

# St John's and St Michael's Churches

## Notices for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August

### St Michael's

**9.30am HOLY COMMUNION:** A warm welcome to our service today. John continues our sermon series 'Conversions in the Bible' today looking at *The Ethiopian Eunuch*. Acts 8:26-40 and John 20:24-31

Sidesperson: **John & Diane**

Reading: **Cedric**

Coffee: **Dave & June**

### St John's

**11am ALL AGE MORNING WORSHIP:** Welcome to our service today led by James. John continues our sermon series 'Conversions in the Bible' today looking at 'The Ethiopian Eunuch'. Acts 8:26-40.

Sidesperson: **Dave & Sue**

Reading: **Julie S**

Prayers: **Vicky**

Coffee: **Dave & Sue**

**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.

<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**

**TAKE A LOOK AT OUR BOOK STALL** at the back of Church at **St Michaels** where you can bring and share books that you have enjoyed!!

The next **Filling Station** 'Haughmond and Wrekin' takes place tomorrow evening (**22<sup>nd</sup>**) at 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>

**WOW - Women on Wednesday's** An informal social get together, 7.30pm **this Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>)** at the Whitehouse (in the bar or outside if sunny!) Why not invite your friend or neighbour to come along for a bit of social time with other women. For more information speak to Vikki (Curate).

The funeral service of Sheila Price will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am** at Telford Crematorium. Please continue to pray for family and friends of Sheila, who was a much loved member of St John's..

**WORSHIP, LUNCH & MUSIC** takes place on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September** 12noon at St Michael's.

**SONGS FROM THE MUSICALS** performed by St John's Community Choir takes place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** 7.30pm...Free but booking recommended. **PS if anyone is able to help with serving light refreshments during the concert please see Diane Baxter or text on 07791171981. We would also appreciate any offers of small cakes or a packet of (wrapped) retro sweets. Thank you**

**RIDE & STRIDE** this year takes place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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>*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:helen@rhw.org.uk) to express an interest.

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

*Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

<u>Services and Rotas for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</u> <b>SML - 9.30am Morning Worship and SJM 11am Holy Communion</b>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: <b>Clive &amp; Julie</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Geoff &amp; Mary</b>
Reading: <b>Jo</b>	Reading: <b>Lisa</b>
Coffee: <b>Dave &amp; Sue</b>	Communion (assisting if required): <b>Judith</b>
	Prayers: <b>Pam</b>
	Coffee: <b>Terry &amp; Jan</b>

### 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. Returns on (13<sup>th</sup> September)

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month 10-12noon. (8<sup>th</sup> September)

**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 (10<sup>th</sup> September)

**FORGET ME NOT FILMS:** Takes place usually on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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. (15<sup>th</sup> September)

**JOIN US 4 A CUPPA!** A monthly coffee morning held at St John's on a Friday between 11am - 1pm. Litter pickers are invited to meet just before, litter pick the local area then return for a well earned cuppa! (16<sup>th</sup> September)

**sub:Zero/sub:Extra** our Youth Café currently held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Friday of the month during term time. 4pm (sub:Zero) and 6pm (sub:Extra) at St John's. (9<sup>th</sup> September)

CAP prayer time is held on the **3rd Thursday of each month from 9 - 9.30am** via zoom. Please contact [janepreston@capuk.org](mailto: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.

A monthly **Filling Station** 'Haughmond and Wrekin' takes place on the fourth Monday of each month 7.15pm (for 7.30pm) at RODINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHREWSBURY, SY4 4QS. 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> - (22<sup>nd</sup> August Speaker Venerable Kevin Roberts)

**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](mailto:west.familywest@btinternet.com) or St Michael's prayer chain coordinator Chris R 07834162343 or 01952 604330 or Email: [scip@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:scip@blueyonder.co.uk)

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### St Michael's 1st Reading - Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road - the desert road - that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

### **St Michael's 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - John 20:24-31**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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