

Queen Elizabeth II – 1926-2022

St John's and St Michael's Churches

Notices for Sunday 18th September



St Michael's

9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION:** Welcome to our service today led by Jane. Robyn talks to us about 'Conversions in the Bible' today exploring the journey of faith by Paul. *Philippians 1:15-21 and Luke 18:9-14.*

Sidesperson: **Janet**

Reading: **Jo**

Coffee: **Dave & June**

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 **MORNING WORSHIP:** A very warm welcome to our service today led by John. Our theme for today is 'Harvest' Psalm 107:31-43 and 2 Corinthians 9.6-11. We are also collecting food donations eg tin's, packets or similar with a good best before date. Thank you to all who have already donated.

Sidesperson: **Dom, Martie & family**

Reading: **Geoff D**

Coffee: **Dom, Martie & family**

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

WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE – PRAYERS

- Pray for people around the world, especially our own country and the Commonwealth, as they honour and mourn Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The value and respect of the work she has done over the last 70 years to foster good relationships throughout the world.
- Continue to pray for the people of Pakistan who have been hit by torrential rain and flash floods, washing away homes, livestock and crops. **Please consider donating to this disaster of a nightmarish scale [click here](#)** to or take a look on www.tearfund.org
- On a similar note East Africa is pleading for action on climate change while their children are affected by lack of food as crops and livestock die. (Please fill in one of the Tearfund leaflets on the welcome desk re action on climate change)
- The war in Ukraine continues... please pray for people hosting families, some of whom we know, that the placement may be a success, that any children may settle and be welcomed into our schools, and for families who are returning home, that they are safe.

Back in 2009, Tearfund supporters contributed to a big campaign win when wealthier countries promised \$100 billion a year from 2020 to enable lower-income countries to respond to the climate crisis. At the Glasgow climate talks this year, **the world was still waiting... Time to DELIVER – Honour your Promises ...'Give to everyone what you owe them' Romans 13:7 Leaflets are available on the welcome desk..Add your Voice, Pray and Give.**

ST MICHAEL'S PCC has been postponed and is now due to meet on **Monday 10th October 7.30pm** in church.

HARVEST SERVICES: Donations will be welcome for the Crisis Food bank during our harvest services... tin's, packets or similar with a good best before date gratefully received. **St John's TODAY (18th) and St Michael's next Sunday (25th)**

On **Wednesday 21st September** from 10.30 am all of St Matthew's Gospel will be read out loud at Telford Minster (including chapters read by the Matthews who work in the diocese of Lichfield!) There will be a communion and worship towards the end of this and the aim is to finish about 3.45. Apparently a light lunch will be served roughly when we get to the feeding of the 5000! Please do come if you are able.

TELFORD EVANGELISM HUB: Would you like to become a more effective witness for Christ or encouraged by being with other evangelistically minded believers? Then join the new monthly Evangelism Hub. Receiving empowering, uplifting teaching, practical advice, an opportunity to pray and the chance to support each other in

practical outreach. This is a theory and practice group, empowered by the word and Spirit of God. No previous experience needed just a desire to spread the Good News of Jesus. **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). Contact Helen on 07813 136803 or helen@rhw.org.uk to express an interest.

ST JOHN'S PCC is to meet next on **Monday 26th September** 7.45pm in church.

RICH CRESSWELL would like to invite you to his Welcome Service on **Monday 26th September** at 7:30pm. For many, Bristol is a fair distance away therefore, we are pleased to say that the service will be shared over Zoom and everyone is welcome to join Rich and his family in that way:

Topic: Welcome Service

Time: Sep 26, 2022 07:30 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86367994192?pwd=eE9qRnFoVVNNQjU3cmNabnN6REdDZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 6799 4192

Passcode: 074749

The September **WOW** will take place on **Wednesday 28th** at 7.30pm at the White House.

Are there any members of our congregations who were related to any of the people mentioned on the War Memorial plaques on display in St Michael's? If so please speak to Fran.

