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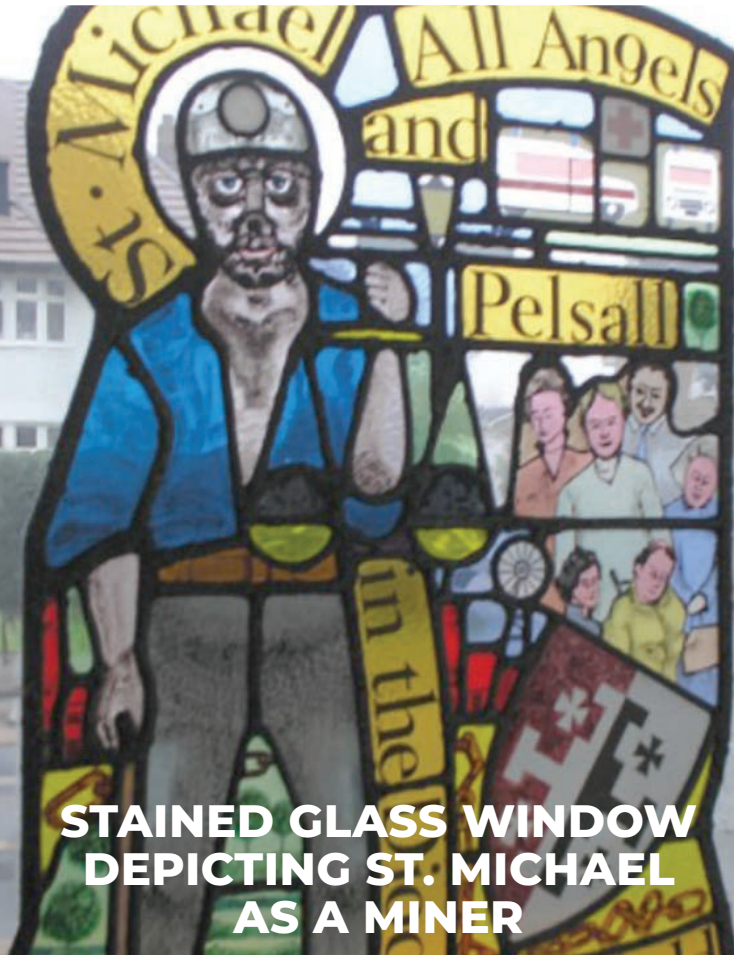
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St. Michael's Church is maintaining a Christian presence in our community, serving the community, sharing the faith and offering a sanctuary for prayer and worship."

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.

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).



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FUNERALS, BAPTISMS & 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 2025 / 2026 are being taken.

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

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Rev. Alison

From The Vicar's Desk

It's Autumn, the season of falling leaves.



***The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of God endures forever (Isaiah 40 v 8)***



It is autumn. The leaves have changed, and the wind has a slight chill, reminding us of what will come. **Autumn** is God's way of calling us to attention: *Wake up! Stay awake! Be prepared!*

Earlier this week I walked amongst the trees on Pelsall Common and it was unutterably gorgeous. The trees, cloaked in green leaves for Spring and Summer, are now shedding their leaves in every flaming shade from pale yellow to deep crimson. The bigger trees look majestic, and the smaller trees look like daylight fireworks – sparking against an Autumn sky. On the ground is a carpet of such variety and richness that no interior designer could ever hope to match it. In short – it was beautiful. And all this from a moment which is the dying end of the tree's life cycle. Beauty from decay – imagine that!

Autumn is a time to take stock of all the fruit which

God has provided. So let us claim the colours of autumn in our lives. **Brown** holds for us stability, protection, endurance, and simplicity.

Red holds for us passion, determination, love, and adventure. **Orange** holds balance, warmth, and freedom from our inner prisons, and **Magenta** holds harmony. Finally, **Purple** in autumn leaves prompts our vast imaginations, depths of spirituality, transformation, and wisdom. The new colours of the autumn leaves are but a glimpse into the richness and diversity of the loving life moments God has in store for us. God has even gifted us the trees to remind us to stand tall and reach for God. They remind us to stay awake by being mindful of what is right in front of us. So stay awake, and be present to all that really matters.

