

## St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 17th September

### St Michael's

**9.30am HOLY COMMUNION:** Welcome to our service today led by Jane. Robyn continues our series talking to us about 'The Parable of the Weeds' Matthew 13:24-30.

**Sidesperson:** Cedric    **Reading:** Scarlett    **Prayers:** Jane E    **Coffee:** Fran

**6.30pm EVENING PRAYER (BCP):** Welcome to our service led by Matthew.

**Sidesperson:** Jean M

### St John's

**11am MORNING WORSHIP:** A warm welcome to our service today led by Jan. Matthew continues our series 'Communicating Truth with Stories' today looking at 'The Mustard Seed' Ezekiel 17:19-24 and Matthew 13:31-35. Food donations for Harvest will be received.

**Sidesperson:**

family

**Reading:** Geoff

**Prayers:** Judith

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**Coffee:** Attrell

family    **SAS:** Katharine & Martie

You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB6N81vubkdzSYD7rCPFw5Q>

#### WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE - PRAYERS

Tearfund invites us to pray for the ongoing war in Ukraine, relief of hunger in East Africa and the devastating floods in Pakistan. Please pray for the G20 taking place in Delhi who is discussing sustainable development and how growth can be spread more evenly throughout the world. Closer to home, Telford and Wrekin has taken in more than 100 Afghan refugees, with over 40 settling in the Muxton and Donnington area. Please pray for all involved. Thank you to members of our churches who have provided clothes and toys.

**HARVEST:** Donations will be welcome for the Crisis Food bank during our service at St John's TODAY and St Michael's next Sunday (24th)... tin's, packets or similar with a good best before date gratefully received.

The **WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE TEAM** would like to thank David for chairing this group for many years and Sandra who has taken on the role as chair.

We pray for them both and the team as they continue to get involved with situations both at home and abroad.

**WATCH** England in their next Rugby World Cup match **THIS EVENING** (17th) at St John's, match starts at 8pm.

**FORGET ME NOT FILMS** this month takes place on **Thursday 21st September** from 9.15am watching 'it's all happening'

The joint **WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE GROUP** are meeting on **Tuesday 26th September** at Geoff & Sue's.

The **GALLERY SINGERS** will be performing their next concert on **Friday 6 October** at St Peter & St Paul RC Church in Newport 7pm. An evening of gorgeous reflective autumnal music featuring works by Ola Gjeilo, Bob Chilcott, Palestrina and Will Todd. The evening also features the choir's resident flautist, Aimée Calderbank, and pianist Evy King. Tickets £12/Under 16s £6 from choir members, [facebook.com/thegallerysingers](https://www.facebook.com/thegallerysingers), or contacting 07968 906446. Alternatively, tickets should also be available on the evening. All are warmly invited to come and share the experience.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** A short course Spiritual Renewal in Smaller Churches - a day for those in little local and ordinary churches, **Wednesday 22nd November 2023** 10am-5pm, Telford Minster, Southwater Square, Telford. Tickets £15 including lunch. Followed by evening celebration 7:30-9:30pm, including the launch of our 2024 Lent Course, Alive in Christ. Free Admission.

<https://www.resource-arm.net/events/62/feeding-the-five-thousand>

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### **St Michael's - Matthew 13:24-30**

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

28 "An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

29 "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

### **St John's Reading 1 - Ezekiel 17:19-24**

<sup>19</sup>"Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: as surely as I live, I will repay him for despising my oath and breaking my covenant. <sup>20</sup>I will spread my net for him, and he will be caught in my snare. I will bring him to Babylon and execute judgment on him there because he was unfaithful to me. <sup>21</sup>All his choice troops will fall by the

sword, and the survivors will be scattered to the winds. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken.

<sup>22</sup>“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.”

### St John's reading 2 - Matthew 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup>Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

<sup>33</sup>He told them still another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

<sup>34</sup>Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. <sup>35</sup>So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

'I will open my mouth in parables,  
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.'

<p>Services and Rotas for Sunday 24th September  <b>SML - 9.30am Harvest - Morning Worship</b>  <b>SJM - 8.15am G.M.S and 11am Holy Communion</b></p>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: <b>Uniformed groups</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Linda &amp; Vicky</b>
Reading: <b>Dave P</b>	Reading: <b>Colin</b>
Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>	Communion: <b>Simon &amp; Judith</b>
Coffee: <b>Janet &amp; Dee</b>	Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>
	Coffee: <b>Linda &amp; Vicky</b>
	SAS: <b>Sue &amp; Katharine</b>
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