

St John's and St Michael's Churches - Notices for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**St Michael's**

**9.30am MORNING WORSHIP + BAPTISM:** Welcome to our service today led by our vicar Matthew. Our reading today is *John 3:16-21*. We also offer a very warm welcome to Archie, and his family and friends, along with Charlie who are being baptised today.

Reading: **Katie**

Sidesperson: **Clive & Julie**

Coffee: **Katie & Lori**

**St John's**

**11am HOLY COMMUNION:** A very warm welcome to our service today, café style...Our theme for today is *What does the future hold?* Introducing our new course *SoulSpeak*. John 3:16. **Spark + SAS** are invited to join a table in their groups.

Reading: **Simon T** Prayers: **Val & Yvonne** Communion: **Judith** Sidesperson: **Moira & John** Coffee: **Val & Yvonne**

**6.30pm NOW WORSHIP** refreshments from 6.15pm. An extended time of contemporary worship followed by an informal talk and a chance to pray.

***Please note: Face masks are required by law within our churches. We will monitor the CO<sub>2</sub> levels at St John's and any necessary extra ventilation will be carried out 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

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

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

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

**LIGHT - CRÈCHE FOR 0-5s:** We are not currently able to offer a supervised crèche during our morning services at St John's due to a shortage of volunteers. However, the livestream of the service is broadcast in the Acorn Room (down the corridor on the right as you enter the building) where there are some toys and resources for young children. If you are a parent of a child/children under 5 and would like to sit with and supervise them in the Acorn room for any or all of the service then please feel free to do this. We hope, in the future, to be able to offer some supervised sessions for 0-5s.

**SPARK** for our young people aged 10 and above and **SAS** sessions for children aged 5-10 begins again **NEXT SUNDAY (16<sup>th</sup>)**.

**A message from Matthew and Jo** "Thank you so much for the many prayers Christmas cards, gifts and wishes that we have received. We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year."

**ST JOHN'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM** meets next on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January** 8pm in church.

Sadly **POP IN FOR COFFEE** at St Michael's on the **13<sup>th</sup> January** is now **Cancelled**.

**Singers and Players wanted!** Could you offer an hour during the week every so often to join a group of people who sing or play at a service for the residents of Cottage Christian Care home or the Cottage Care centre in Newport. If so, please email Joan Furlong of Churches Together in Newport at [joan.furlong.com@hotmail.com](mailto:joan.furlong.com@hotmail.com) to let her know of your interest.

**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

**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)

**CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY:** Can you believe it's been nearly 3 years since our last Church Weekend Away at The Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer? We are hoping to have another great time of fellowship and fun at the Centre in May/June 2022. Before we confirm any booking with them we need a minimum number of guests. We are therefore asking for **Expressions of Interest** ASAP from people who attend either St John's or St Michael's. This will not commit you to anything at this stage but it will give us an indication of whether we should proceed with booking the centre. We believe we can limit the cost PER FAMILY to about £300 (including activities), but as always we will support any member who may find this difficult. If you are interested or want to know a little bit more, please speak to Simon Hartridge, Matthew Lefroy or Lesley Trotman

**LUNCHCLUB** plans to meet next on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February** 12noon, 2 course lunch with refreshments £4. Please book your place by contacting Ann 604341 or via the church office 670033.

<u>Services and Rotas for next Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>)</u>	
SML - 9.30am Holy Communion and SJM - 8.15am GMS & 11am Morning Worship	
St John's	St Michael's
Reading: Julie H	Reading: Pam
Prayers: Andrew, Katharine & family	Sidesperson: Janet
Sidesperson: Dom, Martie & family	Coffee: Dave & Sue
Coffee: Terry & Jan	

*Isaiah 43:18 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!*

### 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. (returns 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. (No Pop In 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. Training sessions coming soon, here at St John's.

**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.

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

**Vikki's Email:** [revdayvik@gmail.com](mailto:revdayvik@gmail.com) (Normal day off Friday)

### **St Michael's - John 3:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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