

St John's and St Michael's Churches - Notices for Sunday 6th February

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: Good morning and a warm welcome to our service today led by Matthew. Jan returns to our series "Going Deeper and Further" today talking about 'Pray' Luke 18: 1-8 and John 17:20-26.

Reading: **Geoff**

Sidesperson: **John & Diane**

Coffee: **Fran**

St John's

11am MORNING WORSHIP: Good morning and welcome to our service today led by James. We return to our series "Going Deeper and Further" with Jan talking to us about 'Pray' Luke 18: 1-8 and John 17:20-26.

Reading: **Di**

Prayers: **Barbara**

Sidesperson: **Colin & Judith**

Coffee: **Pete & Julie**

Please note: With the end of the government's "Plan B" on Thursday, the requirement to wear masks in indoor spaces has been dropped. However the government and we 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 are still going to monitor the CO₂ 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.

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 - 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.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY: We are pleased to announce that WE ARE going away 😊 We have booked the Pioneer Centre at Cleobury Mortimer for the weekend of 10-12th June, at the moment we are the only group booked into the centre. 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 in the next week.

SoulSpeak has begun; this series is a new and original way of exploring our own and others' values, beliefs and life choices. Still time to join us at St John's Church (Saltwells Drive) **Thursdays** 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

CONFIRMATION: We have booked Bishop Sarah to come to take a confirmation service at St John's on **Sunday 11th 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.

HOUSEGROUP LEADERS are due to meet on **Monday 7th February** at 7.30pm.

POP IN FOR COFFEE takes place at St Michael's on **Thursday (17th)** Please note new date.....anytime between 10-12noon.

CONTAGIOUS SUMMER 2022 - Bookings NOW OPEN: Contagious summer events are Bible-centred, discipleship-focused and fun-filled residential weeks for children and young people. Further info GO TO www.contagious.org.uk or to book <https://contagious.brushfire.com/>

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

YOUTH - FILM FEST 2022: We are back this year with our popular **FILM FEST** for our young people. We plan to hold this event from **8pm Friday 18th to Saturday 19th February 8am**. Forms available now.

Our next reflective **HEALING SERVICE** takes place on **Sunday 20th February 6.30pm** at St John's.

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>

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: CAP Sunday 6th March with pancakes - **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 21st Feb - 6th Mar**

Services and Rotas for next Sunday (13th)

SML - 9.30am Morning Worship and 6.30pm Holy Communion and SJM - 11am Holy Communion

St John's	St Michael's
Reading: Roger	Reading: Angie
Prayers: Jane E	Sidesperson: 9.30am Geoff and 6.30pm Jean M
Communion (assisting if required): Barbara	Coffee: Dave & Sue
Sidesperson: Chris K	
Coffee: The Attrell family	

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

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 and weekly during Lent 12noon at St Michael's. (Wednesday 2nd March - Ash Wednesday then weekly during Lent)

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

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. (17th 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 + 18th 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

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/stjohnsmuxton - please like our page and share our news stories with your friends.

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)

St John's and St Michael's readings

Luke 18:1-8

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary."

⁴ 'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"'

⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

John 17:20-26

²⁰ 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - ²³ I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'

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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**Pancake Party
fundraiser**
in March 2022

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- Give your donation
- Relieve poverty



All donations to Telford CAP Debt Centre

For more info, contact: Jane Preston
t: 07910 779 345
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Join our reading group

FROM FEB 2022, 7.30PM

Meet on the 2nd Wed of the month

at St John's Church, Saltwells Drive, Muxton
Contact Heather Hedges on 01952 606241