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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.

At present church services take place every Sunday at 10.00am Holy Communion. Weekly services include Wednesday Holy Communion at 10.00am and Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.00am. All are welcome. (Please check the website for dates).

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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Rev. Alison

From The Vicar's Desk

The Harvest of Hope: Gratitude, Stewardship, and Community



The autumn season brings a natural shift in our surroundings. Leaves turn vibrant shades of gold, temperatures cool, and fields yield their final crops. For generations, the church has gathered at Harvest to pause, reflect, and give thanks. It is a season that connects us deeply to the land, to each other, and to God.

Our Church of England Harvest Festival can be traced back to 1843, when the Rev. Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall, invited his parishioners to a special service of thanksgiving. He chose the first Sunday in October to help his congregation see God's hand in the secular 'harvest home' celebrations. The custom became popular and was officially recognised by the Church in 1862. Today, while few of us are directly involved in cutting sheaves of corn or baking the traditional Lammas loaf, the heartbeat of Harvest remains as vital as ever.

The Season of Creationtide

Nowadays, Harvest is no longer just a single Sunday. It forms the centrepiece of Creationtide, the period from 1st September to 4th October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi), where churches pray for the environment. In 2026 a new Festival of Creation in Christ focuses upon our care for the planet. It challenges us to think about how we treat the earth's resources and whether we are

living as faithful stewards of God's beautiful world.

The Gift of Gratitude

Harvest begins with thankfulness. It is easy to forget the process that brings food to our tables. Every meal is the result of soil, rain, sun, and hard working farmers. Gathering for Harvest reminds us that everything we have is ultimately a gift from a generous God. Scripture reminds us in James 1:17 that 'every good and perfect gift is from above.' This shifts our focus from what we lack to the abundance we have already received. True thanksgiving leads to being generous to others and Harvest celebrations are an opportunity to look beyond our selves. The biblical tradition of harvest is rooted in community care. Farmers were instructed not to reap the edges of their fields so that the poor could gather food. While our ancestors brought apples, eggs, and bread to decorate the chancel, modern harvest offerings are tins and packets destined for local food

banks. In a world where many are struggling with the cost of living, our Harvest gifts are a tangible expression of Christ's love as we turn our prayers of thanks into actions of love.

Cultivating the Soul

Harvest is also a spiritual mirror. It asks us to look at the seeds we are sowing in our daily lives. Are we planting seeds of kindness, patience, and peace? The laws of nature apply to our spiritual lives too; what we plant is what we will eventually reap. As the seasons change, let us look for ways to cultivate faith in our families and parishes, trusting that God will bring the growth in His perfect time.

As we sing the familiar, beloved harvest hymns this season, let us give thanks for the food on our tables, the beauty of the earth, and the call to share our abundance with those in need.

Happy Harvest Festival

Rev. Alison



New Lichfield Diocesan Guidelines for Churchyard Standard and Memorials



On Easter Sunday 5th April 2026 the Chancellor of Lichfield Diocese issued a new set of paperwork related to any church yard standard memorial. This new paperwork was related to the introduction of a new memorial into a Churchyard to repair or to replace or add to or amend an inscription on an existing Churchyard memorial.

Therefore, to ensure that all applications are quickly processed the church wishes to remind you please to comply with the correct paperwork herewith when applying to our parish of St Michael's and All Angels Church, Pelsall. All new paperwork is available from local funeral directors and stone masons within the Walsall area.

It is also required that the applicant should read the Diocese of Lichfield Churchyard Regulations which can be found on the Diocesan website and also the Diocesan Churchyard Memorial Regulations which are contained in the afore said 'Additional Matters Order'.

Please note that any applications using the old form will delay the process. Subsequently, another application will need to be submitted on the correct

paperwork as drawn up by the Chancellor of the diocese. This is to ensure that the process complies with the Diocesan legal regulations as laid down with the Chancellor.

If there are any queries or questions about this change then do please contact the church office on 01922 685666.

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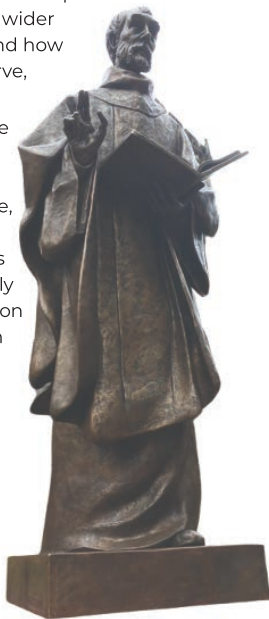
Congratulations to our Chad people: Stephen and Scott!

