

St John's and St Michael's Churches - Notices for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**St Michael's**

**9.30am HOLY COMMUNION:** Welcome to our service this morning led by Matthew. Jon continues our series "Going Deeper and Further" looking at 'Celebrate' Nehemiah 8:8-12 and Philippians 4:4-9.

Reading: **David L**

Sidesperson: **Janet**

Coffee: **Katie & Lori**

**St John's**

**11am: MORNING WORSHIP:** A warm welcome to our service today led by John. Jon continues our series "Going Deeper and Further" today talking about 'Celebrate' Nehemiah 8:8-12 and Philippians 4:4-9.

Reading: **Yvonne**

Prayers: **Val & Yvonne**

Sidesperson: **Geoff & Mary**

Coffee: **Val & Yvonne**

**6.30pm HEALING SERVICE:** Good evening and welcome to our quiet reflective evening service.

*Please note:* Although the requirement to wear masks in indoor spaces has been dropped we and the government are still suggesting that masks continue to be worn for the time being. If you do not wish to wear a mask in church, we ask if you could be sensitive to others around you and sit to the left hand side (facing the front).

*We monitor the CO<sub>2</sub> levels at St John's with any extra ventilation being carried out by the steward on duty if necessary. Thank you for continuing to support us in keeping our churches as safe as we can.*

*If you feel you are able to help out with AV, or know someone who can, please let Simon H know. Little technical understanding is required, training will be provided, there is a commitment to be at church by 10am to help set up.*

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>

**CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY:** WE ARE going away 😊 for the weekend of 10-12<sup>th</sup> June to the Pioneer Centre in Cleobury Mortimer. The cost of the weekend is £135 per adult (young people go free for food and board...yay!!) plus an additional small charge for any activities you would like to take part in, but as always we DO NOT want the cost to stop you and we will support any member who may find this difficult. Please complete your booking form **as soon as possible** as we will be paying the deposit this week.

**SoulSpeak**, our new and original way of exploring our own and others' values, beliefs and life choices continues this **Thursday** 8pm at St John's 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?'

**EASTER ROCK MUSICAL:** This is the moment we have all been waiting for!!! You are invited to get involved in the **Easter Rock Musical, 'ROCK'**. Many opportunities for solo parts and/or chorus. Still time to join in...meeting on Wednesdays **5:30 - 6:30** at St John's Church. Every voice qualifies irrelevant of experience so please come along! Contact Anne Plant on 07583 111835 more information.

**WORD AROUND MUXTON** sub group are meeting on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7pm.**

Our next **GMS** breakfast which takes place **next Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> at 8.15am)** will be a CAP fundraiser with pancakes;

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** starts tomorrow **21<sup>st</sup> Feb - 6<sup>th</sup> Mar** and on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** we will be raising funds for CAP with pancakes during **GMS** and also after the service using some Fair trade ingredients.

**LUNCHCLUB:** We have made the decision to post pone the next **Lunchclub** until **APRIL**...therefore **no lunchclub** in March.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Our annual joint memorial service is due to take place at St Michael's on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 4pm.. Please email/call Lesley to add any names to the remembrance list.

**COULD YOU BE A STREET PASTOR?** Ordinary people doing an extraordinary thing. Come and see without any obligation on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-4pm** at Dawley Baptist Church. For more info and to book a place call 07584 029519 or email [telford@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:telford@streetpastors.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION:** We have booked Bishop Sarah to come to take a confirmation service at St John's on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at 11.00 am. If you are interested in being confirmed or would just like to find out more about what it means then please speak to Matthew or Vikki. Information about preparation will appear shortly.

**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.

**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)

<u><a href="#">Services and Rotas for next Sunday (27th)</a></u> SML - 9.30am Morning Worship and SJM - 8.15am GMS and 11am Holy Communion	
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Reading: <b>Nigel</b>	Reading: <b>Fran</b>
Prayers: <b>Jo</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Clive &amp; Julie</b>
Communion (assisting if required): <b>Jan</b>	Coffee: <b>Dave &amp; June</b>
Sidesperson: <b>John &amp; Wendy</b>	
Coffee: <b>Colin &amp; Judith</b>	

**Proverbs 16:9** *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.*

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

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

**LIGHT - CRÈCHE FOR 0-5S:** The livestream of the St John's service is broadcast in the Acorn Room (down the corridor on the right as you enter the building) for parents of under 5's, with toys also available. We hope, in the future, to be able to offer some supervised sessions for 0-5s.

**ST JOHN'S 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 and weekly during Lent 12noon at St Michael's. (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Ash Wednesday then weekly during Lent)

**A NOVEL IDEA** Join our reading club at St John's 7.30pm on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month.

**POP IN FOR COFFEE** held at St Michael's on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month 10-12noon. (No pop in during Lent)

**FORGET ME NOT FILMS:** Takes place usually on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of the month at St John's. 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. (17<sup>th</sup> March)

**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! (18<sup>th</sup> March)

**sub:Zero/sub:Extra** our Youth Café currently held monthly on a Friday from 4pm (sub:Zero) and 6pm (sub:Extra) at St John's. (4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March)

**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)

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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)

Matthew is away during half term

## **St Michael's and St John's and readings**

### **Nehemiah 8:8-12**

<sup>8</sup> They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear<sup>[a]</sup> and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

<sup>9</sup> Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

<sup>11</sup> The Levites calmed all the people, saying, 'Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.'

<sup>12</sup> Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

### **Philippians 4:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.