

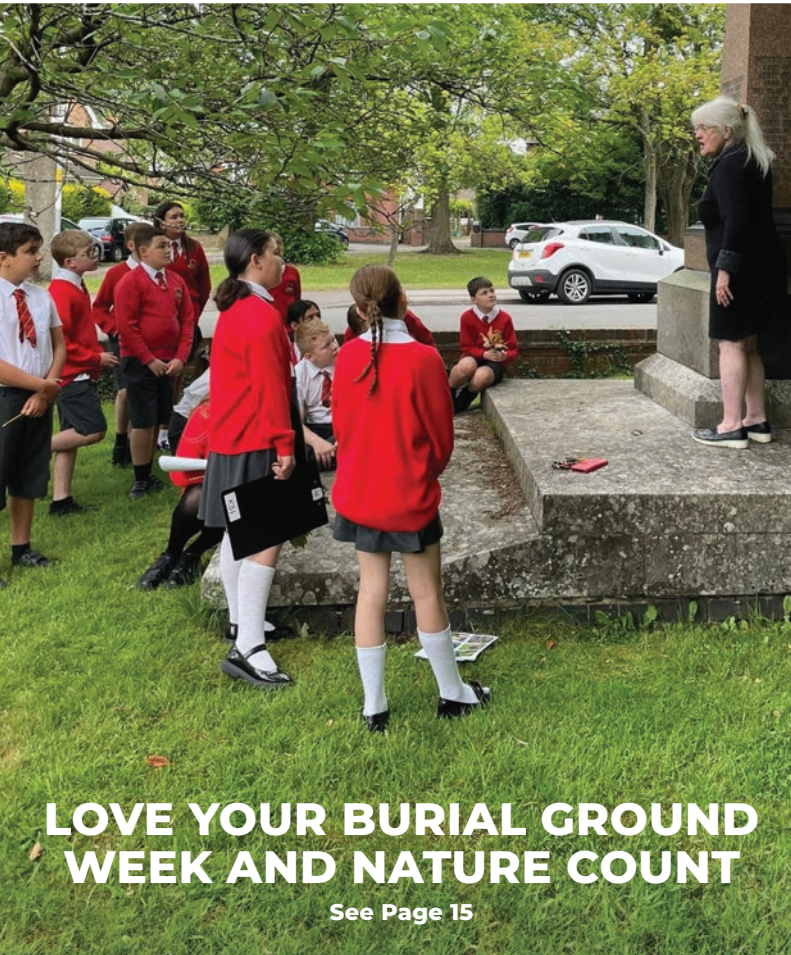
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*St. Michael's Church is maintaining a Christian presence  
in our community, serving the community, sharing the faith  
and offering a sanctuary for prayer and worship."*

# 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. Fortnightly services include Wednesday Holy Communion at 10.00am and Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.00am. All are welcome. (Please check the website for dates).



**To contact the Church, the Vicar or one of the Church Wardens please use the information below:**

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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.

# Rev. Alison

# From The Vicar's Desk



***“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*** Mark 10:45

## ***Are you being served?***

**Do you remember many years ago a British Sitcom *Are you being served?* Set in a department store with the Ladies and Gentlemen's Section constantly at logger heads and embarking on several misadventures as they attempt to serve their customers.**

Well, as I write this article it is ***'National Volunteer Week'*** which celebrates the power of volunteering to bring people together with the theme ***'Connecting Communities'***.

This has made me reflect upon the idea of serving and volunteering which are similar, but different.

So, what is serving? Definition states it is to perform duties and services for another person or organisation, whilst the definition to volunteer is a person who freely offers time and services usually without pay to contribute to their community or another organisation. Of course, Pelsall village is very well known for those who serve the community and for the many volunteers who give so freely of their time, gifts and talents. Such amazing actions allows Pelsall community to blossom

and flourish. To all those who are volunteers in Pelsall and who serve our community and church life this is an ideal opportunity to say thank you to you all.

However, when we do serve or volunteer perhaps, we may need a service check from time to time which also includes our homes, lives, churches and families. When we do, we may ask the question, what is motivating me, why am I serving? Are we serving from gratitude and overflow, not resentment and tiredness. Are we more likely to complain than contribute, are we guilty of poor service when it comes to our communities? Do we expect to be served before we are willing to serve?

