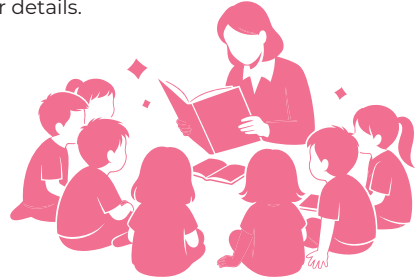
## Welcome to St Michael's New School Governors

We are pleased to announce that two new parent governors have been recently elected to St. Michael's School governing body. Mr John Moore and Mr Graeme Peters are both regular attendees at St. Michael's where they and their families worship together.

## Open the Book - News

**St. Michael's Church Open the Book team have started a new phase in their storytelling journey.**

On April 26th, we acted out our first Bible story at Pelsall Village School. We told the story of Creation and had fourteen children as helpers. We will be going to the school once a month to tell a story and we try and involve the children as much as possible. The story was enjoyed by the children, staff and the storytellers. Open the Book is an important part of our church's mission. If anyone feels called to become a storyteller, please speak with Alison Myatt for details.



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## Catching Up With The Congregation

*Holly Thomas*



### Tell us a little about your early life?

**I was very lucky to have a wonderful, very happy upbringing. My parents are amazing and have always provided the very best for me. My childhood was filled with very happy memories and I hope to provide the same for my son Teddy. I have one older sister, Aimee, who is also part of the Church congregation at St Michael's. Aimee, along with Jon, Rosie and Lottie spend lots of time with us, going on holidays and day trips.**

I grew up in the village of Pelsall, and I myself attended one of the local village schools. Growing up I'd always known I wanted to be a teacher, and that's the route I followed. I attended the University of Wolverhampton to study Early Primary Education. I worked at a primary school in Oldbury for 5 years, and I am now in my 7th year working at a more local primary school leading the early years department. In February 2022, I had my son Teddy, he is a true miracle and I will be forever thankful for him.

### What does a typical week look like for you?

**My weeks are very busy, balancing a demanding job and being a single parent to my son Teddy.**

I work long hours Monday to Thursday and I currently have Friday off work to spend time with Teddy before he starts full time school at St Michaels School in September. We are currently trying to fill our Friday afternoons, with fun before Teddy starts in reception.

My evenings are filled with planning, preparation and admin tasks for my job.



***'I look forward to continuing on my Christian journey.'***



## Can you tell us about your Christian journey so far?

**I am not from a regular church attending family. As I was growing up, we attended Church occasionally, particularly during special occasions such as Christmas.**

I started attending St Michaels and All Angels Church back in July 2023. I had wanted to attend for some time, however I finally decided to attend my first Church service. Soon after, I was baptised and I have not looked back. During this time, I learnt so much about the Christian faith and I continue to develop my understanding of Christianity and the bible. Confirmation last December was very important to me. It was lovely to get to know the other candidates and it really allowed me to deepen my understanding, through shared and individual bible reading and prayer.

I look forward to continuing on my Christian journey.

## What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**I spend all of my spare time with Teddy. We love to discover new places to explore.**

We regularly travel around the country to visit various children's attractions, it brings us so much enjoyment. London, Devon and Cornwall are some of our favourite places to visit. We do love a visit to the beach.

Before Teddy arrived, I enjoyed going to the gym and running. I previously completed the London Marathon and I hope that we can both have this shared interest as Teddy gets older.

## Do you have a favourite hymn and why?

### **'Be Thou my Vision'**

This particular hymn allows us to acknowledge the importance of having God in our lives. No matter when it is, God is always there to listen and provided support.

*'Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light ...'*

## What would you say to someone who had never stepped inside a church?

**Do it, you certainly won't regret your decision.**

From the moment I first stepped foot into St Michael and All Angels Church I instantly felt welcomed. I will be forever grateful for the wonderful Church family I have become part of. Everyone is so kind and welcoming. Rev Alison and Jonathan have provided me with so much support and guidance during the last year, and for that I will be forever thankful.



