

St John's and St Michael's Churches - Notices for Sunday 23rd January

St Michael's

9.30am MORNING WORSHIP: Good morning and welcome to our service today led by David. Matthew continues our new series "Going Deeper and Further" today talking about "Live simply". Matthew 6:25-34 and Mark 6:30-46

Reading: **Cedric**

Sidesperson: **Fran**

Coffee: **Dave & June**

St John's

11am HOLY COMMUNION: A warm welcome to our service today led by Vikki and Matthew talks to us as we continue our new series "Going Deeper and Further" with "Live simply". Matthew 6:25-34 and Mark 6:30-46

Reading: **Geoff D**

Prayers: **Simon & Lesley**

Sidesperson: **Terry & Jan**

Coffee: **Ann L & Chris K**

Please note: Face masks are still required to be worn within our churches. Reviewing our guidelines on a regular basis as the need arises. We monitor the CO₂ 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>

SPARK for our young people aged 10 and above and **SAS** sessions for children aged 5-10 takes place **TODAY**.

LIGHT - CRÛCHE 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.

PRAYERS: Recent prayer requests from Tearfund include **Afghanistan** - in the grip of a catastrophic food shortage - millions of people are going hungry. Thank God for the generosity of people who have given to Tearfund's Afghanistan Appeal, <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/afghanistan-emergency-appeal> that enabled local partners to reach 1,000 families recently with food and other essentials, such as hygiene items and blankets.

Tonga islands - the volcano and tsunami near Tonga and islands in the Pacific. Tearfund's partners via their New Zealand office are assessing the need and plan to provide food, water and other emergency supplies. Keep abreast of news updates via the media and pray imaginatively for the needs of those affected.

For more information go to <https://www.tearfund.org/get-involved/pray>.

ST JOHN'S PCC is due to meet next on **Monday 24th January 7.45pm (Please note new time)** at St John's in the main hall. (Separate email also sent).

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 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 **NEW START DATE 3RD FEBRUARY** 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 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

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 **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

CONTAGIOUS SUMMER 2022 - Bookings open 25th January 2022: There are two weeks to go before bookings open for Contagious 2022. Contagious summer events are Bible-centred, discipleship-focused and fun-filled residential weeks for children and young people. Further info in poster at the bottom of these notices www.contagious.org.uk

DID YOU RECEIVE SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS YOU DON'T NEED? Please donate them to help raise vital funds to end the heartbreak of dementia! Drop off any 'new' items to Barker Healey on the high street in Newport and these will be used throughout the year in fundraising for Alzheimer's Research UK.

The **EVANGELISM TEAM** are due to meet on **Monday 31st January** at 7.45pm and the 'Word around Muxton' subcommittee on **Tuesday 1st February** at 7pm.

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: We are back this year with our popular **FILM FEST** for our young people. We plan to hold this event on **Friday 18th/Saturday 19th February**. Further info to follow.

BAKERS WANTED: Do you like baking and would like to earn a little bit of pocket money with a great social outlet. Newport Indoor Market is looking for bakers. Please speak to Naomi on 670031 for further information.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY: Back by popular demand, *Date Night in a Box* is the perfect chance for couples to do just that. This date night with a difference is everything couples need to start 2022 on the same page - they will even send out a mystery box of goodies to enjoy on the night and spark inspiration for future dates throughout the year. Pick a date night that suits you or give the gift of quality time to someone special this Valentine's Day with a *Date Night in a Box* gift voucher. [Click here for information](https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online-2)
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[Services and Rotas for next Sunday \(30th\)](#)

[SML - 9.30am Holy Communion and SJM - 11am Morning Worship](#)

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| St John's | St Michael's |
| Reading: Yvonne | Reading: Jo |
| Prayers: The Rawson family | Sidesperson: Cedric |
| Communion (assisting if required): N/A | Coffee: Clive & Julie |
| Sidesperson: Pete & Julie | |
| Coffee: Jo & Lucy H | |

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

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.

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 7.30-9pm**, for secondary school pupils and sixth formers. Please see Kathy 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. (3rd February)

POP IN FOR COFFEE held at St Michael's on the **2nd Thursday** of the month 10-12noon. (10th February)

FORGET ME NOT FILMS: Takes place usually on the **3rd 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. (1th February)

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! (18th February)

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

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 or St Michael's prayer chain coordinator Chris R 07834162343 or 01952 604330 or Email: scip@blueyonder.co.uk

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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 (Usual day off Friday)

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

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Mark 6:30-46

³⁰ The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. 'This is a remote place,' they said, 'and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.'

³⁷ But he answered, 'You give them something to eat.'

They said to him, 'That would take more than half a year's wages^[a]! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?'

³⁸ 'How many loaves do you have?' he asked. 'Go and see.'

When they found out, they said, 'Five - and two fish.'

³⁹ Then Jesus told them to make all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

Christians Against Poverty offers a FREE Debt Help service to clients across Telford helping to free people from the crippling impacts of debt



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in March 2022

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For more info, contact: Jane Preston
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All donations to Telford CAP Debt Centre

Save the Date

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| CENTRAL | | Kingham Hill School, Oxon 23rd - 29th July 2022 | | |
| EAST | | Culford School, Bury St Edmunds 20th-26th Aug 2022 | | Royal Hospital School, Ipswich 20th-26th Aug 2022 |
| SCOTLAND /NORTH | | Barnard Castle School, Durham 24th - 30th July 2022 | | |
| WEST | | Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster 6th - 12th Aug 2022 | | |
| ADVENTURE | | Kingham Hill School, Oxon 6th - 12th August 2022 | | |

<https://contagious.org.uk>

- **Contagious ADVENTURE** (8-11 years) **"Yes in Christ!"** Jesus makes all of God's promises come true!
- **Contagious GO** (11-14 years) **"Chosen"** - The life of David that points us to Christ.
- **Contagious MAX** (14-19 years) **"Revelation"** - The beginning and the end.
- **Contagious CREW** (19-21 years) Our young adult Training Programme