

St John's and St Michael's Churches

Notices for Sunday 24th April and 1st May

24th April

St Michael's

9.30am MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our service this morning led by David. We also offer a very warm welcome to our guest speaker Rev Chris Densham who is the Ecumenical Mission Enabler for Telford and Shropshire. What might a post-Covid Church look like? As we emerge from the pandemic, what wisdom can we glean from the experience of God's Old Testament people as they are told "you have never been on this road before"? Joshua 3:1-6 and Mark 16:1-7.

Reading: **Pam**

Prayers: **David L**

Sidesperson: **John & Diane**

Coffee: **Dave & June**

FYI there is a 'Nones' service at the Abbey if anyone would like to join Geoff who will be there by 2-45 pm. This service commemorates the Augustinian monks work in this island and is traditional language.

St John's

11am HOLY COMMUNION: Good morning and welcome to our service today led by Jane. We also offer a very warm welcome to our guest speaker Rev Chris Densham who is the Ecumenical Mission Enabler for Telford and Shropshire. Joshua 3:1-6 and Mark 16:1-7 What might a post-Covid Church look like? As we emerge from the pandemic, what wisdom can we glean from the experience of God's Old Testament people as they are told "you have never been on this road before"?

Sidesperson: **Geoff & Mary**

Reading: **Lisa/Nigel**

Communion: **Judith**

Prayers: **Jane E**

Coffee: **Terry & Jan**

1st May

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: A very warm welcome our service today led by Matthew and Vikki.

Reading: **Gill R**

Sidesperson: **Cedric**

Coffee: **Katie & Laurie**

St John's

11am MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our service today led by James and Vikki.

Sidesperson: **Dave & Sue**

Reading: **Julie S**

Prayers: **Vicky**

Coffee: **Dave & Sue**

***St John's - Please note:** A little reminder we would like you to wear face masks if you sit on the right hand side of church, left hand side optional. Thank you as 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>

Church office closed from 3pm Monday 25th April until Friday 6th May 9am

UKRAINE APPEAL: Thank you to all who responded to the Ukraine Appeal. We are pleased to say we have received £1067.56 which includes monies from 'Rock', Join Us and donations from handmade cards. This has been split equally between DEC and Kreativitiy. If you still wish to donate monies to the Ukraine please go direct to DEC by clicking [Here](#)

New **READING/PRAYERS/SUNDAY MORNING ROTAS** now in your pigeon holes ...please check. If you are unavailable for your duty please can you arrange a swap and let Lesley know in the office. Thank you for all you do to help in this ministry. It is really appreciated.

ST JOHNS & ST MICHAELS WEBSITE: Please could all group leaders check our website and make sure all your info is as up to date as possible...we do try to keep on top of it but rely on you to update us of any changes. Please try to keep as general as possible so that info will not get out of date so quickly.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: **Contagious** are looking to fill a role in the Operations Team....Do have a heart for youth and children's ministry? Have you got administration gifts? Do you have experience of working with volunteers? Do you enjoy being in a team and working from home? Then maybe this is a job for you. They are looking for a new **Operations Manager** to oversee the administration of Contagious. Closing date for applications is 12noon **TOMORROW (25th)**. Please email Lesley on admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk who will be able to send you further information inc salary.

A new monthly **Filling Station** 'Haughmond and Wrekin' is starting **tomorrow evening (25th)** 7.15pm (for 7.30pm) in Withington Village Hall SY4 4QA. Informal worship, teaching from Rev Kevin Roberts, and an opportunity for ministry and prayer. It will be every fourth Monday at the same time and same venue. For more information do ring Rev Andy Ackroyd 01952 252078 or look at <https://thefillingstation.org.uk>

CAP: Would anyone be interested in training to become a CAP money coach? Several online training dates - first one is **Saturday 21 May 09:15am - 12:45pm**. Please contact janepreston@capuk.org asap if you are interested.

EVANGELISM TEAM (Sub-Groups) are due to meet on **Wednesday 27th April** at 7pm and **Monday 16th May** also at 7pm.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JANET GIBBS takes place at St John's on **5th May** at 12noon followed by a buffet lunch. All welcome please RSVP to her daughter Natalie by 21st April 07941000374 or natalie.h.taylor@gmail.com

WORSHIP, LUNCH & MUSIC takes place on **Thursday 5th May** at 12noon. All welcome.

St John's next **Lunchclub** takes place on **Friday 6th May** at 12noon.

ST JOHNS BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM meets next on **Monday 9th May** 8pm in Church.

POP IN FOR COFFEE held at St Michael's takes place on **Thursday 12th May** from 10-12noon.

Join us for a special Platinum Jubilee edition of **JOIN US 4 A CUPPA!** on **Friday 13th May** between 12-2pm. £6 to include lunch, cake, fizz and more.....Dress to impress - red, white and blue. Litter pickers are also invited to meet just before, litter pick the local area then return for a well earned cuppa!

ST MICHAEL PCC: The newly elected PCC members are meeting on **Monday 16th May** 7.30pm in church.

The newly elected **St John's PCC** will be meeting on **Monday 23rd May** 7.45pm in church.

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

<u>Services and Rotas for Sunday 8th May</u>	
SML - 9.30am Morning Worship & 6.30pm Now Worship and SJM 11am Holy Communion	
St Michael's	St John's
Reading: Cedric	Reading: Simon T
Sidesperson: Fran and 6.30pm Volunteer	Prayers: Volunteer please
Coffee: Dave & Sue	Communion (assisting if required): Simon T
	Sidesperson: Alasdair
	Coffee: Val & Yvonne

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.

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. *We are now at capacity. Please contact the church office if you would like us to let you know when there is space.*

POP IN FOR COFFEE held at St Michael's on the 2nd **Thursday** of the month 10-12noon.

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. (19th May).

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! (13th May)

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. (6th & 20th May)

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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Matthew's Email: matthew.lefroy@tiscali.co.uk (Usual day off Friday)

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

First Reading - Joshua 3:1-6

3 Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. ² After three days the officers went throughout the camp, ³ giving orders to the people: 'When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. ⁴ Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits^[a] between you and the ark; do not go near it.'

⁵ Joshua told the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.'

⁶ Joshua said to the priests, 'Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.' So they took it up and went ahead of them.

Second Reading - Mark 16:1-7

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'