Twelve months ago Stephen McCallum and Scott Cotgrave-Ellis began the Chad Foundation. This summer saw joy and celebration as they were presented with certificates on completing this course.

Chad Foundations is designed to inspire and encourage people to understand more about how God calls people to serve in their church communities and the world, discovering more deeply what it means to be a follower of Christ. Throughout candidates have space to reflect on their own church context, the wider Church of England, and where and how God might be calling them to serve, through recognised lay ministry.

The programme is designed to be flexible, accessible, and inclusive for those who have busy lives. It incorporates a hybrid programme, delivered in modules, through a mix of teaching and learning styles and consists of study, days, monthly discussion, reading and participation in online discussion, a quiet day on vocation and reflections. Topics covered discipleship, mission and evangelism, vocation, bible studies and pastoral theology just to name a few! After a whole year this is no mean feat to achieve so we at St. Michael's want to say we are proud of you both.

Well done & Congratulations.



Charitable Giving

Thank you to everyone who supported **Pelsall Ladies Choir's** Summer Concert held in St Michaels Church on the 10th July which **raised £460.00**. The money raised was divided between **St Michaels Church** and **FastAid** which is the Charity that Pelsall Ladies Choir is supporting this year.

Thanks also go to all those who continue to support the **Local Foodbank** regularly donating dried and tinned food, toiletries, hygiene and cleaning products. Once again our Harvest food donations will be donated to the **Foodbank**, with any money donated sent to **Water Aid**.



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Having Noisy Children in Church, A Better Sound Than no Children

***God put the wiggle in children,
the wonder, the questions, the
noise; the fidgeting feet and
the laughter, the bright,
unexpected joys.***

***So let them be little among us;
they needn't sit silent and still.
There's room here for all of
their living their voices, their
movement, their will.***

***Sit close, so they see what
is happening; sing boldly
and help them join in.***

***For children learn faith from
our footsteps, and love is
where worship begins.***

***And if you both need to step
outside, take time, catch your
breath, then return. Your place
will be here when you're ready;
there's welcome at every turn.***

***God put the wiggle in children
a sign that our church is alive.***

***May every wee one know,
growing, this is a place
where they can thrive.***

***So offer a smile and be patient;
make room in the pew and the
day. For Jesus said, "Let the
children come near and do
not send them away."***

E. Hamilton 2026

Blackberries

Blackberries are easy to identify and grow in woodlands, parks and along canals and footpaths. They are best picked in August and September. Avoid berries near busy roads or where dogs walk.

The blackberry is also connected to a legend about St Michael the Archangel. The Feast of St Michael and All Angels, on 29th September, celebrates the triumph of St Michael over the dragon.

According to legend, when Satan was cast from heaven, he fell into a blackberry bush and cursed it. This is said to be why blackberries should be enjoyed before 29th September, but not afterwards, when they were believed to be longer good to eat.

Here are a couple of recipes to try with foraged, bought or frozen Blackberries:

Blackberry & Apple Cake

A moist sponge, made with seasonal produce and a touch of almond and cinnamon. Can be frozen.

Ingredients:

- 125g butter softened, plus extra to grease tin
- 125g caster sugar
- 3 large eggs beaten
- 50g ground almonds
- 100g self-raising flour
- 2 eating apples (each cut into 12 segments)
- 100g blackberries

For the Topping:

- Large pinch of cinnamon
- 2 tbs demerara sugar
- 25g butter cut into small flakes
- 25g flaked almonds

Method:

1. Heat oven to 160°C/140°C Fan/ Gas Mark 3. Butter a 22cm round loose-bottomed cake tin and line the base with baking parchment.
2. Beat butter and caster sugar together in a large bowl until it is light and fluffy. Gradually pour in and beat the eggs, a little at a time, until you have used two-thirds, adding flour if it curdles. Fold in the remaining egg, the ground almonds and finally the flour, and combine everything gently.
3. Add two-thirds of the apples to the cake mixture and all the blackberries. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and smooth out evenly. Scatter remaining apples over the surface.
4. For the topping: sprinkle over the cinnamon, demerara sugar, butter and almonds. Bake for 50-55 mins or until a skewer comes out clean. Place on a wire rack to cool.

