

St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 31st July

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: Welcome to our service today led by Matthew. As it's the fifth Sunday we look at 'Questions people ask'...today asking 'Is spiritualism harmful for Christians?' 2 Kings 17:14-18 and Mark 1:21-28.

Sidesperson: **Geoff**
e: **Dave & Sue**

Reading: **Katie**

Coffee:

St John's

8.15am Good Morning Sunday (GMS): Start the day with God from 8.15 am, the Sunday papers, conversation, prayer and reflection.

11am HOLY COMMUNION: A warm welcome to our service today led by Vikki. On the fifth Sunday we look at 'Questions people ask'...today asking 'Is spiritualism harmful for Christians?' 2 Kings 17:14-18 and Mark 1:21-28.

Sidesperson:

L Reading: **Vicky** Communion: **Pam** Prayers: **(Jan)** Coffee: **Attrell family**

Ann

Please note: The 11am service at St John's is livestreamed so you may appear on YouTube if you pass in front of the camera (usually located by the emergency exit door at the far end).

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>

What's happening and news over the next few weeks

WEEKEND AWAY 2023: We had such a great weekend away in June we have booked the next one 23rd-25th June...To enable more people to participate we have for the first time been able to reserve the accommodation that is nearest the canteen so only a very short walk (and not uphill!!!) for food and rooms..everywhere is accessible. To help with your budgeting, if you want, you can pay by instalments anytime from now. (Booking form available on the welcome desk).

JOIN US 4 A CUPPA! - HELP NEEDED: Can you help at Join us once a month on a Friday between 10am-1.30pm? (No lifting involved). If you would like to help or would like further details please speak to Di, Jeanette or Lesley.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Harvest Supper Lilleshall Memorial Hall - **Saturday 1st October**. Tickled Pink Coffee morning @ Lilleshall Memorial Hall on **Friday 21st October**. 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. Open to all. Matthew will be reading a chapter.....!Tea and Coffee throughout the day. A Soup and bread lunch will be provided by Telford Minster. Book at <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/getting-ready-for-matthew.php>

[Services and Rotas for Sunday 7th August](#)

[SML - 9.30am Holy Communion and SJM 11am All Age Morning Worship](#)

St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: Janet	Sidesperson: Alasdair
Reading: Pam	Reading: Judith
Coffee: Fran	Communion (assisting if required): N/A
	Prayers: John & Jane
	Coffee: Trotman

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.

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.

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.

POP IN FOR COFFEE held at St Michael's on the **2nd Thursday** of the month 10-12noon. (11th August)

A MEN'S BREAKFAST takes place on the **second Saturday** of each month 8.30am at The Whitehouse Hotel in Muxton. Either message Charlie or let Lesley know you are coming. All 'men' very welcome (13th August)

CAP prayer time is held on the **3rd Thursday of each month from 9 - 9.30am** via zoom. Please contact janepreston@capuk.org if you would like a link.

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.

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)

1st Reading - 2 Kings 17:14-18

14 But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their ancestors, who did not trust in the Lord their God. **15** They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their ancestors and the statutes he had warned them to keep. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them although the Lord had ordered them, 'Do not do as they do.'

16 They forsook all the commands of the Lord their God and made for themselves two idols cast in the shape of calves, and an Asherah pole. They bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they worshipped Baal. **17** They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practised divination and sought omens and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger.

18 So the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left,

2nd Reading - Mark 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. **22** The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. **23** Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, **24** 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!'

25 'Be quiet!' said Jesus sternly. 'Come out of him!' **26** The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. **27** The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, 'What is this? A new teaching - and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.' **28** News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.