

## St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 19th November

### St Michael's

**9.30am HOLY COMMUNION:** A warm welcome to our service this morning led by Matthew. David L continues our theme '*Truth through stories*' today looking at '*The 10 Virgins - be prepared/ready*' Matthew 25:1-13.

**Sidesperson:** Cedric                      **Reading:** Angie                      **Prayers:** Service Leader  
**Coffee:** Harry & Katrina

### St John's

**11am MORNING WORSHIP:** Good morning and welcome to our service today led by Heiko. David L talks to us about "*Be prepared/ready*" Matthew 25:1-13 continuing our theme '*Truth through stories*'.

**Sidesperson:** Dave & Sue                      **Reading:** Di                      **Prayers:** Tagg family  
**SAS:** Sue & Martie                      **Spark:** Andrew & Sam                      **Coffee:** Dave & Sue

Watch our 11am service live on You Tube

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

### WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE - PRAYERS:

**CARE** for their work with the Government as they attempt to bring a Christian viewpoint into the debates on assisted suicide, the asylum situation and on-line safety bill.

**Street Pastors** for protection as they assist those young folk from danger in the night-time economy.

**CPAS** as they assist parishes up and down the country with courses and information

**Tearfund** reaching out to the poor and destitute and to schemes to assist countries suffering from famine and Climate Change.

Please pray for our churches, the Government and for a resolution of the various wars around the globe.

**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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Last chance to drop off your boxes is Tuesday. Thank you so much for your continued support.

A short course Spiritual Renewal in Smaller Churches - **Wednesday 22nd November 2023** 10am-5pm at Telford Minster, Southwater. Tickets £15 including lunch. Followed by evening celebration 7:30-9:30pm, Free Admission. <https://www.resource-arm.net/events/62/feeding-the-five-thousand>

**WANTED - SECONDHAND WALKING GEAR:** Vikki is arranging a collection for 'Kitsquad' who are the "only UK based scheme that provides donated second-hand adventure gear to low-income individuals". **What is**

**needed:** hiking boots, sleeping bags, rucksacks and waterproofs. Especially children's and men's outdoor clothing/technical clothing (fleeces, base layers, waterproofs) **How to donate:** Please drop off any of the above items at St John's Church by **Mon 27 Nov.** After this date you can drop them off directly with the charity that is based in Shrewsbury. More info at <https://kitsquad.co.uk> or contact Fran on 01743 651377 or Whatsapp: 07385 204692. Thanks - Vikki

**HOUSEGROUP LEADERS** are due to meet next on **Wednesday 29th November** at 7.30pm

**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](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/gift-catalogue). Gifts start from £7.

**ST MICHAEL'S** Health and Safety folder has been updated and is kept on windowsill in AV area of Church.

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

**ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE** takes place on **Saturday 2nd December** 3-6pm. Mulled Wine, Hot Drinks, Children's Crafts, Entertainment and Stalls.

We still have places at our **WREATH MAKING** during St John's Christmas Fayre...to book contact Lesley (670033). Slots available at 3pm or 3.45pm

**CHARITY CHRISTMAS FILM EVENING** takes place at the Orbit Cinema, Wellington. The film this year will be 'Jack Frost' and takes place on **Tuesday 5th December**. Tickets available from Jenny Harrower 07581 875288.

Join **THE GALLERY SINGERS** on **Friday 8 December** 7pm. At Christ Church, Wellington. They will perform Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten with Alice Kirwan on the harp. A festive evening with additional Christmas music from the likes of Will Todd, James MacMillan and Bob Chilcott with the opportunity for the audience to join in with some carols and songs. Tickets are £12 (Under 16s £6) from 07968 906446, [facebook.com/thegallerysingers](https://facebook.com/thegallerysingers) or on the door. Or speak to Gill Roberts (St Michael's)

In the season of Advent, St John's Community Choir are delighted to bring you Graham Kenrick's '**RUMOURS OF ANGELS**' at St John's on **Saturday 9th December** 2.30pm & 7.30pm...get your free ticket (s) now from Julie H.

Join the Telford Concert Band and Darby Singers **Saturday 9th December** 7pm for a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** at Dawley Christian Centre. Tickets £6 (inc refreshments). All profits shared between CAP and Dawley Food Bank

Our 'pop up' event **WOW** (Women on Wednesday's) will next take place on **Wed 13 Dec @ 7pm**...if you need a break, fancy a chat and a night out then do join us at The Whitehouse hotel in Muxton.

**MORE CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY....**

- 10th December** - Christingle at St Michael's 3.30pm  
**15th December** - Carols & Candles at St John's 8pm  
**17th December** - Candlelit Carol Service at St Michael's 6.30pm  
**20th December** - Carol singing around Muxton...6.30pm  
**24th December** - Crib Service at St John's 3.30pm  
**24th December** - Christmas Eve Holy Communion...11pm at St Michael's  
**25th December** - Christmas Lunch at St John's ...1.30pm ish

Services and Rotas for Sunday 26th November <b>SML - 9.30am Morning Worship</b> <b>SJM - 11am Holy Communion</b>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: <b>Janet</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Melissa &amp; Youya</b>
	Reading: <b>Lisa/Nigel</b>
Reading: <b>Jo</b>	Communion: <b>Pam &amp; Simon</b>
Prayers: <b>Chris L/Angie</b>	Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>
Coffee: <b>Katie &amp; Fran</b>	Coffee: <b>Jane P &amp; Melissa</b>
	SAS: <b>Matthew &amp; Jo</b>
	Spark: <b>Kathy &amp; Judith</b>

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## Matthew 25:1-13

**25** "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

<sup>7</sup> "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

<sup>9</sup> "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

<sup>10</sup> "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

<sup>12</sup> "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

<sup>13</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.