Harry Amos, Joseph Brazenell, Thomas Burkett, Donald GR Cooper, Edward Leonard Cottrell, Charles Bertram Dakin, Albert Franks, Francis William Grass, Frederick John Haseley, Arthur Perry Hodge, Albert Edward Hodnett, Albert Jones, Alfred Jones, William John Lovatt, Harry Matthews, John Howard Moore, Albert Charles Clement Nicholls, George T Owen, George Urian Pearce, Frederick Arthur Plevin, James Reginald Plevin, Ernest John Randles, Jack Ruscoe, George Vernon, Ivan Louis Wakeley, Harold Arthur Ward, Walter Weaver, Harry Williams, William Woodcock, Alex R Lowe, Albert Bevan, Fred Edwards, John Hodson, William Hemmings, George Leese, Walter Powell, Maitland L Sawyer, William E Tooth and Bert Tooth.

HARVEST SUPPER: St Michael's invites you to a Harvest Supper on **Saturday 1st October** 7pm for 7.30pm at **Lilleshall Memorial Hall** Tickets £9 each....to include a hot supper. Tickets available from Fran 604718 or the Church Office 670033 Bar available.

CAP DEBT CENTRE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Challenge Poverty week - The Telford debt centre extend a challenge to YOU to experience the reality of trying to live with limited finances for a week in October

15th October - Fundraising Quiz, All Saints wellington, 7pm - Start to get your teams together now! Tickets £15 from Lesley (includes 2 course meal) - A chance to bring friends and family along for a great evening.

Christmas Hampers - if your group would be willing to help us with our hampers again this year **please register with your church representative**, Lisa West by the end of October. (west.familywest@btinternet.com)

17th November - Anniversary service 7.30pm Dawley Baptist church.

3rd December - Telford Concert Band Concert in aid of CAP - details TBC

Please join us every month on 3rd Thursday to pray for our debt centre by zoom email janepreston@capuk.org for a link.

THE MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE COMPANY has launched their 2022 **Advent Calendar**. Take a look and order yours on <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas> no longer available in supermarkets.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Tickled Pink Coffee morning @ St John's on **Friday 14th October** and Lilleshall Memorial Hall on **Friday 21st October**. Tearfund - The Big Quiz @ St John's **Saturday 19th November** 7.30pm.

Services and Rotas for Sunday 25th September	
SML - 9.30am Morning Worship - Harvest and SJM 11am Holy Communion	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: John & Diane	Sidesperson: Terry & Jan
Reading: David L	Reading: Moira
Coffee: Clive & Julie	Communion (assisting if required): Vicky
	Prayers: Jane E
	Coffee: Ann L & Chris K

Psalms 147:3 He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

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 and during school holidays).

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.

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.

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. (14th October)

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 (8th October)

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. (20th October)

LUNCHCLUB takes place on the **1st Friday** of most months 12noon.

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! (14th October)

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.

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.

WE HAVE A BOOK STALL at the back of Church at **St Michael's** bring and share books that you have enjoyed!!

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. Download the "Daily Prayer" app. available from The Church of England, to follow from your Bible is ok. Please contact Matthew for login details.

A Filling Station takes place on the fourth Monday of each month 7.15pm (for 7.30pm) at RODINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHREWSBURY, SY4 4QS. Informal worship, teaching, ministry and prayer. Info. contact Rev Andy Ackroyd 01952 252078 or look at <https://thefillingstation.org.uk> (26th September)

PRAYER CHAINS: Any prayer requests - St John's please either text (preferable) Lisa 07739 522280 or west.familywest@btinternet.com or St Michael's contact Chris R 07834162343/ 604330 or scip@blueyonder.co.uk

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St Michael's 1st Reading - Philippians 1:15-21

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defence of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

St Michael's 2nd Reading - Luke 18:9-14

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

¹³ 'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

¹⁴ 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

St John's 1st Reading - Psalm 107:31-43

³¹ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

³² Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

³³ He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground,

³⁴ and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

³⁵ He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs;

³⁶ there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.

³⁷ They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest;

³⁸ he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.

³⁹ Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled
by oppression, calamity and sorrow;

⁴⁰ he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste.

⁴¹ But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

⁴² The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths.

⁴³ Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.

St John's 2nd reading - 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶ Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.