Autumn is also a season which invites us to think about our expectations of others and ourselves.

Autumn reminds us that God is with us. As the leaves change and fall, we are reminded that we will change, we will transform, and we will fall into God's arms to wait for something new and wonderful to happen in our lives. During this time of waiting and longing for the birth of something extraordinary in our lives, whatever that may be, let us spend time preparing our hearts and renewing our spirits. It is in our longing and waiting that we encounter God. It is in our emptiness that we remember God's whispers of love and courage.

'Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.' (Unknown)

Let go like the falling leaves, and let God **surprise** you.

'May Autumn with all its richness and beauty brings it blessings to us all'

Rev. Alison



St Michaels Art / School Project



Picasso, Monet, Michaelangelo or Gustav Klimt?

ART COMPETITION 2025 FINALISTS

St. Michaels Church Art Competition has been hectic again this summer with a record number of entries.

Budding artists from our three local primary schools have entered. Themes varied with Nursery pupils creating images of Nursery Rhymes whilst KS1 and KS2 were given the theme of characters from children's books or films. Competition has been of a very high standard with very original pieces of work in various forms. Judging has now taken place for the semi-finalists who are named here. Prizes were distributed at the end of the school year via their own school.

Well done and Congratulations!

Charitable Giving

During the Summer St Michael's Church hosted two Fund Raising events, raising funds for Charities.

The first held on the 12th July was a concert by Sheffield Male Voice Choir which raised **£430.00** for **Walsall Samaritans**.

On the 17th August cakes and drinks were sold in aid of **Breast Cancer Now** which raised **£3,069.50**

Many thanks for all who attended or donated to these worthy charities.

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ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL FINALISTS

› Nursery: **Stanley Boughhey** (3D - Incy Wincy Spider) **Rosie Moore** (Humpty Dumpty)

› KS1: **Charlotte Mills** (Plasticine Model)

› KS2: **Daniella Holmes** (Parrot),
Ellie Raybold (Nina peanut) **Fern Emery** (ABBA),
Anastasia Orme (Leaping Dolphin)

PELSALL VILLAGE SCHOOL FINALISTS

› KS1: **Khalusi Devi Kaur** (Matilda)

› KS2: **Cory** (Human Monster)
Macie Auty (Snake Woman) **Tilly Graham**
(Horrid Henry) **Alfie Brassington** (Harry Potter)

RYDERS HAYES SCHOOL FINALISTS

› Nursery: **Lily Talbot** (Incy Wincy Spider)

Lily Briggs (Incy Wincy Spider)

Nayah Matthews (Old MacDonald had a Farm)

› KS1: **Isabella Rose Quilt** (Trolls) **Amelia Nash**
(Amelia) **Molly Stackhouse** (Minnie Mouse)
Charlie Dawson (Lild and Stitch)

› KS2: **Fareed Mobolaji** (No Brainer)
Scarlett Heron (Cinderella) **Noah Main** (Otter)
Alexia Nicola (Finc by David Walliams)

All semi-finalists will go through to the final stage later this year. Judges Maureen Payton, Sue Welch and Georgina Armstrong will make their final decision in December. Prizes once again will be sponsored by MAUNDS.

Winners will be announced at the Annual Toy Service on Sunday 14th December at 10am in Church when all semi-finalists and families will be invited.

A huge thank you to all those pupils who entered it has been an amazing year once again. We look forward to the final announcement! Who knows we may have another 'Rembrandt' or 'Van Gogh' in our midst.



St. Michael's Church is an Eco Church, partnered with A Rocha UK, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches to care for the environment.

As an Eco Church we strive to reduce our negative impact on nature and encourage others to try to do the same. The church has already achieved both the Bronze and Silver Award and we will strive for the Gold Award in the future.



