

St John's and St Michael's Churches

Notices for Sunday 24th September

St Michael's

9.30am HARVEST - MORNING WORSHIP: A very warm welcome to our annual Harvest service today led by Matthew. Angie talks to us about 'The Hidden Treasure'. Philippians 3:7-11 and Matthew 13:44-46. Harvest donations will be received at our service TODAYtin's, packets or similar with a good best before date all gratefully received.

Sidesperson: Uniformed groups **Reading:** Dave P **Prayers:** Service Leader **Coffee:** Janet & Dee

St John's

8.15am Good Morning Sunday: On a busy Sunday, start the day with God and be fed and ready to go by 9:15! Breakfast from 8.15 am, the Sunday papers, conversation, prayer and reflection.

11am HOLY COMMUNION: Welcome to our service today led by Matthew. Matthew talks to us about 'The Parable of the Net' Habakkuk 1:12-17 and Matthew 13:47-52.

Sidesperson: Linda & Vicky **Reading:** Colin **Communion:** Simon & Judith

Prayers: Service Leader **Coffee:** Linda & Vicky **SAS:** Katharine & Martie

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

LIBYA FLOODS APPEAL: If you would like to respond to the devastating effects of storm Daniel, many organisations have set up a giving page, including Christian Aid www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/libya-floods-appeal. In order to maximise giving by claiming gift aid we encourage you to give online.

The next **FILLING STATION** is on **Monday 25th September** at Rodington Village Hall. The speaker will be Rev Matt Beer from Telford Minster.

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

Shrewsbury's Old Market Hall is showing "SURPRISED BY OXFORD" 12A a Christian film next **Wed. 27th Sept** at 8pm. A helpful review of the film can be found at: www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/surprised-by-oxford-film/ and aimed at **everyone** aged 12+ *"I wish I would have seen a film like this when I was growing up and trying to figure out some questions for myself"* - Jen Lewis, producer

Ladies please join us for a MacMillan's **High Tea / Cream Tea** at St John's on **Saturday 30th September** 11am - 1.30pm. Guest speaker Sue Rawlings and gospel music by Stephanie Kalu. All proceeds go to MacMillan Cancer Support.

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.

WATCH England in their next Rugby World Cup match on **Saturday 7th October** at St John's, match starts at 4.45pm.

SOUL FOOD is a course for anyone who wants to grow in responsiveness to God and open to all who want to explore Christian prayer. The course will be run on three Saturdays in-person plus 6 weekday evenings from October 23-Feb 24 at a cost of £144 (If cost presents an obstacle please still apply as their maybe help available). For further information take a look on www.lichfield.anglican.org website and search for 'Soul Food' should be top of the search or follow the link [HERE](#) Posters are also up in both our churches with lots more information.

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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Services and Rotas for Sunday 1st October	
SML - 9.30am Holy Communion and Baptism	
SJM - 11am Morning Worship	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: John & Diane	Sidesperson: Val & Yvonne
	Reading: Alasdair
Reading: Laurie	Communion: N/A
Prayers: Service Leader	Prayers: Val & Yvonne
Coffee: Dave & June	Coffee: Val & Yvonne
	SAS: Matthew & Sue
	Spark: TBC & Judith

St Michael's Reading 1 - Philippians 3:7-11

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

St Michael's Reading 2 - Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

St John's Reading 1 - Habakkuk 1:12-17

¹² Lord, are you not from everlasting?

My God, my Holy One, you will never die.

You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment;

you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.

¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?

Why are you silent while the wicked

swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

¹⁴ You have made people like the fish in the sea,

like the sea creatures that have no ruler.

¹⁵ The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks,

he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his drag-net;

and so he rejoices and is glad.

¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his drag-net,
for by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food.

¹⁷ Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy?

St John's Reading 2 - Matthew 13:47-52

⁴⁷ 'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked.

'Yes,' they replied.

⁵² He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'