

St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 5th November

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: A warm welcome to our service today led by Matthew. Today's theme is '*The wedding banquet*' Matthew 22:1-14

Sidesperson: John & Diane **Prayers:** Service Leader **Coffee:** Fran

St John's

11am ALL AGE MORNING WORSHIP: Welcome to our all age service this morning led by James. Vikki talks to us about Jesus' authority and 'fruitfulness' Isaiah 5:1-7 and Matthew 21:33-46.

Sidesperson: Steve & Heather **Reading:** Steve **Prayers:** Shirley
No Spark or SAS **Coffee:** Steve & Heather

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.

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

HOUSEGROUP LEADERS are due to meet **tomorrow** evening (6th) at 7.30pm.

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

ST JOHNS BUILDING MANAGEMENT TEAM are meeting next after the service on **Sunday 12th November**.

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**

FLAIR HOUSEGROUP are asking for donations of toiletries, scarves, jigsaws and small gifts for a bring and buy stall at their festive Join us 4 a Cuppa! on **Friday 17th November**. Money raised will go towards a CAP Hamper.

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 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

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.

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

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

Email: admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk or admin@stmichaelslilleshall.org.uk

Website: www.stjohnsmuxton.org.uk or www.stmichaelslilleshall.org.uk

Church Office - 01952 670033

Matthew's Email: matthew.lefroy@tiscali.co.uk (Usual day off Friday)

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

<p>Services and Rotas for Sunday 12th November</p> <p>SML - 10.45am Remembrance Service</p> <p>SJM - 9.30am Holy Communion and 6.30pm 'Rest'</p> <p>Additional act of remembrance 11am at Muxton War Memorial</p>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: 10.45am Uniformed Groups	Sidesperson: Volunteer
	Reading: Gill S
Reading: Dave	Communion: Sue W & Judith
Prayers: Wayne & Ellie	Prayers: Service Leader
Coffee: Dave & June	Coffee: Ann L & Julie S
	SAS: Martie & Katharine
	No Spark

St Michael's - Matthew 22:1-14

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²'The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴'Then he sent some more servants and said, "Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."

⁵'But they paid no attention and went off - one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸'Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?" The man was speechless.

¹³'Then the king told the attendants, "Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹⁴'For many are invited, but few are chosen.'

St John's reading 1 - Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

⁷ The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

St John's - Reading 2 - Matthew 21:33-46

³³ 'Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ 'The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said.

³⁸ 'But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ 'Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

⁴¹ 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes"?

⁴³ 'Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.