So here are some more environmental tips for you to consider:

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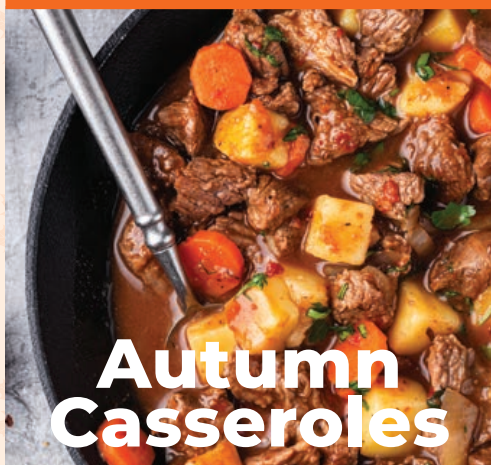
- Recycled toilet paper
- Natural ingredient shampoo
- Natural deodorant
- Bamboo toothbrush
- Washcloths made from hemo or agave fibres

Prayer for our Community

Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of our community. May we work together to create a place where all are valued, where justice and righteousness prevail and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met.

We pray for those who are in positions of leadership within our community. Grant them wisdom and humility as they serve the needs of the people. May they be guided by your truth and love. Finally, Lord, we thank you for the gift of community and for the love and fellowship that unite us. Help us to be instruments of your peace, shining in your light and spreading your love wherever we go. Amen.





Autumn Casseroles

As the weather starts to cool, consider warming yourself up with a tasty casserole. They can be economical, using cheaper cuts of meat and making use at this time of year with the abundance of home-grown vegetables available.

Beef Casserole with Herby Dumplings

Ingredients:

- 1 tbs oil for frying
- 600g lean braising steak (*fat removed*)
- 1 litre beef stock
- 1 large onion finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove crushed
- 2 celery sticks finely chopped
- 3 carrots, 1 finely chopped, 2 cut into chunks
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tbs balsamic vinegar
- 1 parsnip chopped
- 300g butternut squash thinly sliced

For the Dumplings:

- 150g self-raising flour
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tbs chopped parsley or thyme
- 1 egg yolk lightly beaten
- 1 tsp olive oil

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan – Gas mark 4
2. Heat oil in a pan, add beef in batches and cook until brown, add more oil if needed. Transfer beef to a warmed ovenproof dish and set aside.
3. Add onion to pan and cook until softened. Add garlic and cook for 2 mins. Add celery and finely chopped carrot and cook for 3 mins. Stir in tomato puree and vinegar and cook for a further 3 mins. Return the meat to the pan and stir in the rest of the stock and bring to the boil.
4. Transfer to the ovenproof dish and cook in oven without a lid for 1 hour.
5. Add the parsnip, squash and carrot chunks, put a lid on the dish and cook for a further 30 mins.
6. For the dumplings, put the flour in a bowl with salt and pepper, herbs and mix together. Add the egg and oil and add just enough cold water to bring dough together. Be careful not to add too much water as it will make the dumplings heavy. Knead the mixture a little.
7. Shape into eight balls and put on top of the casserole, pushing down a little to coat in the juices. Cover with lid and return to the oven for 15 mins. Remove lid and cook for a further 15 mins.
8. Serve immediately alongside some green vegetables and warm crusty bread.

Somerset Pork

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless pork chops, approx 600g in total (*alternatively use tenderloin or shoulder cut into chunks*)
- 25g butter
- 1 medium onion sliced
- 25g flour
- 150ml cider or apple juice
- 100ml vegetable stock
- 2 granny smith apples cored and sliced
- 1 garlic clove
- Pinch of fresh or dried sage
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 30 ml fresh single cream (*optional*)

Method:

1. Fry the pork in butter with onion.
2. When brown remove meat and onions from pan and place in a shallow ovenproof dish.
3. Add flour to the pan and cook gently until brown.
4. Stir in cider, stock, garlic, seasoning, sage and apples.
5. When apples begin to soften pour sauce over pork.
6. Cover and bake at 190C – Gas mark 5 for 30-40 mins.
7. Pour cream over and serve immediately with mashed potatoes and green vegetables.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