For example, have you ever been served by someone who saw you as an inconvenience? Or has someone volunteered but then afterwards kept reminding you of how much that cost them? What was supposed to be a blessing now becomes a burden. Service and volunteering are not about self but about sacrifice. It is not to grab attention or promotion. To serve is not a duty but an opportunity. When we serve or volunteer for gain, we miss the

point that Jesus teaches. As children of Jesus, the Servant King we need to check that our service is a reflection of our Christian heritage. When serving we should allow our servant hearts to reflect the heart of our Saviour of whom scriptures records, ***'He did not enter the world to be served but to serve'***. The One who could demand came to humbly serve. The One who was entitled, looked for no title. Serving should not be seen as a chore, but rather it's a privilege.

Let's consider every aspect of our lives from family to friends, from community to local church, from jobs to retirement and then see the incredible honour you have before you to be of service in each area. How you see service will change how you give your service.

Let's make our service of others in every area of our life a reflection of His service towards us. Remember, you are not responsible for how people may respond to your service but you are very much responsible for the way you serve.

***Blessings and thank you!***  
**Rev. Alison**



## Use Your LOAF!

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

As an eco-church we strive to encourage others to try to do the same. The church has achieved both Bronze and Silver Awards and we will strive for the Gold Award in the future.

**St Michael's is supporting the LOAF initiative which stands for:**

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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**This year's meeting was held in Church on Sunday 27th April 2025. During the meeting the following Officers and Parochial Church Council members were elected.**

***Church Officers elected annually:***

**Lay Chairperson:** Tim Briggs

**Churchwardens:** Andy Chantler and Sarah Morris

**Treasurer:** Anne Newport

**Secretary:** Jill Cumpston

**Lay Minister:** Alison Myatt (ex-officio)

***Parochial Church Council and Synod members who serve for three years:***

**Deanery Synod Representatives:**

John Maye and Alison Myatt

**PCC Members (to serve until 2028):**

Annetta Horton, Sue Welch and Tim Briggs

## Charitable Giving

**Through fund raising events and collections, the following appeals raised:**

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK      £1,465.70**

Events included a Sponsored Walk, Breakfast / Coffee Morning and Church donations.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY      £282.82**

Home Collection Boxes.



**The Children's Society**



## Church of England Apps

**The Church of England has developed apps to support individuals in their faith and engage with the church beyond weekly services.**

The apps provide resources for daily prayer, reflections, and learning about Christian faith. Here are two apps which you can use on a daily basis at home.



**Everyday Faith**

The Church of England

**Everyday Faith** is a devotional app designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day. It provides you with daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme.



**Daily Prayer**

The Church of England

**Daily Prayer** is an app to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, wherever you are. It presents the three services in full and includes Bible readings, psalms, canticles and seasonal variations. It also gives details of Feast Days, Festivals and Commemorations from the Common Worship Calendar.

## Mothers' Union and St Michael's Congregation

**We have been awarded the MU Bronze Award for our support of the RISE UP Campaign against Domestic Abuse.**



We have also received a Certificate of Support from the Black Country Women's Aid for our donations of toiletries and cleaning products as part of this campaign. These items were gratefully received by the charity to help all victims of abuse as they move into secure accommodation and on with their lives.

**A very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the call for donations, your generosity is truly amazing.**

**Mothers' UNION**  
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## Summer Prayer

*Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.*

*For the beauty that surrounds us: the multi-coloured flowers, the blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, gathering for a picnic and more time to spend with family and friends.*

*As we open our eyes and ears to nature and people, open our hearts to receive all the summertime gifts. Let the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.*

Amen

# Al Fresco Dining

*As the summer approaches with the chance of warmer weather, you may want to make the most of eating outdoors. Al fresco dining, (derived from the Italian 'al fresco' meaning 'in the fresh air' or 'in the open,') is simply eating outside or in an open-air setting. You might like breakfast, lunch or dinner on the patio or even cook outside on a BBQ, if so, you need fresh, light and easy to prepare food. Here are some suggestions.*



## Tips for Dining Alfresco...

- Keep it simple – one or two dishes and good company is all you need.
- Prepare ahead – Many dishes can be made early in the day so you are not tied to the kitchen while the sun is out.
- Use what is in season – swap ingredients with what is on offer at the supermarket, seasonal eating means better flavour and less waste.

