

St John's and St Michael's Churches - Notices for Sunday 6th March
CAP SUNDAY

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: Welcome to our special CAP service today led by Matthew. Our CAP Debt Centre Manage Jane will be talking to us about Christians Against Poverty. *Luke 14:12-14*

Reading: **Scarlett**

Sidesperson: **Cedric**

Coffee: **Clive & Julie**

4pm MEMORIAL SERVICE: A very warm welcome to our annual joint service of remembering those we have loved who sadly aren't with us anymore. *Romans 8:31-39*. We invite you to light a candle in remembrance before the service begins.

Sidesperson: **Fran**

St John's

11am MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our CAP service this morning led by Matthew. Our very own CAP Debt Centre Manage Jane will be talking to us about Christians Against Poverty. *Luke 14:12-14*. We will be raising funds for CAP with pancakes after the service today, don't forget your money 😊

Reading: **Steve**

Prayers: **Judith**

Sidesperson: **The Hambler family**

Coffee: **John & Moira**

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 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>

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.

Sadly we have just heard the news that Audrey Merton passed away last weekend after a long illness. Audrey was a well known and loved member of St John's a number of years ago and left to join Chelsea Pensioners.

PRAYERS - WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE

To help in our prayers for Ukraine these ideas are from <https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365/>

- We ask God to intervene in challenging and difficult circumstances, and for God's kingdom to break out. Pray for the churches in both countries to be voice for peace and have the resources to help those in need.
- We ask God to comfort those who've suddenly found their lives torn apart by grief, fear and trauma, uncertainty and financial insecurity, and those acting to help those in need. The refugees, the wounded, those mourning loss, the soldiers, the emergency services.
- For the Russian people who have been plunged into the reality of war.
- We ask God to give clarity and wisdom to government agencies and peacemakers, blessing and supporting their efforts to bring peace, breakthrough and lasting solutions. Pray that troops from Russia will withdraw; that attacks on cities and towns will cease; for a de-escalation of the crisis. Invite God's peace to reign across Ukraine; for miraculous breakthroughs to bring an end to war.

Other prayer topics from <https://teafund.org>

- Pray for Ethiopia as it continues to face a hunger crisis and for tearfund and other agencies who are trying to help communities.
- Pray for Fairtrade Fortnight and an awareness of paying a fair price for the goods we consume and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as to how we can make changes in our lifestyles to support to support this.

DONATE FOR UKRAINE: We are holding a collection at both St Michael's and St John's for the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine on **Sunday 20th March**. You may wish to bring cash to donate in church on that day. You can also donate online through the websites of any charity that is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). Tear Fund, a charity that both our churches support, are part of the DEC. As well as giving

money we are currently working out how we can donate items (clothing, supplies) to help in the crisis and how they can be transported to the refugees that need them. More information very soon...

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY: ARE you joining us for our weekend way ☺ on 10-12th 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**.

During Lent **WORSHIP, LUNCH & MUSIC** at St Michael's takes place weekly on a **Thursday** at 12noon.

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

COULD YOU BE A STREET PASTOR? Ordinary people doing an extraordinary thing. Come and see without any obligation on **Saturday 12th 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

GMS Sunday 13th - Please could we have a volunteer to prepare and serve breakfast....

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: St John's and St Michael's Electoral Rolls are due to be revised. Please check to see if you are on the roll, please don't presume that you are. If you would like to go on the Roll to enable you to vote at the APCM or go on PCC etc then please fill in an application form in church. Return by **Friday 11th March**.

ST JOHNS BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM is due to meet on **Monday 14th March** @ 7.45pm in church.

The joint **SERVICE LEADING TEAM** is meeting next on **Monday 14th March** @ 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

The **EVANGELISM TEAM** are to meet next on **Monday 14th March** at 7.45pm.

FORGET ME NOT FILMS: Takes place on **Thursday 17th March** at St John's. The film will start at 10 am - please arrive any time from 9.45 am.

JOIN US 4 A CUPPA! Our monthly coffee morning held at St John's takes place on **Friday 18th March** between 11am - 1pm. Litter pickers are also invited to meet just before, litter pick the local area then return for a well earned cuppa!

ST MICHAEL'S PCC meeting takes place next on **Monday 21st March** 7.30pm in Church.

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

ST JOHN'S PCC is planning to meet next on **Monday 28th March**.

Take a look on the 'Care for the Family' website always lots of great events including 'Mum's Night Out'. www.cff.org.uk

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 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.

But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand.'
(Psalm 10:14)

<u>Services and Rotas for next Sunday (13th) -</u> SML - 9.30am Morning Worship and SJM 8.15am GMS and 11am Holy Communion With guest speaker James Lawrence from CPAS	
St Michael's	St John's
Reading: Jean	Reading: Brenda
Sidesperson: John & Diane	Prayers: David & Dorothy
Coffee: Fran	Communion (assisting if required): Simon T
	Sidesperson: Alasdair
	Coffee: The Trotmans

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.

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. (Weekly during Lent)

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.

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

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

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!

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. (18th 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.

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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St Michael's and St John's reading - Luke 14:12-14 (NIVUK)

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Memorial Service - Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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