What's On At St Michaels: September-December 2025

REGULAR SERVICES

WEEKLY SERVICES

Holy Communion
Sunday 10:00am

Morning Prayer
Tuesday 9:00am

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**
Bellringing Practice
Bell Tower 7:30pm

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

*Times and Dates may change,
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our Facebook page or visit the
events section of the website:*

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SEASONAL SERVICES AND FESTIVALS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Patronal Festival
Holy Communion.
Sunday 28th 10:00am

OCTOBER 2025

Pet Service
An informal service
of prayer and song to
include blessing and
thanksgiving to God
for our pets.
Sunday 5th 4:00pm

Harvest Festival
Holy Communion
followed by
Harvest Lunch.
Sunday 12th 10:00am

**Candles of
Remembrance
and Lament**
For funeral families.
Sunday 26th 6:00pm

NOVEMBER 2025

All Saints Day
Holy Communion.
Sunday 2nd 10:00am

Remembrance Sunday
Holy Communion.
Sunday 9th 9:30am

Advent Sunday
Holy Communion
and lighting of the
Advent Candle.
Sunday 30th 10:00am

Christingle Service
Sunday 30th 4:00pm

DECEMBER 2025

**Walsall Deanery
Confirmation Service**
Sunday 7th 4:00pm

Annual Toy Service
With Holy Communion
Sunday 14th 10:00am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY 26TH
SEPTEMBER 2025**



**MACMILLAN
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**St Michael's
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**SATURDAY 6TH
DECEMBER 2025**



**CHRISTMAS PARTY
FOR CHURCH FAMILIES**
More details later.
**St Michael's
Church Hall**
10:00am

**SATURDAY 6TH
DECEMBER 2025**



**CHRISTMAS
COMMUNITY CONCERT**
Pelsall Ladies Choir
and Cannock Chase
Salvation Army Band.
More details later.
St Michael's Church
7:00pm

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PARISH CHURCH



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SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025

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Know Your Church

LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY

When to Pray in Church

Prayer is spiritual communication between man and God, a two-way conversation, to talk but also to listen. It is natural to ask for things we need, to share what maybe troubling us or our loved ones, or help on a decision to be made.

It can be difficult to know when and how to pray whilst visiting a Church or attending a service. Going into church can be compared with visits you may make either to friends or social events. When you arrive, you greet each other and say hello.




Sometimes with the hustle and bustle of a lively Church we forget that God is our host. We are visiting Him in his home and neglect to share a few words with Him. There are three times during the Eucharist when we should give a little time to say a few words to our host.

When we enter Church, we are entering God's House and as such, we should greet our host

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as we would in a friend's home, by sitting for a moment in prayer, to say hello to God and to prepare ourselves for worship. If we have shared a meal together, we would thank our host for providing us with food and refreshments. Before leaving we would say thank you for the time we have spent together.

Prayer when entering Church

A Prayer when visiting a church might focus on preparing for worship, asking for guidance and seeking God's presence. Elements could include: Thankfulness, Guidance, Focus, Intercession, Humility or a special request.

A simple prayer to use before a service:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for this opportunity to gather and worship you. Please help me to focus my heart and mind on you today, to put aside distractions and to encounter your presence. Guide us through the service and speak to us through your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Prayer after Communion

Holy Communion is also known as the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist. It commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with his disciples. Jesus shared bread and wine with his followers, telling them it represented his body and blood, and instructed them to do the same in remembrance of Him. Christians celebrate Holy Communion by sharing bread and wine as a symbolic act of remembrance and worship, reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice and teachings.

A simple prayer after taking Communion or a Blessing:

"Thank you, Lord, for the gift of this sacrament. May it strengthen me in faith and love, and help me to live out your will, Amen"

Prayer before leaving Church

If you have shared time with others, it would be expected that you say your farewells before parting. Before leaving church, you may like to sit for a moment before you leave and offer a prayer of thanks for all that you have seen or heard during your time in God's House.