## Summer Vegetable Frittata

### Ingredients:

- 6 Eggs
- Splash of Milk
- 1 Courgette, Grated
- Handful of Cherry Tomatoes Halved
- 1 Red Onion Thinly Sliced
- A Few New Potatoes, Cooked and Sliced
- Grated Cheddar or Crumbled Feta
- Olive Oil, Salt and Pepper



### Method:

1. Preheat grill to medium-high
2. Sauté onion in a little oil, add courgette and cook for 2 – 3 minutes
3. Stir in potatoes and cherry tomatoes
4. Beat the eggs with milk, season, then pour into the pan. Cook on a low heat until the bottom is set.
5. Scatter over the cheese and finish under the grill until golden and puffed.
6. Serve warm or cold, use whatever vegetables you have and serve with a crisp salad.

## BBQ Sauce

### Ingredients:

- 30 ml Light Soy Sauce
- 3 oz Brown Sugar
- 2 tbs cider vinegar
- 2 tbs Olive Oil
- 150 ml Tomato Ketchup
- 2 tbs Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 Garlic Cloves crushed



### Method:

Place all ingredients into a pan and heat until all the sugar has dissolved and cool. Will keep up to a week in a refrigerator. Can be used as a sauce or as a marinade for meat.

## Quick Berry & Yoghurt Pots

### Ingredients:

- A mix of strawberries, raspberries and blueberries (other fruit combinations can be used if preferred)
- A little honey or maple syrup
- Thick natural yoghurt or Greek yoghurt
- Handful of granola or crushed biscuits



### Method:

1. Layer the fruit, yoghurt and granola in glasses or jars.
2. Drizzle with honey or syrup and serve.

## Open Sandwiches with Seasonal Toppings

Toasted slices of sourdough or crusty bread topped with seasonal combinations

### Topping ideas:

- Cream cheese with radish and watercress.
- Sliced tomatoes with olive oil and sea salt.
- Grilled mushrooms with thyme.
- Tuna, sweetcorn and mayonnaise.

## Smoked Mackerel Pâté

### Ingredients:

- 4 Fillets Smoked Mackerel
- 2 tsp Horseradish Sauce
- 2 tsp Dijon Mustard
- Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- 2 tbs Crème Fraiche
- Juice of ½ Lemon
- 2½ oz Unsalted Butter Chopped



### Method:

1. Remove the skin from the fish and break into pieces.
2. Place in a bowl or blender. Add the horseradish, mustard, black pepper, crème fraîche and lemon juice and blend to a paste. Add the butter and blend until smooth. Season to taste.
3. Place in the fridge to chill.
4. Serve with spring onions / chives on sourdough or crusty bread.

# Dates For Your Diary

*What's On July-September 2025*

Times and dates could be subject to change. To keep up to date with forthcoming events find us on our Facebook page or visit the events section of our website at [www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk)

## Regular Services

### Weekly Services

**Holy Communion**

**Sunday 10.00am**

**Holy Communion**

**Wednesday 10.00am**

### Fortnightly Services

**Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday 9.00am**

Please check the website for up-to-date information on services

## Seasonal Services and Festivals

**31st August 2025**

**Back Pack Sunday**

**Sunday 10.00am**

Holy Communion Service  
blessing of the children  
as they return to a new  
school year

**28th September 2025**

**St Michael's**

**Patronal Festival**

**Sunday 10.00am**

Holy Communion Service

### Advance Notice Of Our Services In October 2025

5th, 4.00pm **Pet Service**

12th, 10.00am **Harvest Festival Holy Communion**

followed by **Harvest Lunch**

26th, 6.00pm **Candles of Lament & Remembrance**

## Regular Group Meetings

**First Monday  
(Monthly)**

**Mothers Union  
Meetings**

**2.00pm**

In Church Centre

**Third Thursday  
(Monthly)**

**LadiesDotCom  
Meetings**

**7.30pm**

In Church Centre

**Mondays  
(Weekly)**

**Bellringing  
Practise**

**7.30pm**

In the Bell Tower

**Wednesdays  
(Weekly)**

**St Michaels  
Singers Practise**

**7.00pm**

In Church Centre



## Forthcoming Events



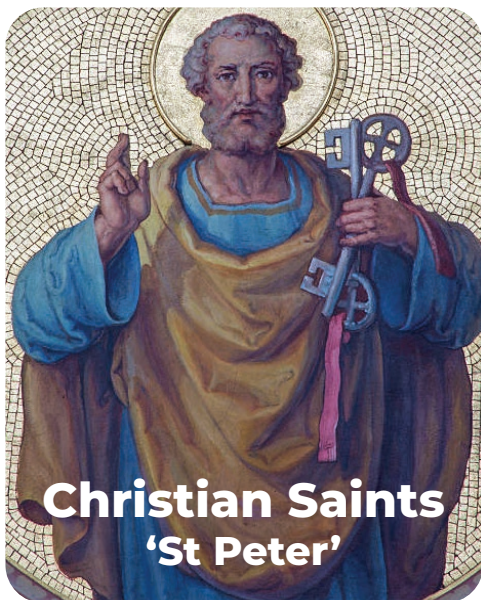
**Shelfield Male  
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**Sunday 17th August**  
**12.00noon till 2.00pm**  
In Church Hall

