

St John's and St Michael's Churches

Notices for Sunday 21st May

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: Good morning and welcome to our service today led by Matthew. Vikki continues our new sermon series today talking about *The Ark & the Philistines*. 1 Samuel 4: 1-11 and Luke 1: 26-33.

Sidesperson: Cedric **Reading:** Scarlett **Prayers:** Service
Leader Coffee: Dave & Sue

St John's

11am MORNING WORSHIP: Hello and welcome to our service today led by Jon. Vikki talks to us about '*The Ark & the Philistines*'. 1 Samuel 4: 1-11 & Luke 1: 26-33.

Sidesperson: Attrell family **Reading:** Brenda **Prayers:** Judith
SAS: Matthew & Katharine **Spark:** Andrew & Lesley **Coffee:** Attrell family

Please note: The 11am service at St John's is livestreamed so **you** may appear on YouTube especially if passing camera.

YouTube

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB6N81vubkdzSYD7rCPFw5Q>

WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE - PRAYERS

- CPAS - On 23rd May there will be online training on Four Ideas to ensure that every child has a chance to explore Jesus led by CPAS staff, please pray that this training will be well received and put into practice through out the church.
- Tearfund - Limited access to schooling in Niger. Security concerns continue to limit access to schooling for children in some regions of Niger. This situation particularly affects those who live in remote areas. Many young people are exposed to protection risks, such as child labour, forced marriage and recruitment into armed groups. Pray for God's protection over children in Niger and pray that they have access to the education opportunities they need to thrive.

- A Rocha - We pray for A Rocha is a global family of conservation organisations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise. <https://arocha.org>
- Pray for the people of Sudan that there will be a resolution to the conflict and that innocent lives might be spared.
- With cost of living challenges we pray for those families who struggle to pay for rent and food that the government will work out ways to relieve the suffering of the most impoverished communities throughout our nation and we give thanks for the many voluntary organisations and charities who support these communities.

THE COFFEE LOUNGE takes place at St Michael's EVERY **Wednesday** 9.30am-4.30pm .

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - ENDS TODAY: May 14th-20th Still time to pop a donation in an envelope or you can donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk .

Can you help? We had an amazing spring clean last Sunday, thank you to all that helped...still lots to do so if you can spare some time this afternoon we will be cleaning at St John's after the service **TODAY thank you.**

We are offering **PASTORAL CARE TRAINING** for those who are already part of the pastoral care teams at St Michael's and St John's or for those who are interested in being a part of these teams, to explore what is involved. All Sessions will be from 3.30pm until approx. 5.30pm **TODAY (21st) May, June date to be confirmed and 9th July** at St John's with refreshments served part way through. For further info or to let us know you will be attending please speak to Julie S, Angie V, Matthew or Vikki.

ST JOHN'S PCC are meeting next **TOMORROW (22nd)** 7.45pm in church.

The next **Filling Station** at Rodington Village Hall takes place on **Monday 22nd May** 7.15pm for 7.30pm with speaker Fi Iddon who is the Associate Vicar at Trinity Churches and Chaplain to University Centre Shrewsbury.

THY KINGDOM COME Every year between Ascension Day and Pentecost we are encouraged to pray "Thy Kingdom Come." This year we have

arranged 3 prayer walks around our two parishes (keeping near to boundaries as possible). Each walk is quite long but is designed in small sections so you can come for all or part of each. Itineraries will be available in each church over the next couple of weeks to help you plan where you join and leave the walk. They will take place on

Friday 26th May 5.30pm to 8.20pm. Start and finish at St John's. **6.6 miles.**

Saturday 27th May 3.30pm to 7pm. Start & finish at St Michael's. **8.2 Miles**

Sunday 28th May 2.30pm to 5.40pm. Start and finish at St John's **OR** from 3.10pm to 6.15 pm. Start and finish at St Michael's. (*This is the same circular walk with 2 start points.*) **Total 7.6 miles.**

You will need to bring footwear for potentially muddy paths, clothing appropriate for the weather and anything you need to eat or drink on the way.

RECRUITMENT OF STREET PASTORS: Telford street pastors are arranging a training programme for new recruits to enable us to support our communities every week, rather than 2 in every 3 weeks as at present. The first session takes place at Dawley Baptist Church on **Saturday 3rd June** from 10am to 4pm and allows attendees an opportunity to find out more and decide if they may be interested with no commitment required at this stage. If you are interested and want to attend, or simply want to find out more can you please let Simon simontrotman1@gmail.com or Teresa Clarke teresaclarke1@icloud.com know.

SOULSPEAK IS BACK! SoulSpeak is an original way of exploring our own and others' values, beliefs and life choices. How about coming along to St John's Church (Saltwells Drive) on **June 15** at **7.30pm** to consider topics such as 'Don't all good people go to heaven ? Where have I come from and why am I here ? or What makes for a good life? and What is the point of praying?' For more information contact admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk or call 01952 670033 .

The **GALLERY SINGERS** are returning to Holy Trinity Church in Much Wenlock on **Saturday 17th June** to perform their next concert, entitled

'Missa Brevis'. It will be a matinee performance, commencing 2.30pm. Further info to follow. The Gallery Singers can be contacted on 07968906446, Facebook page or choir member.

SUMMER CONCERT - CAP FUNDRAISER will take place on **Saturday 24th June** at Dawley Christian Centre at 2pm....tickets £5 plus raffle.

On **Sunday July 2nd** 3pm at St Michael's, Lilleshall Choir is performing "Songs from Stage and Screen". There will be vocal solos by Lynn Urey, and flute solos by Louise Millward. The entrance fee is £5 to include refreshments, and all money received will go to church funds.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9-3pm, Tuesday 9-12noon and Friday 9-3pm
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<p>Services and Rotas for Sunday 28th May SML - 9.30am Morning Worship & Baptism SJM - 8.15am GMS and 11am Holy Communion</p>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: Harry & Katrina	Sidesperson: Pete & Julie
Reading: Dave P	Reading: Colin
Prayers: Jo	Communion: Pam & Geoff
Coffee: Janet M	Prayers: Vikki
	Coffee: Pete & Julie
	No SAS/Spark

1 Samuel 4:1-11

Now the Israelites went out to fight against the Philistines. The Israelites camped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines at Aphek. ² The Philistines deployed their forces to meet Israel, and as the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand of them on the battlefield. ³ When the soldiers returned to camp, the elders of Israel asked, 'Why did the Lord bring defeat on us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the Lord's covenant from Shiloh, so that he may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies.'

⁴ So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they brought back the ark of the covenant of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim. And Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

⁵ When the ark of the Lord's covenant came into the camp, all Israel raised such a great shout that the ground shook. ⁶ Hearing the uproar, the Philistines asked, 'What's all this shouting in the Hebrew camp?'

When they learned that the ark of the Lord had come into the camp, ⁷ the Philistines were afraid. 'A god has come into the camp,' they said. 'Oh no! Nothing like this has happened before. ⁸ We're doomed! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? They are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. ⁹ Be strong, Philistines! Be men, or you will be subject to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men, and fight!'

¹⁰ So the Philistines fought, and the Israelites were defeated and every man fled to his tent. The slaughter was very great; Israel lost thirty thousand foot soldiers. ¹¹ The ark of God was captured, and Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

Luke 1:26-33

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.'