A simple prayer before leaving Church:

"Lord thank you for this time of worship and fellowship. As we leave this place, guide us in our daily lives and help us to be a light to others, Amen"

Prayer at St. Michael's is the bedrock of our Christian community and church family. It is also the bedrock of a Christian life. Therefore, the clergy and Lay Reader are available for guidance and advice on the many different forms of prayer both at home, and during church services. As Christians we never stop learning about prayer as we deepen our relationship with God.

To get started there are 4 simple ways that you can be involved:

1) Prayer Cards

Please do take the FREE prayer cards at the back of the church. There is a range of cards for different circumstances in life.

2) New Prayer Cards for Young People

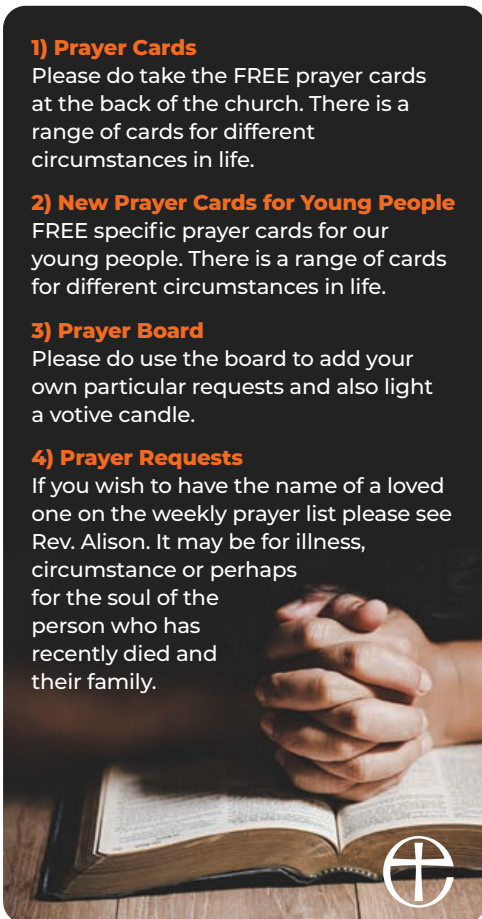
FREE specific prayer cards for our young people. There is a range of cards for different circumstances in life.

3) Prayer Board

Please do use the board to add your own particular requests and also light a votive candle.

4) Prayer Requests

If you wish to have the name of a loved one on the weekly prayer list please see Rev. Alison. It may be for illness, circumstance or perhaps for the soul of the person who has recently died and their family.





Pelsall Wombles

I moved to Pelsall three years ago from Birmingham to be closer to my family.

Having lived for the past thirty years in a built-up area of the city, it was a nice change for me to move to Pelsall Village, which still retained its old charm and is surrounded by some beautiful countryside.

It didn't take me long to start exploring the area with the many walks that take you across the Common and across the fields to the Ryders Mere. I soon became aware that some parts of Pelsall were looking rather messy with litter, not only on the High Street, but also on the greenspaces which were making the place look a mess, so I set out to do something about it. As I was still working locally at the time, I could only spare a couple of hours a week to litter pick. It was at this point I decided to form the **Pelsall Wombles Facebook** group to see if I could enlist some like-minded people to help in keeping the village clean.



A number of local residents were already litter-picking locally on their own, so forming the group brought us all together and we are now a group of **126 members** including our local MP and Councillors.

About a dozen of us are out and about on the streets of Pelsall on a regular basis, trying to make a difference. We are a voluntary group dedicated to keeping our village clean and free of litter.

If you would like to get involved and have a couple of hours free per week, we would love to have you on board. Just search on Facebook for 'Pelsall Wombles'.

Litter pickers, bags and high-vis vests can be supplied free to you by Walsall Community Litter Watch. Register online as a picker and you're ready to go.

Martin Collins – Pelsall Wombles



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BREAST CANCER NOW EVENT

Sunday 17th August 2025

On Sunday 17th a wonderful fundraiser charity event was held for Breast Cancer Now.