Blackberry Fairy Cake Muffins makes 12

This simple recipe makes fluffy fairy cakes with a muffin like texture. Studded with blackberries and topped with crunchy demerara sugar.

Ingredients:

- 100g softened butter
- 100g caster sugar
- 2 medium eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 100g self-raising flour
- 24 blackberries
- 1 tbs demerara sugar (for sprinkling)

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C Fan Gas Mark 4. Line a 12 hole fairy cake or muffin tin with paper cases.
2. Cream butter and sugar and beat until mixture is pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in beaten eggs and vanilla extract. Sift in flour and gently fold it into the batter using a metal spoon.
3. Place a small amount of mixture into paper cases, and then add blackberries evenly between cakes. Cover with remaining mixture and sprinkle with demerara sugar. Bake in the centre of the oven for 10-15 mins, or until the cakes are golden brown and spring back to the touch. Transfer to a wire rack to cool before serving.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

What's On At St Michael's: October-November 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 information 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 AND
TUESDAY WEEKLY
Bellingring Practice
Bell Tower 7:30pm

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



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SEASONAL SERVICES AND FESTIVALS

OCTOBER 2026

800th Anniversary
of St. Francis
With Holy Communion.
Sunday 4th 10:00am

Pet Service
An informal service
of prayer and song to
include blessing and
thanksgiving to God
for our pets.
Sunday 4th 4:00pm

Harvest Festival
With Holy Communion
followed by
Harvest Lunch.
Sunday 11th 10:00am

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

Candles of
Remembrance &
Lament
For funeral families.
Sunday 25th 6.00pm

NOVEMBER 2026

All Saints Day
With Holy Communion.
Sunday 1st 10:00am

Remembrance Sunday
Holy Communion in
Church followed
with a Service of
Remembrance at
Pelsall Cenotaph.
Sunday 8th 9:30am

Advent Sunday
Holy Communion
and lighting of the
Advent Candle.
Sunday 29th 10:00am

Christingle Service
Sunday 29th 4:00pm

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR DECEMBER 2026

Annual Toy Service
With Holy Communion.
Sunday 13th 10:00am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

*Looking ahead to
events taking place
later in the year.*

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With the Salvation
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Pelsall Ladies Choir.

St Michael's Church
7:00pm

*Tickets available
at a later date.*

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER



ANNUAL TOY SERVICE AND AWARDS FOR ART COMPETITION

Supporting the
collection of toys for
our local children's
charities plus the
announcement of
the finalists of our
art competition.

St Michael's Church
With Holy Communion.
10:00pm

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Season of Remembrance

The Church has ways of remembering those we loved who have died. The Church of England Season of Remembrance takes place in late autumn.

It is a poignant time in the liturgical calendar dedicated to honouring the deceased, both those who have lost their lives in conflict and loved ones known to us who have passed away.

The sequence of observances includes:

All Saints Day (1st November)

When we remember those Christians who have died, who we do not know personally. A "saint" is someone whose life shows us how to follow Jesus.

All Souls' Day (2nd November)

Immediately following All Saints'. This day is specifically devoted to remembering all

those who have died, with a focus on praying for and remembering family members, friends, and the faithful departed known to the congregation. At this service names can be placed on a list to be read out and a candle lit in their memory.



Remembrance Sunday (Second Sunday in November)

A day of national and local remembrance, this Sunday falls on the weekend closest to Armistice Day (11th November, the end of World War I), Acts of Remembrance take place during the main morning church service, and follow on at the local cenotaph which includes the nationwide two minute silence which remembers those who died in the World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Wearing of red poppies is highly prominent, serving as a symbol of remembrance and a call for peace.

The liturgical colours used during this time often depend on the specific services. While green is typical for the broader post-Trinity season, clergy will often wear red for Remembrance Sunday to signify sacrifice and the Holy Spirit, or purple for a Requiem Eucharist.

The season of remembrance traditionally draws to a close on the Feast of Christ the King, which falls on the final Sunday of the church year before Advent begins.