**MacMillan  
(Cancer Support)**  
**Coffee  
Morning**  
**Friday 26th September**  
**9.00am till 12.00 noon**  
In Church Hall

# ⊕ Know Your Church ⊕



**Christian Saints**  
**'St Peter'**

**St Peter's Day is celebrated on the 29th June he is the Patron Saint of a number of professions, including fishermen, locksmiths and shipbuilders. He is also recognised as the patron saint of the Papacy and Universal Church. A lot is written about Peter and can be found in all four gospel books of the Bible.**

Peter was born at Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He was originally known as Simon and was a fisherman with his brother Andrew. Peter (also known as Simon Peter) was among the first disciples

of Jesus. All four gospels tell the story of Jesus and his brother Andrew fishing and Jesus told them to, **'Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men'** That was the beginning of a different life. Jesus chose the name Peter for Simon, meaning **'rock'** to indicate that Peter would be the rock-like anchor for the unity of the Church. Jesus also promised to give him the keys of the kingdom of heaven which is why Peter is often depicted holding a pair of keys. As a disciple Peter out of all the disciples identified who Jesus was.

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***When Jesus asked 'Who do you say I am?' He was pleased when Peter responded, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'***

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When Jesus was arrested, Peter cut off the ear of a servant of the high priest with a sword but then, as had been predicted by Jesus, he denied three times that he knew Jesus. After the resurrection Peter affirmed his love for Jesus and was commanded to **'feed his lambs'** to take care of the Church.

The Acts of the Apostles state that Peter took a leading role in addressing crowds in Jerusalem at the feast of Pentecost. As a leader of Christians, he was targeted by Herod for execution but was freed from prison the night before his trial.

Peter then left Jerusalem and travelled to spread the Gospel. He visited Rome during



the rule of Nero. Nero blamed the Christians for a fire in the city. Peter was taken prisoner and was sentenced to death by crucifixion. At Peter's request, he was crucified with his head downwards because he did not consider himself worthy to die in the same posture as his Divine Master.

St Peter was the first leader of the early apostolic community (the word **'Pope'** was not used at that time) and became the first bishop of Rome. According to Catholic tradition St Peter is traditionally considered the first Pope.

**'St Peter's Basilica, in Vatican City is dedicated to him. Inside there is a bronze stature of Peter and the Pope's altar stands above the place where Peter is believed to be buried.'**



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**Vicki and John Maye have decided to get on their bikes and cycle 500km across Vietnam into Cambodia to raise money for The Stan Bowley Trust.**

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John said *"It is a challenge but it's nothing compared to the challenge many face against cancer... which is why we are supporting The Stan Bowley Trust - raising funds for CyberKnife robotic radiotherapy treatment, funding equipment at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Birmingham".*

Cancer will affect 1 in every 2 people during their life, so we need to do everything we can to help the fight against this awful disease.



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## John Anthony Awarded The Dean Hole Medal



### The Dean Hole Medal is recognized as the highest honour in the world of roses.

It was established by the National Rose Society (now The Rose Society UK) in 1909 and is awarded for 'service to the genus rosa'. The medal is named after Reverend Samuel Hole (known as Dean Hole), who was instrumental in promoting roses and establishing the first National Rose Show.

Notable past recipients of the Dean Hole Medal include Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and The Queen Mother in 1980, David Austin in 1999.

John was awarded the Medal for over sixty years of devoted service to roses and a true ambassador of the Rose. He has been a long standing and active member of the Royal National Rose Society Council and has exhibited roses at the Society's shows. He is a respected lecturer and accomplished author, and has shared his knowledge from a lifetime in rose culture.

As a RNRS Council Member, John carried out many roles, from Rose Trials to Chairman of the Shows Committee and often using his skills as a Master carpenter to carry out repairs at the Society's headquarters. John also used his skills and talents to make and maintain the show's equipment and continues to do so for the Rose Society UK.

With the closure of the former RNRS, John undeterred rose to the occasion with optimism and through his leadership a new organisation was established upholding the original mission and values of the former society. His vision and dedication have been instrumental in positioning the Rose Society UK on an international platform.