Their mission statement is - *'For all the things left unsaid, we're here'*. This charity provides for those with breast cancer free support, whatever you going through - online, on the phone or in person. This was event was organised by **Emma Stroud** and **Sarah Morris** and **their team**. It was an amazing event with raffles, cakes, teas and much more.

With peoples generosity on the day and the Just Giving page set up by the team the monies flowed in! Thank you to the team for their hard work and everyone who donated to the Just Giving Page or attended on the day. A grand total of over **£3,069.50** was raised!

What a superb effort by all.



James Henworth 'A Lasting Legacy'

We are delighted to say that St. Michael's now has a plaque in the bell tower to celebrate the achievements of James Henworth.

James who suddenly died in April 2023 was a dedicated and devoted bell ringer at Pelsall and also a member of the Lichfield and Walsall Archdeaconries Society of Change Ringers.

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A Tribute to Doreen Bethell



'My souls magnifies the Lord: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness: behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.'

On 17th July 2025 our beloved friend and member of St. Michael's and All Angels Church congregation passed away at the age of 88. Doreen had faithfully served at Christ Church, Blakenall Heath and at Pelsall parish since 2002. She had served under the leadership of many incumbents throughout the years. And yet it fell upon me to have the privilege and responsibility to take the Requiem Mass of this dear Christian soul and to now write a tribute for this Blakenall lady born on 26th September 1936 to Alfred and Grace Smith.

Throughout her life Doreen was a devoted Christian and dedicated disciple. Her Christian faith shone through and it strengthened her and others. It meant that she was a 'rock' to her family of which she was immensely proud. This family grew from her marriage of over 55 years with Tom who she married on 7th March in 1955. Eventually they made their family home in Smithfield Road with Yvonne and Peter and with the birth of their own child Stephen, followed with Grandchildren Emma and Victoria and Grandchildren too. Doreen was a family person showing love, support and care for them all.

Yet if there was one biblical quote that epitomises the life of Doreen. It is a quote from the Magnificat. Her life, like the Magnificat, known as Mary's Song

is a testament to God's faithfulness and the promise of eternal life. This also expresses Doreen's deep faith and trust in God's mercy. Like Mary, Doreen found joy in God's favour, even when facing challenges such as the death of her husband, Tom or her chronic chest condition. Doreen's spirituality, her approach to life, her sense of the important things, was bound up with her devotion to the Lord and her discipleship. She believed that nothing could separate her from the love of God through her life. Until the day she died she was still an active member of our church. As the Branch Leader of the MU since 2012 her leadership was dedicated to the MU principles of supporting families and children as laid down by founder Mary Sumner. So she with Chris Miller was key in establishing the 'Mary's Samaritans'. Her presence in the singing group,



reading at worship, leading intercessions, Open the Book team member and PCC membership reflected her wider involvement in church life. Doreen would always be at the MU cake stall at the Christmas Market. She was always there bearing witness to the God who she worshipped weekly in Church at Morning Prayer, or Holy Communion on Sundays and Wednesdays. Using her many gifts and talents associated with knitting, singing, serving, praying, she made friends across the ecumenical community in Pelsall.

But poignantly Doreen was always ready and waiting for the next call on her talents and resources; but most of all, day in, day out, ready to worship through song, prayer, friendship, hospitality and praising into which Doreen poured her heart and soul. Her daily discipleship and her daily sacrifice of praise was her readiness for all that might befall her. Her heart was always ready to give praise, to serve and to express her faith and help others express theirs. Her many qualities of life such as her pastoral care, compassion and generosity of spirit meant she had a good heart for people. Doreen was helpful, generous and always thoughtful. She was a lady who was determined with high expectations and standards with a goal in sight.

For me and others it has been an absolute pleasure to know Doreen since childhood. Our lives have certainly been enriched by her Christian presence amongst us and her positive contribution towards not only our church but also that of Blakenall Heath. We find comfort in knowing that Doreen is now at peace with Tom, resting in God's loving embrace. May we all be inspired by her example of faithfulness and steadfast love.

