

St John's and St Michael's Churches

Notices for Sunday 14th May

St Michael's

9.30am MORNING WORSHIP: Hello and welcome to our service today led by Vikki. John talks to us about '*The call of Samuel*' 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and Mark 1:16-20.

Sidesperson: Clive & Julie **Reading:** Jo **Prayers:** Fran **Coffee:** Dave & June

St John's

11am HOLY COMMUNION: A warm welcome to our service today led by Matthew. John talks to us about *1 Samuel 3:1-10 and Mark 1:16-20 - The call of Samuel*

Sidesperson: John & Moira **Reading:** Simon H **Communion:** Simon T & Judith

Prayers: Service Leader **Coffee:** John & Moira **SAS:** Martie & Julie **No Spark**

6.30pm REST: Vikki leads our quiet reflection this evening - an opportunity to take time out of the busyness of the week and to 'rest' with God. *Rest & Rejoice* - "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest*" (Mt 11:28-30).

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>

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

ST JOHN'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM are to meet next after the service TODAY (14th).

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - STARTS TODAY: May 14th-20th No door to door collections will be made but we do have envelopes which you can deliver with space on them to leave a message eg 'You can drop off your donation at St John's, Saltwells Drive, Muxton' or similar. If you would like Lesley to print some labels to save you writing on them all please contact the office with the wording you would like.

The **BELL RINGERS** of Lilleshall are celebrating Bell Sunday **TODAY (14th)**. St Dunstan is known as the Patron Saint of Bellringers due to his experimentation in early forging of bells in the 900'sCE. It is for this reason that the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers have chosen the nearest Sunday to the 19th May, his feast day, to introduce Bell Sunday; a day where the contribution of bells and Bellringers to the life of the Church is recognised. Lilleshall is fortunate to have an active number of bell ringers regularly ringing for Sunday services and other occasions, and you are warmly invited to this special service. There will be opportunities after the 9.30am service on the 14th to meet your bell ringers, tour the ringing chamber, have a go on the training bell, and to chime the bells themselves. There may even be cake!

Can you help? We are spring cleaning St John's after the service **TODAY (14th)** and **NEXT SUNDAY (21st)**. We appreciate any help giving our church a deep clean. If you are unable to make these times but would still like to help, please contact Lesley who has a list of jobs indoors and outdoors at a time to suit.

ST MICHAEL'S PCC are due to meet **tomorrow evening 15th 7.30pm** in church.

EVANGELISM SUB COMMITTEE - WAM have their next meeting on **Wednesday 17th May** at 7pm.

Women on Wednesday's have their next get together on **Wednesday 17th May 7.30pm** at The Whitehouse Hotel in Muxton.

An **ASCENSION DAY** service will be held at St Michael's on **Thursday 18th May** at 6.30pm.

ST JOHN'S PCC are meeting next on **Monday 22nd May** 7.45pm in church.

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 on **Sundays 21st May, 18th June 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.

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 as near to the boundaries as is 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 and 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEWPORT CARNIVAL: The Newport Carnival takes place on **June 10th** with a theme of fairies and super heroes. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Churches Together in Newport activities then please contact Matthew who will pass your names on to the organisers in advance of a planning meeting.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: 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 07968 906446, their Facebook page or speaking to any choir member. 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.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9-3pm, Tuesday 9-12noon and Friday 9-3pm
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1 Samuel 3:1-10

3 The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, 'Here I am.' ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

But Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

'My son,' Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.'

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

Then Eli realised that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!'

Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Mark 1:16-20

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.