

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - 6<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**St Michael's**

**9.30am MORNING WORSHIP:** A warm welcome to our service today led by Matthew. Vikki talks to us about 'Fast' as we continue our series "Going Deeper and Further" Isaiah 58:1-11 and Matthew 6:16-18.

Reading: **Fran**

Sidesperson: **Clive & Julie**

Coffee: **Dave & June**

**St John's**

**8.15am GOOD MORNING SUNDAY (GMS):** A good start to the day with God and be fed and ready to go by 9:15! Join us for breakfast at 8.15 am, the Sunday papers, conversation, prayer and reflection. CAP fundraiser with pancakes...don't forget your money.....

**11am: HOLY COMMUNION:** Welcome to our service this morning led by Matthew. Vikki continues our series "Going Deeper and Further" today talking about 'Fast' Isaiah 58:1-11 and Matthew 6:16-18.

Reading: **Nigel** Communion: **Jan (if required)** Prayers: **Jo** Sidesperson: **John & Wendy** Coffee: **Colin & Judith**

***Please note:*** Although the requirement to wear masks has been dropped we appreciate that some still may feel more comfortable wearing one ...Please be sensitive to those around you.

***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.***

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>

**OPEN FOR PRAYER:** From Sunday St Michael's will be open during the day for anyone who would like to pop in and pray especially for the situation in the Ukraine.

**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.

**EASTER ROCK MUSICAL:** Rehearsals are taking place on Wednesdays **5:30 - 6:30** at St John's Church. Contact Anne on 07583 111835 for more information.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** We will be raising funds for CAP with pancakes after the service next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>) using some Fair trade ingredients.

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

St John's will be having Pancakes after the service **next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>)** to raise funds for CAP...don't forget your money!!

**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.

The next meeting for the **Evangelism Sub:committee** - 'Word around Muxton' will take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm.

**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)

**STIR GATHERING** @ Telford Minister in Southwater Square, Telford on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7-9pm** with Revd David Whyte the Director of Youth Wesleyan Holiness Church.

UPDATE FROM CMS Mission Partners Lea and Petra Williams who are currently working in the Czech Republic... [Click here](#) for updates

**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>Services and Rotas for next Sunday (6th) - CAP SUNDAY</u> SML - 9.30am Holy Communion and 4pm Memorial Service and SJM 11am Morning Worship	
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Reading: <b>Steve</b>	Reading: <b>Scarlett</b>
Prayers: <b>Judith</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Cedric (4pm Fran)</b>
Communion (assisting if required): <b>N/A</b>	Coffee: <b>Clive &amp; Julie</b>
Sidesperson: <b>The Hambler family</b>	
Coffee: <b>John &amp; Moira</b>	

**1 Peter 5:7** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

#### **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.

**SoulSpeak**, our new and original way of exploring our own and others' values, beliefs and life choices continues **Thursdays** 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?'**

**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)

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

### Isaiah 58:1-11

**58** 'Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.

Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

<sup>3</sup> "Why have we fasted," they say, "and you have not seen it?"

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?"

'Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves?

Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> 'Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice

and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear;

then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I.

'If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

<sup>10</sup> and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

### **Matthew 6:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> 'When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.