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# From the Registers

March - June  
2026

## Funerals in April

David Eardley (CB)  
Baby Rian Parsley (B)

## Funerals in May

Joan Rochelle (MFC)

## Funerals in June

Brenda Lloyd (CB@SCST)

Jeffrey Archer (SC)  
Hazel Askey (SC)  
Joan Paskin (SC)

## Ashes in April

Reginald Gill  
George Robinson

## Ashes in May

Margaret Farrington

## Ashes in June

Edie Hudson  
Georgina Froome (ANW)  
Peter Jordan (ANW)  
Joan Rochelle (ANW)  
Keith Rochelle (ANW)

## Baptisms in April

Avery Smith

## Baptisms in May

Daniel Baxter (A)  
Ella Chapman (A)  
Amy Gethin (A)  
Amanda Moore (A)  
Jim Thomas (A)  
Noah Sissons  
Ronnie Moore  
Luca Foster

## Baptisms in June

Chloe Venables (A)  
Laurie-Ann Venton (A)

## Wedding in June

Alexander Johnson  
and  
Alexandra Matthews



Church & Burial (CB), Church & Burial in Streetly Grounds (CB@SCST), Burial in Pelsall (B)  
Ashes at North Walsall (ANW), Mercia Forest Crematorium (MFC), Streetly Crematorium (SC)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ST MICHAEL'S

- **Pauline Bird** was **70** on 5th April 2026. Sending our love and congratulations!
- **Congratulations** to Octogenarians. **Mary Sanger** turned **80** on 20th May, and **Paul Keen** who was **80** on 10th June. Well done... now onto your 90's!
- **Becky Legg** was **50** on 21st May... congratulations sending our love to you!
- **Congratulations** to **Anne and Mick Newport** on the birth of their second Grandchild, **Theo James Francisco Parker** born on 22nd May weighing 6lbs 11ozs. All doing well.
- **Ruby Wedding Anniversary** for **Lisa and Paul Boynton** who were married at All Saints Bloxwich **40 years ago** on 17th May. Congratulations to you both.
- **Congratulations** and **best wishes** to **Chloe Pitt** who got **engaged** on 24th May to **Jamie Wassell** and they intend to marry at Pelsall next summer.
- **Brenda Lloyd** passed away on Thursday 7th May. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Michelle and her family**.  
*'May Brenda rest in peace and rise in glory!'*



## BOOKING FOR ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL



Please note that new arrangements are now in place for any enquiries about the booking of the hall.

For more information on booking the hall and availability please contact the Parish Office on **01922 685 666** Monday to Thursday 1pm to 3pm or Friday 10am to noon (answerphone outside these hours, we will return your call as soon as possible) or email [stmichaelschurchpelsall@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelschurchpelsall@gmail.com)



**Children are not just the church of tomorrow. They are the church of today as well.**

## Question Corner

**How can Jesus fit in my heart?**

*Sometimes we hear people say 'Jesus came into my heart' and that sounds strange. When people talk about 'their hearts' it means what we feel deep down... what we think, feel and do. The Bible tells us that when we ask Jesus to 'come into our heart' what happens is that he puts his Holy Spirit in us. So when we receive Jesus we begin to experience his peace, presence and power in our lives.*



### Teddy Bears Picnic

**Saturday 11th July 2pm-4pm**

Come along and see how God loves us and our bears! A short church service followed by fun, games and food.

### Bonfire Party

**November**

Our annual Bonfire party date has yet to be decided and announced... more details are to follow!

### Pentecost Sunday

Windy (pin wind wheels) and flames (red, orange and yellow streamers) were used by our Diddy Disciples to bring the Holy Spirit into church!

What a spectacular contribution as they learned about and experienced the work of the Holy Spirit.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Some dates for your diary...

## OTHER NEWS...

### Back Pack Service

**Sunday 30th August 10am**

Calling all Diddy Disciples to our family service to mark and pray for the beginning of the new school year.

Bring your back packs with you and Be Blessed and Be Loved and Be Encouraged.

### Easter Garden

A big thank you to Sue Lloyd and Georgia for making our first Easter Garden which was super. Diddy Disciples were able to learn about the story of Easter.

### Art Competition

Diddy Disciples and 3 local schools have been invited to take part in this competition from Summer into Autumn. Organised by the church, we are looking forward to seeing the entries... Come on artists let's get started.

### Pet Service

**Sunday 4th October 4pm**

Mavis invites us to come long to an informal service and bring your pets to be blessed. Another surprise is being planned too. Watch this space!

### Walking for Christian Aid

Toby and Isaac Martin and Frankie Foxall participated in the sponsored walk for Christian Aid. Walking with a group of adults the group raised over £2,000.

Thank you and well done!

### Pelsall Wombles

What a wonderful eco-church generated project. Pelsall Wombles plus pupils from Pelsall Village School gathered on 11th June at church to learn about God and his creation before setting off to litter pick the village. A huge thank you to the church volunteers who helped with the organisation!



Calling all  
**Diddy Disciples**

Our numbers are growing at the 10.00am church service. Pop along to see what we do and to meet others! All welcome or contact the Parish Office on 01922 685666 for more details.





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