

# 'Happy Christmas'

## St John's and St Michael's Churches - Notices for Christmas

*Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11*

### St Michael's

**CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30pm HOLY COMMUNION:** Welcome to our service on the eve of our saviour's birthday. This evening's service is led by our Curate Vikki and our Vicar Matthew preaches. *Psalm 96 and John 1:1-14.*

**CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30am ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION:** A very warm welcome to you all on this very special morning as we join together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our service today is led by our Vikki and Matthew. *Psalm 96 and John 1:1-14*

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION:** A short Said Holy Communion led by Matthew.

### St John's

**CHRISTMAS EVE 4pm CRIB and CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - OUTSIDE:** A fun service for families. Get your Christmas off to a cracking start with carols and a walk-on nativity with children dressed as shepherds, angels or kings ending with the traditional Christingle. **(We aim to be outside but if heavy rain we may go indoors with all windows/doors open so please still come dressed appropriately - bring a mask too incase)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 11am ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION:** A warm welcome to you all on this very special morning as we join together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our service today is led by Matthew and James. *Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 2:8-18.*

**NO SERVICE SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>** (Joint service held at St Michael's at 9.30am)

**Please note:** Face masks are required by law within our churches. We will still continue to monitor the CO<sub>2</sub> levels at St John's and any extra ventilation will be carried out if necessary by the steward on duty. Thank you for continuing to support us in making our churches a safe place to be.

Below are the links to our website and to our YouTube channel live streaming our services at St John's at 11am (previous recordings will also be available to watch at your leisure).

<http://www.stjohnsmuxton.org.uk/home>

or <http://www.stmichaelslilleshall.org.uk/home/>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB6N81vubkdzSYD7rCPFw5Q>

**SoulSpeak** is a new and original way of exploring our own and others' values, beliefs and life choices. If the long winter nights are stretching out before you, how about coming along to St John's Church (Saltwells Drive) on **January 27** at 8pm to consider topics such as '**What does the future hold ?, Where have I come from and why am I here ? or What makes for a good life and Where does faith fit in with these things?**' For more information contact [admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk) or telephone 01952 670033

**CAP Donations - IMPORTANT REMINDER-** we have changed our bank account and so all regular donors need to change over the details of their donations to our new account asap please. You should have already received either an email or letter from Rita Church about this. You will also need to fill in a new gift aid form. The forms are available in the entrance hall.

**CARETAKER/CLEANER ROLE AT ST JOHN'S:** Would this role suit you? or do you know anyone who may be interested? Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, day and evening 10 paid hours per week. Main outline of duties to include:-

- Preparing the room for hirers as required (will involve moving chairs (heavy) and tables)
- Opening and closing the building for hirers at predetermined times
- General cleaning

Please contact the church office for further details 670033 or [admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk)

### **REGULAR GROUPS/MEETINGS/RESOURCES/INFORMATION**

**TINY TOTS:** A Toddler group for parents/carers of under 5's taking place on Tuesday mornings from 10am during term time. (return 11<sup>th</sup> January)

**Calling all walkers!** We meet on a **Wednesday 10am** at St John's for a gentle, local walk of around an hour. All are welcome. Please contact Jo Lefroy for any further information on 01952 604281.

**FROGS:** We would like to invite our young people to attend FROGS. This is a youth group which is held weekly at St Swithun's church in Cheswardine. We have been working closely with FROGS for many years as we have attended Quinta together. Colin Barnett, a member of St Michael's, is currently a leader there. They meet every Tuesday from 7-9pm, for secondary school pupils and sixth formers. Please see Kathy Tagg or Matthew for information.

**WORSHIP LUNCH & MUSIC** takes place on the **first Thursday** of each month except January and August. (WLM takes place weekly during Lent) 12noon at St Michael's.

**POP IN FOR COFFEE** held at St Michael's on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month 10-12noon. (13<sup>th</sup> January)

**FORGET ME NOT FILMS:** Takes place usually on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of the month. The film will start at 10 am - please arrive any time from 9.45 am. If you have any questions, or to let us know you are coming, please contact Jo Lefroy on 01952 604281 or via the church office. (20<sup>th</sup> January).

**JOIN US 4 A CUPPA!** A monthly coffee morning held at St John's on a Friday between 11am - 1pm. Litter pickers are also invited to meet just before, litter pick the local area then return for a well earned cuppa! (21<sup>st</sup> January).

**sub:Zero/sub:Extra** our Youth Café currently held monthly on a Friday from 4pm (sub:Zero) and 6pm (sub:Extra).

**EARLY MORNING PRAYERS:** Are you an early bird? A group of us pray for the work of the church at 7.30am **every Thursday** morning. Join us for half an hour or part of the time on Zoom. Contact Matthew for the link.

Please join us for **Bible Reading/Discussion/Prayer** via **Zoom**, weekdays at 9am. The best way to access these is through the "Daily Prayer" app. available from The Church of England but if you want to follow from your Bible this is ok. Please contact Matthew who will give you the details to login.

**TELFORD STREET PASTOR** After 10 years of making a difference on the streets of Telford they are relaunching and urge you to consider....*Is God calling you to serve as a Street Pastor or Prayer Pastor?* If you would like to find out a little bit more about what is involved please either have a chat to Simon Trotman or Gill Steinert or see the poster at the end of these notices with further details.

**PRAYER CHAINS:** If you have any prayer requests please either text (preferable) Lisa 07739 522280 or Email: [west.familywest@btinternet.com](mailto:west.familywest@btinternet.com) or St Michael's prayer chain coordinator Chris R 07834162343 or 01952 604330 or Email: [scip@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:scip@blueyonder.co.uk)

**FACEBOOK** [www.facebook.com/stjohnsmuxton](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsmuxton) - please like our page and share our news stories with your friends.

Office Hours next week: Opens on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December only...

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday 9-3pm, Tuesday 9-12noon and Friday 9-4pm 01952 670033

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Matthew's Email: [matthew.lefroy@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:matthew.lefroy@tiscali.co.uk) (Usual day off Friday)

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**St Michael's - First reading is Psalm 96**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, 'The LORD reigns.' The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

<sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

### **St Michael's - Second reading is John 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Christmas Day St John's - First reading is Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

<sup>15</sup> "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour."

### **Second reading is Luke 2:8-18**

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.