

St John's and St Michael's Churches - Notices for Sunday 20th March

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: Jane leads our service this morning and Robyn talks to us about confession, what it means to confess. 1 John 1:5-10 and Mark 1:1-5

6.30pm EVENING PRAYER (BCP): Welcome to our service this evening led by Matthew.

Reading: **Ann J**

Sidesperson: 9.30am **Fran** 6.30pm **Fran**

Coffee: **Dave & Sue**

St John's

11am MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our service today led by Vikki. This morning James talks to us about 'Worship' John 4:19-26 and Luke 18:9-14

Sidesperson: **Steve & Heather**

Reading: **Simon H**

Coffee: **Simon & Julie**

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>

PRAYERS - WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE

- To help in our prayers for Ukraine these ideas are from <https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365/>. Please add your own specific requests as you hear and watch the news.
- 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.

Please keep up-to-date on other world prayer topics from <https://teafund.org/pray> or better still why not sign up to receive 'One Voice in Prayer'. This is a regular weekly email that Tearfund send out every Friday.

DONATE FOR UKRAINE - TODAY: We are holding a collection at both St Michael's and St John's for the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine **TODAY**. You can donate cash or we do have a card reader we can use. 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. and how they can be transported to the refugees that need them.

We have been informed a local church is collecting urgently needed items to be distributed via the Red Cross. We will email the drop off details next week but in the meantime these are the items needed: Baby Milk & Baby Clothes (12 months and under), baby blankets, nappies and baby bottles. Calpol, Paracetamol, First Aid Kits, bandages and PPE. Dried foods (such as Pot Noodles, Cuppa Soups, Cereal, biscuits etc), childrens juice cartons. Toiletries: sanitary wear, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors and shaving soap, deodorant, soap bars. New underwear. Torches & Batteries Paper Plates and Cups and Cleaning Products, Warm Hats & Scarves **NO** other TEXTILES PLEASE.

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.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: Our Electoral Roll is NOW revised and displayed. **No** additions can be made now until after the APCM. **Thank you**

ST MICHAEL'S PCC meeting takes place **tomorrow evening** (21st) 7.30pm in Church

ST JOHN'S PCC is planning to meet next on **Monday 28th March** at **St John's Church 8pm**. Please note new time for this meeting.

LUNCHCLUB takes place next on **Friday 1st April** at 12noon. No need to book but maybe helpful to do so.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** takes place on **Sunday 3rd April** during our 9.30am service at Lilleshall and 11am service at Muxton. We will be hearing about the life of our churches in 2021, elect Church Wardens and PCC members. Vacancies:- **SJM** Church Wardens: 2 one year vacancies (Applications to be received before the commencement of the meeting) PCC: 4 vacancies for three years and 2 one year posts for Deanery Synod Representatives. **SML**: - Church Wardens: 2 one year vacancies (Applications to be received before the commencement of the meeting) PCC: 2 vacancies for three years and 2 vacancies for one year. Please consider whether these posts maybe for you... Pick up an application form.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Vikki's priesting service is **Saturday June 18th**, 6pm at the 'New' Telford Minster. More details to follow ...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Easter Bake Off - Judging 10th April...ROCK - A Rock Gospel Musical 16th April 7.30pm

A NOTE FROM VIKKI - Thank you to everyone who was able to take part in my research project. I will be looking at the data over the coming months and writing my dissertation which will be submitted mid August. Once I have had the dissertation marked and confirmed I look forward to sharing my findings with you later in the year.

CAP head office is recruiting for a 'Director of Church Engagement & Network'... The location can be anywhere and not necessarily Bradford. Take a look [here](#) for further details.

Psalms 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Services and Rotas for next Sunday (27th Mothering Sunday) - SML - 9.30am Morning Worship and SJM 11am Holy Communion	
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Reading: Wayne	Reading: Vicky
Sidesperson: Clive & Julie	Prayers: Tagg family
Coffee: Janet M	Communion (assisting if required): Volunteer
	Sidesperson: Simon & Julie
	Coffee: Vicky & Di

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.

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. (14th April)

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! (8th April)

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 & 1st April)

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

St Michael's

First Reading - 1 John 1:5-10

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Second Reading - Mark 1:1-5

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way' -

³ 'a voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."'

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

St John's

First reading - John 4:19-26

¹⁹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹ 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'

²⁵ The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you - I am he.'

Second reading - Luke 18:9-14

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

¹³ 'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

¹⁴ 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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