Love, Loss and Remembering

Autumn has traditionally been a time when Christians explore the questions about life and death. Watching the leaves fall and the nights draw in is an opportunity for all ages to think about love and loss and remember in their own special way.

We all question death for all kinds of reasons; it may come from a memory or the death of a loved one or pet. For children, the impact of loss can have huge consequences, especially if it is the death of a parent or sibling,

St Michael's recognises that the 'Season of Remembrance' is when loss can be challenging and traumatic for all. The church is keen to provide pastoral and spiritual support following the death



of a loved one. Therefore all funeral families from the past year are cordially invited to a service called 'Candles of Remembrance & Lament' which consists of readings, prayer and music. During the service loved ones will be remembered by name and candles are lit in their memory. This year the service will be held on Sunday 25th October at 6.00 pm in St Michael's Church.

Whenever questions around loss come there are ways to remember those we see no longer with family at home.

Attend one of the Church Services listed during the Season of Remembrance.

Light a candle on important days and

say a simple prayer such as "Loving God, thank you for _____ and help us to remember them.

Collect some items that remind you of that person, letters they wrote, photos, small items of clothing – place them in a nice box, encourage children to add things to the box.

Support or take part in charitable events connected to the person who died, such as Race for Life a family-friendly event that can honour people who died from cancer for example.

Children can help to take care of a gravesite, pulling weeds, choosing flowers to bring at special times and cleaning memorial stones.

A Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and eternal God

From whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,

Either by death or life:

Hear our prayers and thanksgivings

For all whom we remember this day:

Fulfil in them the purpose of your love;

And bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;

***Through Jesus Christ our Lord
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A New Honour, Rooted in Service



In June, I was deeply honoured to be appointed a **Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands**. A few months on, I wanted to take the opportunity to share something about the appointment with fellow parishioners, not only what the role involves, but also why, for me personally, it has particular meaning.

I was confirmed at **St Michael's in 2002**, and so this church and its community form an important part of my own journey of faith.

That connection actually reaches back even further. **The Reverend Alison Morris was my A-level teacher in the 1990s**, long before I could have imagined where life's journey might take me. Alison has remained a faithful friend over the many years since, and I have always valued her friendship, encouragement and presence at different points along the way.

There is something rather special about looking back and seeing how people and places weave their way through our lives. My confirmation at St Michael's in 2002 was an important moment in my own journey of faith, and more than two decades later I am reminded that faith is not simply something we profess; it is something we are called to put into practice.

At the heart of our Christian faith is the example of service – using whatever opportunities and gifts we are given for the benefit of others.

It is in that spirit that I see this new appointment.

Many parishioners will also know me through the different public and community roles I have been privileged to hold over the years, **as a local councillor, school governor and community activist, and later as Mayor of the Borough and Leader of the Council**.

Each has been different, but the common thread has always been a belief in public service and in trying to make a positive difference to the place and people we call home.

What does a Deputy Lieutenant do?

The Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands is His Majesty The King's personal representative within our region. The Lord-Lieutenant is supported by Deputy Lieutenants, commonly known by the letters (DL), who assist with the work of the Lieutenancy across our communities.

It is a voluntary and non-political role, and Deputy Lieutenants are drawn from different backgrounds and areas of life, united by a commitment to their communities and to public service.

The duties can be varied. They may include representing the Lord-Lieutenant at civic and community occasions, supporting Royal visits, attending commemorative events and helping to recognise the contribution of individuals, voluntary organisations, charities and community groups.

But behind the formal description lies something much simpler: **service and the recognition of service in others**.

Across the West Midlands, countless people give their time without seeking recognition. They care for neighbours, support young people, volunteer for charities, run community organisations, help those experiencing hardship and work quietly to make their communities better places in which to live.

Our churches know this better than most. Much of what happens within parish life is made possible by people who simply see something that needs doing and offer to help.

From confirmation to service

When I was confirmed at St Michael's in 2002, I could not possibly have imagined that, many years later, I would be writing in the parish magazine about being appointed a Deputy Lieutenant.

Yet there is a thread connecting the two.

Confirmation is an affirmation of faith, but it is also part of a continuing journey. Over the years, we come to understand more fully that our faith asks something of us: to look beyond ourselves, to recognise the dignity and contribution of others, and to serve wherever we are able.

That understanding makes this appointment especially meaningful to me.