Over the years John has been recognised for his passion and dedication receiving several honours including the RNRS Silver Medal and was the first recipient of the Rose Society UK Gold Tudor Rose Award. Throughout his journey he was steadfastly supported by his late wife, Vera whose loyalty and encouragement were invaluable.

Derek Lawrence, Chairman of the Honours Committee of the Rose Society UK wrote 'If the Reverend Samuel Reynolds Hole were here to witness John's accomplishments today, he would surely be proud of all that has been achieved in the name of the rose. In recognition of his lifelong contributions, extraordinary service and enduring spirit it is with great pride that we bestow upon Mr John Anthony the Dean Hole Award 2025 the highest honour in the World of Roses!'

**St Michael's congregation join The Rose Society UK in congratulating John on a richly deserved honour.**



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## Catching Up With The Congregation

.....  
*Scott Cotgrave-Ellis*



### Can you tell us about your early life and also a little about you today?

I was born in 1982 and grew up in Northfield, Birmingham with my loving family Mom, Dad, brother Lee and Sister Sam. I was an extremely shy child (which may come as a surprise to some!) and sensitive. This meant that school wasn't always easy for me, and I was glad to leave. I went to sixth form at sixteen and it was here that I really started to flourish. I felt free to be me and loved the diversity.

I always knew there was something different about me, but didn't really know what until I was in my early teens when I discovered I was gay. It took me time to come to terms with this as in the late 90's early 00's being gay was still very much frowned upon and I felt lonely and full of shame.

I came out when I was seventeen and couldn't have wished for a more supportive and loving response. My parents especially were amazing and told me I was their son and they loved me no matter what, they just wanted me to be happy. I have been truly blessed with the family and friends that I have. I am extremely lucky.

In 2009 and I met my husband Zak (who most people will know from Maunds – a shop in Pelsall Village). We had a Civil Partnership in 2017. Zak is the best thing that ever happened to me and the best person anyone could wish

to meet. Our dream is that the Church of England changes its rules on gay marriage so we can get married at St Michael's.

We have lived in Pelsall for twelve years with our Yorkshire Terrier Ellie.

### What do you do for work?

I am a Counsellor and Psychotherapist. I worked for 14 years in the NHS in both IT and Palliative Care. I decided to become a therapist when my grandad died, I realized that life is short and being a therapist was my calling, so I took the leap, and retrained. It is a privilege to be able to sit with someone and offer them a non-judgmental space and hear their story, so they can heal and grow.

### What does a typical week look like?

A typical week for me is seeing clients and indulging in my hobby reading. I read three to four books a week. I like reading spiritual books, historical books and fiction.



## Can you share your Christian journey with us?

I believe that humans are spiritual beings and are more than just their body. I have read many spiritual books across many religious faiths including Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Sufism, Taoism. I studied Buddhism and meditation for a few years but I lost connection with the practice and felt in my heart that my soul was crying out for something different.

I had always avoided Christianity. I thought I wouldn't be accepted in the church and would be judged. In 2023 I was feeling spiritually lost and was looking for my spiritual home. Zak had mentioned that he had met Reverend Alison in the shop. She was warm, funny, kind and a bit eccentric and thought she would be right up my street, and he was right! I did some research and found that St Michaels was a truly inclusive church and welcomed everyone. I attended the midnight service on Christmas Eve 2023 and felt love and warmth. I started to attend Sunday services regularly found the congregation welcoming, supportive and caring. At my very first Sunday service I remember Reverend Alison saying, *'everyone is welcome at the Altar of God at this church'* and I remember thinking this is

where I belong and this is the type of Christian I want to be - inclusive.

After a few months I decided to be confirmed. I cherish those classes and the people I attended with. We learned about the Gospel and what it means to be a Christian. I read the Gospels for the first time myself and really started to love Jesus and his message.

After being confirmed I became a server. A server is someone who assists the clergy during the service. This is a special role for me as it allows me to give back to the church that gives me so much and really helps strengthen my connection with Christ.

## What would you say to anyone thinking of coming to St Michaels for the first time?

God is love and love is what you will find at St Michaels. The congregation is welcoming supportive, loving and compassionate. Rev. Alison welcomes you with open arms. If you are anxious about attending, as I initially was, my advice would be to come along and experience St Michaels for yourself. There is no pressure, no one is going to try and convert you or make you feel uncomfortable. They will just welcome you, as you are, and be there to help if you need it.

