

St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 29th October

St Michael's

9.30am MORNING WORSHIP: A warm welcome to our service today led by Jan. Vikki's talk will be based on recent research around vulnerable leadership. *Matthew 5:1-12 & 2 Corinthians 12:1-10*

Sidesperson: Fran **Reading:** Wayne **Prayers:** David L **Coffee:** Janet & Helper

6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION: Welcome to our service this evening which will be a short simple said communion service led by Vikki.

Coffee: Geoff

St John's

11am MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our service led by Jane. Vikki talks to us about recent research she has done on vulnerable leadership. *Matthew 5:1-12 & 2 Corinthians 12:1-10*

Sidesperson: Chris K **Reading:** Melissa **Prayers:** Jane E
SAS: Martie & Dom **Spark:** Kathy & Alasdair **Coffee:** Chris K & Sue F

Watch our 11am service live on You

Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB6N81vubkdzSYD7rCPFW5Q>

PRAYERS: Please join us Sundays at St John's for a time of prayer at 10.15am. We will 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. Please do join us as we look to fulfil our vision of an unashamedly praying Church.

MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL: Right now, thousands of people in Gaza and Israel and the wider region are experiencing loss, trauma and overwhelming need. Thousands of people have been killed. Lives devastated. Families torn apart. Tearfund is working with local churches and partners to support their preparations and help them respond to the needs of people across the region. If you would like to give to this appeal one option is to go through the Tearfund website www.tearfund.org.

Kathy is placing an order for **THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR** at the beginning of November. If you would like one please put your name on the form on the welcome desk at St John's, and give Kathy the money, by the end of October. The calendars are £4.50 each. Thank you.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHT October 31st 5-8pm: Come and celebrate light in the middle of the darkness this Hallowe'en. St John's will be open to gather to pray while Hallowe'en activities take place outside. There is also be an opportunity to bring along a pumpkin and carve it with a Christian pattern.

WORSHIP, LUNCH & MUSIC takes place this **THURSDAY (2nd)** beginning at 12noon with a service of Holy Communion followed by lunch and a recital.

FABRIC NEEDED: St Michael's are after some fabric for a Nativity. If you have any or unwanted duvet covers/curtains, plain or stripes in green, brown or bold colours please contact Ellie, Fran or Vikki.. Thank you.

HOUSEGROUP LEADERS are due to meet next 7.30pm on **Monday 6th November**.

The **EVANGELISM TEAM** are to meet on **Tuesday 7th November 7.30pm**.

MAGAZINE DELIVERER NEEDED for Church Meadow in Lilleshall and a few houses opposite, if you are able to help please speak to Lesley 670033.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

9.30am Holy Communion Service at **St John's**

10.45am Remembrance Service at **St Michael's**

11am Act of Remembrance at the **War Memorial, Muxton** (off Marshbrook Way)

6.30pm 'Rest' at **St John's**

ST JOHNS BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM are due to meet after the service on **Sunday 12th November**.

TEARFUND QUIZ: Invite your friends and family to Tearfund's family friendly quiz on **Saturday 18th November 7.30pm** at St John's. Come as a team or join one on the night - £3 per person. Bring your own drinks. You will be able to treat yourself to a slice of pizza £1 per slice or buy a whole one for £6!! Tea and coffee will also be available. Tickets from the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Are you getting ready for Shoebox Season?...National Collection Week is **13-20th November**...St John's is a designated drop off point for the area. You can drop off your boxes anytime during office hours. Thank you for your continued and valued support in providing gifts for children who may otherwise not receive a gift this Christmas.

MAGIC, MUSIC & LAUGHTER with Paul Rushworth on **Saturday 18 Nov 6.30pm** at Lilleshall Memorial Hall, contact Katie for info or tickets katiecfoster@gmail.com. Further details in the church magazine.

A short course Spiritual Renewal in Smaller Churches - a day for those in a 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>

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENT: Give a life-saving gift to someone who has nothing. Inside the Samaritan's Purse Gift Catalogue, you'll find 35 gifts that each have the power to change lives in Jesus' Name. Take a look on www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/gift-catalogue. Gifts start from £7.

The **Coffee Lounge** at St Michael's continues to take place **every Wednesday 9.30am-4.30pm**.. All welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd December - St John's Christmas Fair 3-6pm

9th December - 'Rumours of Angels' at St John's 2.30pm (new) & 7.30pm

15th December - Carols & Candles at St John's 8pm

20th December - Carol singing around Muxton...Further info to follow

24th December - Crib Service at St John's...3.30pm

Services and Rotas for Sunday 5th November	
SML - 9.30am Holy Communion	
SJM - 11am All Age Morning Worship	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: John & Diane	Sidesperson: Steve & Heather
	Reading: Steve
Reading: Jean M	Communion: N/A
Prayers: Service Leader	Prayers: Shirley
Coffee: Fran	Coffee: Steve & Heather
	No SAS or Spark

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

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Vikki's Email: revdayvik@gmail.com (Normal day off Friday)

Matthew 5:1-12

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

12 I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know - God knows. ³And I know that this man - whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows - ⁴was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵I will boast

about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.