I regard becoming a Deputy Lieutenant not simply as an honour, but as a responsibility. It is an opportunity to serve the West Midlands, to meet people from communities across our wonderfully diverse region and, importantly, to help shine a light on those whose contribution might otherwise go unnoticed.

A moment of gratitude

An appointment such as this inevitably causes you to reflect on the people and places that have helped shape your life.

St Michael's is one of those places for me, as are people such as Alison whose friendship has endured across the different chapters of my life.

More than twenty years have passed since my confirmation here, but the values represented by our church community, **faith, fellowship, compassion and service**, remain as relevant to me today as they were then.

As I begin this new role, I do so with gratitude for all those who have encouraged and supported me along the way, and with a determination to make a positive contribution to the Lieutenantancy and the communities of the West Midlands.

I hope, too, that my appointment might provide another connection between the Lieutenantancy and our own parish community. There is so much good work taking place within churches and communities that deserves to be recognised and celebrated.

It is a great privilege to have been asked to serve, and I look forward to doing so with humility, enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility.

And, as someone whose own journey of faith was affirmed here at St Michael's in 2002, it feels particularly special to be able to share this new chapter with the parish community.

Garry Perry DL

Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands



New Manager at Pelsall Community and Arts Centre

Hello, my name is **Gary Flint** and I am the **new Operations Manager at Pelsall Community and Arts Centre**. I have several years' experience in the community and voluntary sector, including paid and voluntary roles. I have helped establish charities and supported them to become sustainable, resilient organisations. Before joining the Centre, I was Locality Lead for North Walsall, helping grassroots groups with funding, training, governance and capacity building. My vision is

for the Centre to be a welcoming, accessible community hub that supports, signposts and connects local residents to services and opportunities. ***"I look forward to welcoming you all to the many events and activities and classes being held in the coming months at your local Pelsall Community & Arts Centre."***



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Catching Up With The Congregation

Jim Thomas



Tell us about your early life?

I was born to two severely disabled parents.

I was born to two severely disabled parents. It was very unusual in the 1950s for two disabled people to not only get married but work and buy their own house together. I'm extremely proud of what they achieved, they both died far too young.

Will you share your Christian journey with us?

Just after getting married my mother became a Jehovahs Witness but it was not for me. Then both my parents died very young and I started to question any faith I had.

I then spent a few years working with five other lads who I regarded as my family. During our time together one of our number was killed and just a few years after two more of us died when they both committed suicide within a few months of each other. What we had seen and also them dying caused me to lose my faith completely. Then life took over. I got married we had our two girls and I worked hard to provide

for them. Then my life changed massively at 50. I found out that I had inherited a gene from one of my parents that was causing my skeleton to collapse and grow calcified bone in its place.

I quickly had two hips replaced left knee replaced and metal work put in my spine. These problems continue to this day.

Then in 2023 I lost my left leg above the knee. During these operations I spent a lot of time in hospital and recuperating at home afterwards. I could also no longer do the job I loved. During these may hours I started to think about God and my faith again. At this time, I admit to having some very negative thoughts. For the first time in many years although feeling a fraud I prayed to God for help to overcome these thoughts and without doubt he answered me and helped me through this time.

Then I was invited by Alision to a service at St Michael's for volunteers in our wonderful village and as they say the rest is history I continued to attend got baptised at 67 and then recently confirmed. I knew I had my faith back after all of this time. I now look forward to continuing my Christian journey.

What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time I spend as much time as possible with my grandchildren Rosie, Teddy and Lottie.

They keep me going. I also chair The Carnival Association and The preservation of Pelsall Remembrance Service POPRS. I do a lot with veterans serving and served. I host with others a veterans coffee morning every Wednesday and a Veterans Breakfast the first Sunday of every month. I also find ways to raise money for POPRS So we can keep our Remembrance Service in the village and spend the balance on village projects.



What does a normal week look like for you?

My normal week is investigating and sometimes making Remembrance items to raise money for POPRS, also making the design for the clock at Remembrance time each year.

Getting things done for the carnival Tenders acts for the arena etc. Collecting grandchildren from school. Looking after my garden with help and reading. Many evenings I can be found sitting up in bed surrounded by pillows trying to get comfortable with pain reading or watching 'Bangers and Cash' my favourite program on catch up.

What would you say to someone thinking of coming to St Michael's for the first time?

