

## St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 1st October

### St Michael's

**9.30am 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:** John & Diane      **Reading:** Fran      **Prayers:** Service  
**Leader**      **Coffee:** Harry & Katrina

### St John's

**11am MORNING WORSHIP:** A very warm welcome to our service today led by Vikki. Angie talks to us about 'The Hidden Treasure'. Philippians 3:7-11 and Matthew 13:44-46.

**Sidesperson:** Val & Yvonne      **Reading:** Alasdair      **Prayers:** Val & Yvonne  
**Coffee:** Val & Yvonne      **SAS:** Matthew & Sue      **SPARK:** Kathy & Judith

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

**PRAYERS:** All are welcome to join us before our Sunday service at 10.15pm for prayer every week from this Sunday, 1st October. Each week, we intend to use this time to focus our prayers and seek God's will and vision in a specific area where we are trying to discern the way forward. From this week and in the coming weeks, we will focus our prayers on the area of Children's and Youth work and ministry. We will also spend a short time each week to pray for the service that morning. Please do join us as we look to fulfil our vision of an unashamedly praying Church

**WORSHIP, LUNCH & MUSIC** takes place this **THURSDAY (5th)** beginning at 12noon with a service of Holy Communion followed by lunch and a recital.

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.

A **HYMATHON** is taking place at St Michael's on **Saturday 14th October 9am-9pm**...all money raised goes to church funds. Please drop in and listen to some of your favourite hymns. Requests will be taken.

The **EVANGELISM TEAM** meets next on **Monday 16th October** at 7pm.

**SOUL FOOD** is a course for anyone who wants to grow in responsiveness to God and is open to all who want to explore Christian prayer. The course runs 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 info look on [www.lichfield.anglican.org](http://www.lichfield.anglican.org) 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 at Telford Minster, Southwater. 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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<b>Services and Rotas for Sunday 8th October</b> <b>SML - 9.30am Morning Worship</b> <b>SJM - 11am Holy Communion</b>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: <b>Cedric</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Colin &amp; Judith</b>
Reading: <b>Gill R</b>	Reading: <b>Brenda</b>
Prayers: <b>Jean M</b>	Communion: <b>Jan &amp; Jon</b>
Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>	Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>
Coffee: <b>Dave &amp; June</b>	Coffee: <b>Colin &amp; Judith</b>
	SAS: <b>Martie &amp; Matthew</b>
	No Spark (2nd Sunday)

### St Michael's Reading 1 - Habakkuk 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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?

<sup>14</sup> You have made people like the fish in the sea,

like the sea creatures that have no ruler.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy?

### **St Michael's Reading 2 - Matthew 13:47-52**

<sup>47</sup> Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> 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. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> 'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked.

'Yes,' they replied.

<sup>52</sup> 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.'

### **St John's Reading 1 - Philippians 3:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What 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 <sup>9</sup> and 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. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

### **St John's Reading 2 - Matthew 13:44-46**

<sup>44</sup> 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.

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