So let us say 'thank her' for her devotion and her diligence over all these years. As the Shakesperian character Hamlet said 'May flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest.' Well done, good and faithful servant!

Rev. Alison



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From the Registers

July 2025 - September 2025

Funerals in July

June Ratcliffe (CMC)
Reginald Cole (MC)

Funerals in August

Kenneth Spink (CMC)
Lola Blackwell (CNW)
Doreen Bethell (CMC)
Colin Perry (GS)

Ashes in July

Michael Astbury
Iris Parker (SC)
Stanley Gudgin
Philip Gudgin

Ashes in August

Alan Craddock
Mavis Hargreaves
Tony Williams
Mary Dukes

Ashes in September

Jane Shorto
Megan Witcutt

Baptisms in September

Stanley Matthews
Teddy Lloyd
Ruby Lloyd



Weddings in June

Frank Jeffries and
Tammi Simon (correction)

Weddings in August

William Ashmore
and Corinne Palmer

Church and Streetly Crematorium (CSC), Church and Mercia Crematorium (CMC), Graveside (GS)
Ashes Internment at Streetly Crematorium (SC), Church & Burial at North Walsall (CNW)

Announcements from St Michael's

- **Congratulations** to **Margaret and Roger Owen** on the birth of their Granddaughter, **Aofie Adams** who was born on 12th June, weighing in at 6lbs and 13oz.
- **Happy Birthday** to **Andy Chantler** on his **70th birthday** which was on 6th August. Congratulations to you Andy, sending our love and good wishes.
- **Congratulations** to **Colin and Judith Forrester** on their **Emerald 55th Wedding Anniversary** on 1st August 2025. Now onto the Diamond!
- **Eileen Weston** was **100** on 7th August. A long-time member of our church and also the Mother's Union. **Congratulations** to **Eileen** who received a card from King Charles.
- Sending our love and **congratulations** to **Glyn and Helen Foxall** for their **wedding** on 30th July on the island of Kos, Greece.
- **Congratulation** to **Libby Maley** who is off to a **degree course at Aberystwyth University**. Pob lwc! (Welsh for good luck).
- **Welcome to the world** to **Nathanael Green** born to **Richard and Rhea Green** on 13th August weighing 8lb 3oz. A baby brother for **James and Eva**... congratulations to you all.
- Another **Wedding** from our church family - **Bill Ashmore & Corinne Palmer** were married on 23rd August 2025 in St. Michael's. Good luck and many congratulations to you both.
- It is with **deep sadness** that we announce the death of **Doreen Bethell** who passed away in the Manor Hospital aged 88. Doreen was a dedicated and devoted servant to our church in so many ways. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.
May she 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.**



Welcome to God's World

Another young 'Diddy Disciple'

Nathanael Green was born on 13th August
to parents Richard and Rhea Green.

Back Pack Service

A very successful service for the church family 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.

A Lost Sheep...

Sssshh it is a secret!

Susie the Sheep and her family are lost! Will you be
able to help find Susie and her family and return to us.
Watch this space to solve the mystery near Christmas!

ADVANCE NOTICE

Pet Service

Sunday 5th October, 4pm

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

Sunday 12th 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.

'Question Corner'

Was God lonely?

*'No, God was and is not lonely. The reason is
because the Bible says that although there is
only one God, he is also three. There is God
the Father, God the Son (that's Jesus) and God
the Holy Spirit and they are all in one God.*

*It does tell us that long before people
were created, God would have been
able to have someone to talk to.'*

Bonfire Party

Saturday 1st November

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

Christmas Market

Saturday 29th November, 10am-1pm

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

Christingle Service

Sunday 30th November, 4pm

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

Christmas Toy Service

Sunday 14th December, 10am

We are again supporting the collection for our
local children's charities. Get your date in the diary.
Finalists of the art competition 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 over 140 children and
families who attended worship 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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