

St John's and St Michael's Churches

Notices for Sunday 8th October

St Michael's

9.30am MORNING WORSHIP: A warm welcome to our service today led by Vikki. Today James continues our series on truth through stories talking to us about *The Unmerciful Servant*. Matthew 18:21-35 and 1 Peter 1:18-19

Sidesperson: Cedric **Reading:** Gill R **Prayers:** Jean M **Coffee:** Dave & June

St John's

11am HOLY COMMUNION: A very warm welcome to our service today led by Jon. We continue our series on truth through stories. Today James will be talking to us about *The Unmerciful Servant*. Matthew 18:21-35 and 1 Peter 1:18-19

Sidesperson: Colin & Judith **Reading:** Brenda **Communion:** Jan & Jon
Prayers: Service leader **Coffee:** Colin & Judith **SAS:** Martie & helper (No Spark)

Watch our 11am service live on You

Tube

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

PRAYERS: All are welcome to join us before our Sunday service at 10.15pm for prayer. 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

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported and helped at the High Tea in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support at St John's recently. £362 has been raised so far with money still coming in.

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

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.

WATCH England in the Rugby World Cup Quarter Finals on **Sunday 15th October** at St John's, match starts at 4pm.

Our next **HEALING SERVICE** takes place on **Sunday 15th October** 6.30pm at St John's.

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

In October we meet for **FORGET ME NOT FILMS** on **Thursday 19th** at St John's, watching 'The Incredible Journey' from 9.15am

The next **JOIN US 4 A CUPPA!** at St John's takes place on **Friday 20th October 11am-1pm**. This month it's our annual 'Wear something pink' theme helping to support and raise funds for Breast Cancer Now.

LILLESHALL WI will be hosting a **COFFEE MORNING** on **Friday 20th October** 10am-12noon at Lilleshall Memorial Hall to help raise funds for life-changing breast cancer research and care including a raffle, cake & produce stall,

You are warmly invited to the **8th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE of TELFORD CAP DEBT CENTRE** on **Monday 23rd October 7-8.30pm** at All Saints Church in Wellington.

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.

MUXTON RAINBOWS are looking for another leader as one of their leaders has gone off to university. They wondered if anyone from our churches would be interested. The volunteer would need to be over 18 and willing to have a DBS check and do safe space training. Please contact either the church office or Jo jolutner@icloud.com.

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>

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

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)

Services and Rotas for Sunday 15th October SML - 9.30am Holy Communion SJM - 11am Morning Worship & 6.30pm Healing Service	
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Sidesperson: Janet	Sidesperson: Chris K
	Reading: Wendy
Reading: Ann J	Communion: N/A
Prayers: Jo	Prayers: Jo
Coffee: Philippa & Dee	Coffee: Melissa & Chris K
	SAS: Sue & Jo
	Spark : Andrew & Sam

Reading 1 - Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

²² Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.'

²⁶ 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.'

²⁸ 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.'

²⁹ 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

³⁰ 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.'

³²'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Reading 2 - 1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.