

St John's and St Michael's Churches

Notices for Sunday 29th May

St Michael's

9.30am MORNING WORSHIP: Good morning and welcome to our service today led by David. Jan continues our sermon series '*Why bother with Church*' today talking about '*Whose Church is it anyway?*' Matthew 16:13-20 and Ephesians 2:19-22.

Reading: Scarlett Sidesperson: John & Diane Coffee: Janet

6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION: Welcome to our service this evening led by Matthew.

Sidesperson: Fran

St John's

11am MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our service today led by Barbara. Jan continues our sermon series '*Why bother with Church*' today talking about '*Whose Church is it anyway?*' This morning we also offer a very warm welcome to our guests Keith and Joy Holder from EdPlus (SJ Mission of the Year) who work with children and young people in Costa Rica. Matthew 16:13-20 and Ephesians 2:19-22

Sidesperson Pete & Julie Reading: Steve Prayers: Vicky Coffee: Lesley & Lucy

...Following a decision at Monday's PCC meeting we will no longer have a separate area for those who wish to wear a mask. We will continue to ventilate church and monitor CO2 levels. Please be respectful to those who feel more comfortable wearing masks.

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.'

URGENT help required! Our Tots group is growing fast which is fabulous news but we are in need of helpers! Could you offer a couple of hours once a month on a Tuesday morning ? Please contact Matthew, Jan or Les

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers to 'man' the bouncy castle at our Jubilee party. It will be for either a half hour or a hour slot, depending on the amount of volunteers we get. The main jobs will be to accept the money and just keep a watchful eye to make sure all is well and not too many on the bouncy castle. **Please see Lesley who will add you to the Rota.**

WORSHIP, LUNCH & MUSIC takes place **this Thursday (2nd)** at St Michael's. Please join us at 12noon. All welcome.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE CRESSWELLS: Dear friends, family and valued colleagues, Having shared the news with our congregations, we are pleased to announce that I have accepted an invitation to serve as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Bradley Stoke, in the Diocese of Bristol. I will be looking after two churches (Christ the King and Holy Trinity) which cover the town of Bradley Stoke, 6 miles north of Bristol city centre. We will be very sad to leave the parishes of Shawbury, Stanton and Moreton Corbet, and will treasure fond memories of our four years here, but feel strongly that God is calling us to this move. Our last Sunday here will be 24th July. Please pray for us as we prepare to say our goodbyes, and for the five churches affected by this news. With our prayers and kind regards, Rich.

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 😊

Our next **POP IN FOR COFFEE** held at St Michael's takes place on **Thursday 9th June** 10-12noon.

A MEN'S BREAKFAST takes place on **Saturday 12th June** 8.30am at The Whitehouse Hotel in Muxton. Please let Charlie or Lesley know you are coming. All 'men' very welcome.

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

Our next reflective **HEALING SERVICE** takes place on **Sunday 19th June** 6.30pm at St Michael's.

VISITING SPEAKER: On **Sunday 26th June** we are welcoming a speaker from Compassion to both our morning services. Compassion organise the sponsorship of children in developing countries. We are aware that some of you may already support Compassion and our speaker has asked us to let him know the level of support for the charity there already is on both churches. If you sponsor a child through Compassion and are happy to share this information with them could you let David Pierce (head of World Church and Justice Group) or Matthew Lefroy know within the next couple of weeks?

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Hear the Word of the Lord: Matthew's Gospel **Wednesday 21st September** at Telford Minster 10.30am-4pm. Hosted by the Mission Team and Telford Minster. Hear the whole gospel read through from start to finish with people from across the diocese - an amazing way to experience the message and bring the gospel to life as early Christians might have done. This celebration of Matthew's gospel is open to anyone. *Your vicar Matthew will be reading a chapter.....Tea and Coffee throughout the day. A Soup and bread lunch will be provided by Telford Minster.*

Details and booking at <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/getting-ready-for-matthew.php>

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

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Services and Rotas for Sunday 5th June

SML - 10.45am Jubilee Service & 6.30pm Holy Communion and **SJM** 11am Morning Worship

St Michael's

St John's

Reading: Geoff

Reading: Moira

Sidesperson: **10.45am** John & Diane & 6.30pm Jean

Prayers: Barbara

Coffee: Janet

Communion (assisting if required):

Sidesperson: Colin & Judith

Coffee: Pete & Julie

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.

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.

A MEN'S BREAKFAST takes place on the **second Saturday** of each month 8.30am at The Whitehouse Hotel in Muxton. Either contact Charlie via messaging or let Lesley know you are coming. All 'men' very welcome.

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.

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/> (27th June)

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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First Reading - Matthew 16:13-20

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

14 They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

15 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

17 Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' **20** Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:19-22 Living Bible

19 Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

20 What a foundation you stand on now: the apostles and the prophets; and the cornerstone of the building is Jesus Christ himself! **21** We who believe are carefully joined together with Christ as parts of a beautiful, constantly growing temple for God. **22** And you also are joined with him and with each other by the Spirit and are part of this dwelling place of God.