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# From The Registers

March 2025 - June 2025



## Funerals in April

Ernest Davies (CMC)  
Erica Brown (CB)  
Peter Jordan (CMC)  
Lilian Brown (CSC)  
Beryl Challinor (CSC)  
Keith Cornfield (CB)  
Heather Taplin (CB)

## Funerals in May

Bryan Lewis (BC)

## Funerals in June

Margaret Taylor (CMC)  
Paul Rogers (CCK)  
Mary Dukes (CSC)  
Ken Morris (CSC)

## Ashes in April

Beryl Vickers  
Sheila Roberts

## Ashes in June

Beryl Challinor  
Leslie Frampton

## Baptisms in April

Teddy Thomas  
Ophelia Baxter

## Baptisms in May

Ellis Crutchley

## Baptisms in June

Lara Webster  
Charlie Blackwell

## Baptisms in July

Edward Woodhouse  
Sophie Webster  
Isabella Webster  
Bobby Webster

## Weddings in July

Frank Griffiths  
and Tammi Simon

## Confirmations in July

Emily Roberts  
Sebastian Austin  
Hollie Dawson  
Michael Taylor  
Ari Niewedim  
Mia Charles  
Tate Williams

Church and Burial (CB), Church and Streetly Crematorium (CSC), Church and Mercia Crematorium (CMC),  
Graveside (GS), Bushbury Crematorium (BC), Cannock Crematorium (CCK), Streetly Crematorium (SC)



## Announcements from St Michael's



■ **Congratulations to Andy and Dana** on the birth of their **Grandson Seth Benjamin Appleby** Chantler. Seth was born on 16th April and weighed 7lb 7oz.

■ A **Happy Birthday to Jill Cumpston** for her **80th birthday** on 4th July. Congratulations to you Jill, sending our love.

■ **Happy Birthday to Sue Welch** on her **80th birthday** which was on 9th June. Congratulations to you Sue, sending our love.

■ **Congratulations to Susan and Nick Mansfield** on their **30th Wedding Anniversary (Pearl)** on 27th May 2025.

■ **Congratulations to Esme Morris** who has been awarded Grade 2 Drums Level 1 Award in Rock & Pop from the Trinity College London, well done!

*It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of two members of our congregation:*

■ **Beryl Challinor** passed away aged 92 in Northern Ireland. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, Helena, Philip and Tracey with their 2 sons.

■ **Ken Morris** passed away aged 87 on Wednesday 21st May in the Manor Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.  
*'May they 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)

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They are the church of today as well.



# Diddy Disciples

at St Michael's



## Teddy Bear Picnic

**Saturday 12th July 2pm-4pm**

Come and see how God loves our bears and us too!! Short church service followed with fun, games and food.

## Advance Notice!

## Back Pack Service

**Sunday 31st August 10am**

Calling all Diddy Disciples to this service. A whole family occasion for the church family to mark and pray for the beginning of a new school, or a new school term which September brings. Bring your back packs with you and Be Blessed and Be Loved and Be Encouraged.

## Pet Service

**Sunday 5th October 4pm**

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



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.

## Bonfire Party November

Our annual bonfire party date has yet to be decided and announced – more details later.

## Well Done To our walkers for Christian Aid

Toby and Isaac Martin participated in the sponsored walk for Christian Aid on 3rd May. Walking with a group of adults including Mom and Dad they raised a great deal of money. Thank you.

## Pentecost Sunday

Wind (pin wind wheels) and flames (red, orange and yellow streamers) were used by our Diddy Disciples to bring in the Holy Spirit to church. What a spectacular contribution as they learned about and experienced the work of the Holy Spirit.

## Family Funday

A huge thank you to all of our families who attended the amazing Funday Day on 10th June. Fun, fellowship and laughter filled the atmosphere as this inter-generational event was superbly organised and so well supported by church family and community. Congratulations to all involved!

## St. Michael's Art Competition

Diddy Disciples and our 3 local schools have been invited to take part in this competition over the summer months. Organised by Maureen Payton we are excited to see the entries, come on artists let's get started. More information in the autumn.

## Love your Burial Ground Week and Nature Count

What a wonderful eco-church generated project. Thank you to all three local schools who participated during the week. Pupils were very keen to explore the rich heritage of our locality with the national nature count. A huge thank you to the church volunteers who helped with the organisation.

## 'Question Corner'

### Why did God make people?

Another good question. If you talk to people who paint pictures, write books or make music, they will often say about what they have made: *"I put something of myself into that"*. And when God made people, he made them to show, in some way, a little bit of who he is. God likes making things: that's just who he is.





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