

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 7th and 14th August

7th August

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: A warm welcome to our service today led by Jane. Robyn continues our new sermon series 'Conversions in the Bible' today looking at the conversion of Peter. *Matthew 4:18-22 and Acts 4:13-20.*

Sidesperson: **Janet**

Reading: **Pam**

Coffee: **Fran**

St John's

11am ALL AGE MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our service today led by John. Jan continues our new sermon series 'Conversions in the Bible' today looking at the man with a possessed son. *Mark 9:2-4; 9-10; 14-29*

Sidesperson: **Alasdair**

Reading: **Judith**

Prayers: **John & Jane**

Coffee: **Trotmans**

14th August

St Michael's

9.30am MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our service today led by Vikki. Jan continues our sermon series 'Conversions in the Bible' today looking at the man with a possessed son. *Mark 9:2-4; 9-10; 14-29*

Sidesperson: **Cedric**

Reading: **Laurie**

Coffee: **Katie & Laurie**

St John's

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Sidesperson: **Vicky Y**

Reading: **Chris K**

Communion: **Colin**

Prayers: **Yvonne & Val**

Coffee: **Val & Yvonne**

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

Office closed next week ie Monday 8th to 12th August. The office/attic space is well overdue a de-clutter and the archiving of files so my attention will be otherwise engaged and you probably won't be able to find me as I will be amongst a mountain of paperwork. Open again on Monday 15th ...Lesley

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY 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).

WE NOW HAVE A BOOK STALL at the back of Church at **St Michaels** where you can bring and share books that you enjoy !!

HOLY TRINITY WROCKWARDINE WOOD has been given the opportunity to host a **YOUTH ORCHESTRA** from Nordkirche in Germany at short notice ie **6.30pm August 9th** when one of their planned events fell through. The event is free but donations welcome on the night. An anticipated great night of entertainment suitable for everyone especially the youth. If you anticipate coming along (while not strictly necessary) it would be great if you could contact Kerry (admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) or Debbie (rev_debbie@hotmail.com) to ensure enough refreshments are available. Poster at the bottom of these notices.

POP IN FOR COFFEE at St Michael's on **Thursday 11th August** between 10-12noon.

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

The next **Filling Station** 'Haughmond and Wrekin' takes place on **Monday 22nd August** 7.15pm (for 7.30pm) at RODINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHREWSBURY, SY4 4QS. Speaker Venerable Kevin Roberts with 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>

SONGS FROM THE MUSICALS performed by St John's Community Choir takes place on **Saturday 3rd September** 7.30pm...Free but booking recommended.

RIDE & STRIDE this year takes place on **Saturday 10th September**. Join us to help keep Shropshire's historic churches and chapels open. Collect sponsors, then plan your own route and visit some of our local churches. Half the money raised goes to our church and half to the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants for repairs and renovations. See poster in our churches or see Ken or Lesley.

TELFORD EVANGELISM HUB: Would you like to become a more effective witness for Christ or simply be encouraged by being with other evangelistically minded believers from the church all across Telford? If you interested you are invited to join the new monthly Evangelism Hub. Receiving empowering and uplifting teaching, practical advice, an opportunity to pray and plan together and the chance to support each other in practical outreach across Telford. This is a theory and practice group, empowered by the word and Spirit of God. You do not need to have had any previous experience, but just a desire to spread the Good News of Jesus. Let's join in unity and go and make disciples. Every 3rd Wednesday from 21st September at Creative Training Spaces next to Gratitude Café, Duke Street, Wellington. 7:30-9 pm (7:15 for a coffee). Lead by Helen Watson Mission 24 - School of Ministry and Mission, graduate. Contact Helen on 07813 136803 or helen@rhw.org.uk to express an interest.

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 from start to finish with people from across the diocese. *Matthew will be reading a chapter.....!* Tea and Coffee throughout the day. Soup and bread lunch provided by Telford Minster. Book at <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/getting-ready-for-matthew.php>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Harvest Supper Lilleshall Memorial Hall - **Saturday 1st October**. Tickled Pink Coffee morning @ Lilleshall Memorial Hall on **Friday 21st October**.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

<u>Services and Rotas for Sunday 21st August</u> SML - 9.30am Holy Communion and SJM 11am All Age Morning Worship	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: John & Diane	Sidesperson: Dave & Sue
Reading: Cedric	Reading: Julie S
Coffee: Dave & June	Communion (assisting if required):
	Prayers: Jane E
	Coffee: Dave & Sue

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.

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.*

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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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9-3pm, Tuesday 9-12noon and Friday 9-3pm 01952 670033

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Matthew's Email: matthew.lefroy@tiscali.co.uk (Usual day off Friday) **Unavailable until 28th August**

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

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1st Reading - Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

2nd Reading - Acts 4:13-20

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. ¹⁶ 'What are we going to do with these men?' they asked. 'Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.'

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, 'Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'

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Mark 9:2-4; 9-10; 14-29

² Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. ⁴ Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.

⁹ As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead."

¹⁴ When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them. ¹⁵ When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with awe, and they ran to greet him.

¹⁶ "What is all this arguing about?" Jesus asked.

¹⁷ One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk. ¹⁸ And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to

the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it."

¹⁹ Jesus said to them, "You faithless people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

²⁰ So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.

²¹ "How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father.

He replied, "Since he was a little boy. ²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can."

²³ "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."

²⁴ The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. "Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and speak," he said. "I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!"

²⁶ Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, "Why couldn't we cast out that evil spirit?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "This kind can be cast out only by prayer."



EAST TELFORD BENEFICE
West Holy Trinity, Changanston, St Peter's, Polesworth, Holy Trinity, Wrockwardine Wood

Tuesday 9th August 6.30 pm
doors open 6pm

Please let us know if you would be interested so we can ensure there are refreshments for everyone - details below

Free to attend, however donations are welcomed to fund the vital work of the church

contact us on email - admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk or rev_debbie@hotmail.com

Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood are excited to invite you to an evening of Musical Entertainment performed by a youth orchestra/band all the way from Nordkirche Germany



SONGS FROM THE MUSICALS

Performed by St John's Community Choir

3RD SEPT 7:30PM
Free, booking recommended

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