

St John's and St Michael's Churches

Notices for Sunday 22nd May

St Michael's

9.30am MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our service today led by Matthew. Jon talks to us about 'Why Bother with Church - Why do we need the Church?' John 17:6-19 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-27.

Reading: **David L**

Sidesperson: **Janet**

Coffee: **Clive & Julie**

St John's

11am HOLY COMMUNION: A warm welcome to our service today led by Matthew. Jon talks to us about 'Why Bother with Church - Why do we need the Church?' John 17:6-19 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-27.

Sidesperson **Terry & Jan** Reading: **Geoff D** Prayers: **Simon & Lesley** Communion: **Vicky** Coffee: **Ann L & Chris K**

MESSAGE FROM ROGER "Thank you to everyone so much for your lovely card and for your book of morning prayers last Sunday. I was deeply touched and very grateful for your kind and thoughtful words. Thank you, too, for the help, support and prayers from everyone after Monika died. Many in our wonderful church community were a great strength to me. I am now looking forward to Monday when I join the ranks of the In-Pensioners and I will also look forward to returning at regular intervals to see you all."

St John's - Please note: A little reminder we would like you to wear face masks if you sit on the far right hand side of church. 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.

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>

WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE: PRAYERS

As Tearfund continues to support families across Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya, please pray for an end to global poverty.

- Lift up families who are hungry; pray for provision of nourishing food and clean water.
- Ask God to bring the rainfall that is needed to parts of Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya. Pray that this will lead to abundant harvests and for water sources to spring up again closer to communities.
- Pray for increased resources for Tearfund so that we can reach even more people in need.

Global food prices skyrocket

- The United Nations has warned that the global price of food is at a record high. This is partly due to the conflict in Ukraine. The increase is worsening the hunger crises in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East. Pray for relief efforts by Tearfund and other charities to alleviate hunger. Pray for a global solution to tackle this crisis

How hope is being kept alive amid brutal violence in Nigeria

- 'We believe that God is sovereign over everything that is happening in Nigeria,' shares Joseph Aloo, who leads Tearfund's work in Nigeria. 'Although the violence that has plagued our people for years can be overwhelming, God is in control and our team is partnering with God to bring transformation. Lives are being changed. We want you to be encouraged with stories of hope and invite you to pray for peace in Nigeria.'

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th - 21st MAY: For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. By supporting our fundraising with whatever you can afford, Christian Aid partners could help people learn how to sow drought tolerant crops, learn how to grow food in dry seasons and build a storeroom to preserve food and bounce back from future droughts. Please give today, and help these people provide food - and hope - for her family. Thank you! Click [here](#) to donate to our 'Christian Aid Week' giving page. We also have a few leaflets if you would like to deliver in your street?

The newly elected **St John's PCC** will be meeting **TOMORROW** evening **7.45pm** in church.

WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE is due to meet next on **Tuesday 24th May** 7.30pm at the home of Geoff & Sue.

EVANGELISM Sub group - Newspaper are meeting next on **Wednesday 25th May** at 7pm.

BUNTING/FLAGS: Before we purchase any decorations for our jubilee party I was just wondering if anyone has any bunting/flags etc we could maybe use.... please see Lesley.

Our next **Filling Station** is **Monday 23rd May**, 7.30pm, The **new venue** is RODINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHREWSBURY, SY4 4QS. It is the next village to Withington our original venue. Our speaker is 'Hellie Brunt' who is part of the Filling Station team. All welcome. Informal worship, teaching and an opportunity for ministry and prayer. For more information do ring Rev Andy Ackroyd 01952 252078 or look at <https://thefillingstation.org.uk>

Plans are coming along nicely for our **JUBILEE PARTY** planned on **Saturday 4th June** from 2pm. Including stalls, games, live music, bouncy castle, licensed bar, ice cream van and screening of the concert in the evening....Lots of leaflets on the welcome table...please tell your friends and neighbours...spread the word 😊

FYI Muxton Lane will be closed from **12noon on Sunday 5th June** for a street party therefore no vehicular access onto the Muxton lane/Fieldhouse drive section.

VIKKI'S PRIESTING SERVICE takes place on **Saturday June 18th**, 6pm at the 'New' Telford Minster. More details will follow nearer the time.

Applications for **2023 MINISTRY EXPERIENCE SCHEME** is now open. You may have seen on our website and social media the details of the Ministry Experience Scheme in West Bromwich. The scheme is for women and men aged 18-30. During the course of the year participants will have the opportunity to experience parochial ministry alongside pioneer ministry, schools and children's ministry, chaplaincy and much more, mentored by an experienced incumbent. If you know any young people in your congregation or contexts who would benefit from the scheme, please direct them to our website: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/ministry-experience-scheme>. For further information and details on how to apply please contact the Bishops' Director of Ordinands: romita.shrisunder@lichfield.anglican.org

CARE FOR THE FAMILY: There's just one week left to book into the last of their spring online events, and we think our church family will find them really inspiring, informative and uplifting. There's something for everyone - couples, families and singles. Click [here](#) for further info.

Nahum 1:7 The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,

<u>Services and Rotas for Sunday 29th May</u>	
SML - 9.30am Morning Worship & 6.30pm Holy Communion and SJM 11am Morning Worship (Guest speaker)	
St Michael's	St John's
Reading: Scarlett	Reading: Volunteer please
Sidesperson: 9.30am & 6.30pm Fran	Prayers: Vicky
Coffee: Fran	Communion (assisting if required):
	Sidesperson: Pete & Julie
	Coffee: Volunteer please + Lucy

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** (Does not normally take place on the second Sunday).

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. (3rd June)

Local **dementia friendly strolls** every **2nd and 4th Wednesday** from May until October at 11.30am meeting at The Hub Community Café, 138 High Street in Newport. (See poster on notice board)

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.* (8th June).

POP IN FOR COFFEE held at St Michael's on the 2nd **Thursday** of the month 10-12noon. (9th June)

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. (16th June).

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! (15th July))

sub:Zero/sub:Extra our Youth Café currently held on the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month during term time. 4pm (sub:Zero) and 6pm (sub:Extra) at St John's. (3rd June)

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.

A monthly **Filling Station** 'Haughmond and Wrekin' takes place on the fourth Monday of each month 7.15pm (for 7.30pm) The **new venue** is RODINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHREWSBURY, SY4 4QS. It is the next village to Withington our original venue. Informal worship, teaching and an opportunity for ministry and prayer. For more information do ring Rev Andy Ackroyd 01952 252078 or look at <https://thefillingstation.org.uk>

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 - John 17:6-19

⁶ I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of ^[b] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ 'I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by^[ed] the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:14-27

¹⁴ And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.



JUBILEE PARTY

Screening the Buckingham Palace Concert in the evening

SAT 4th JUNE
from 2pm at St John's Church

- Stalls
- Games
- Bouncy castle
- Live music
- Licensed bar
- Ice cream van

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