I would recommend anyone to come to St Michael's to worship and sample the fellowship with like-minded people.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

June 2026 – September 2026

Funerals in July

Doris Rowley (SC)
Vanessa Hodson (CCC)
Ron Lloyd (CB)

Funerals in August

Jane Whitmore (CCC)
Anne Simpson (CB@BC)
Jim Martin (SC)

Funerals in September

Beryl Tennant (SC)
Michael Bird (MFC)

Ashes in July

Betty Pitt

Ashes in September

Anthony Meacham
Jeffrey Archer
Berys Archer

Baptisms in July

Elsie Hall
Georgie Ball

Baptisms in August

Tobias Copeland
Ilana O'Callaghan
Hugo O'Callaghan

Baptisms in September

Caden Teale
Isaac Checkley
Bradley Cooper (A)
Sophie Jones



Church and Burial
Bloxwich Cemetery (CBC)
Mercia Forest Crematorium (MFC)
Streety Crematorium (SC)
Church and Streety Crematorium (CSC)
Church and Cannock Crematorium (CCC)
Church and Burial (CB)



FOR ST MICHAEL'S FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dareen Gethin** was 50 on 19th August 2026. Sending our love and congratulations!
- **Congratulations** to **Dennis Steel** who turned **96** on 9th August, well done!
- **Congratulations** to **Andy and Dana Chantler**. **Baby Annie Lucy** was born on **26th August** weighing 7lb 4oz to **Mitchell** and **Emily Chantler**.



- **Congratulations** and best wishes to **Tom Lees** and **Rebecca Copeland** on their **engagement** with rings being blessed on 19th July.
 - Another grandchild for **Anne and Mick Newport**, **Baby Theo James Francisco Parker** was born on 22nd May to **Faye** and **Rob**, Mom and Dad. **Congratulations to you all!**
 - **Eileen White** passed away at home on **Wednesday 5th August**. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Kim** and **Andi** and the **family**
- 'May Eileen 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 1.00pm to 3.00pm or Friday 10.00am to noon (answerphone outside these hours, we will return your call as soon as possible) or email **stmichaelschurchpelsall@gmail.com**



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

'Question Corner'

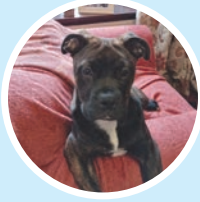
What does God want me to do with my life?

'The answer is that God wants us to know him, to love him and to serve him. That's three things and we need Jesus for each of them. God has a plan for us. We can come to know God through praying to Jesus: we can love God because he is like Jesus and we can serve God because Jesus speaks to us and guides us. If we love God, we'll want to please him by making choices that make him happy. We can know what choices to make by reading the bible. As we read we get to know God and his ways, and as you follow Jesus then God has a plan for your life. Remember, God only wants the best for you'.



Back Pack Service

A very well attended successful service in late August for the church family of young and old to pray for the beginning of a new school year. Thank you to those who attended and Sue Briggs for making the back pack labels.



ADVANCE NOTICE

Dates for your diary...

Pet Service

Sun 4th October, 4pm

St. Francis 800th anniversary. Mavis invites us to an informal service and bring your pets to be blessed. God loves all creatures great and small. Watch this space!

Harvest Festival Weekend

Sun 11th October, 10am

Holy Communion. Come to give thanks to God for our Harvest which the church school will have gathered for their celebration earlier in the week.



Bonfire Party

Sat 7th November

Our annual bonfire party. Bonfire, fireworks and fellowship at our annual event for our church families.

Christmas Market

Sat 28th November, 10am-1pm

Come and meet Santa and his Elf in our new grotto! Magical time for our church families.

Christingle Service

Sun 29th November, 4pm

Families and children gather to support the Church of England Charity as we celebrate the Christingle.

Christmas Toy Service

Sun 13th December, 10am

We are again supporting the collection for our local children's charities. Get your date in the diary to attend this special service.

Art Competition

Sun 13th December, 10am

New panel of judges, exciting new themes, more prizes with exhibition of the finalists in Pelsall Community and Arts Centre. Finalists will be announced at the Toy Service.



And Finally...

Thank you

Our Diddy Disciples wish to say a huge thank you to those who made it possible for our children and families who attended worship, food and fun at the Teddy Bears Picnic.



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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