

## St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 10th December

### St Michael's

**9.30am MORNING WORSHIP:** A warm welcome to our service this morning led by Paula. Heiko continues our new series on prayer and preparing for Jesus' arrival. 'The Saviour is coming'. *Isaiah 9: 1-7 and Matthew 4: 12-17.*

**Sidesperson:** Harry & Katrina      **Reading:** Dave P      **Prayers:** Janet and Colette  
**Coffee:** Dave & June

**3.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE:** Welcome to our fun interactive Christingle service for all the family.

### St John's

**9am BREAKFAST & PRAYER:** A nice start to the day with a bacon/sausage bap, unlimited tea and coffee followed by a time of prayer for the life of our church.

**11am HOLY COMMUNION:** Good morning and welcome to our service today continuing our Advent and prayer theme. Matthew leads our service and Heiko preaches about 'The Saviour is coming' *Isaiah 9: 1-7 and Matthew 4: 12-17.*

**Sidesperson:** Terry & Jan      **Reading:** Chris K      **Prayers:** Service Leader  
**Communion:** Gill & Jo      **SAS:** Sue & Martie      No Spark  
**Coffee:** Terry & Jan

Watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB6N81vubkdzSYD7rCPFw5Q>

**ST JOHN'S MISSING ITEMS:** We seem to have misplaced a cake slice after the Afternoon Tea run by Julie S...we have also gained a couple too. Could we ask you to check at home to see that you have the correct one and also to see if yours is missing..Can we also ask you to check your homes/garages to see if you may have one of our Gopak tables (the half size one) we used to have 2 but only appear to have had 1 for some time now. Thank you for looking.

**ST MICHAEL'S - PRAYER MINISTRY** is available at St Michael's after the service on Sundays.

**PRAYER CARDS:** There are prayer cards on the table in St Michael's for anyone wishing to add a Christmas prayer and hang on the large tree by the outside Nativity scene.

Our 'pop up' event **WOW** (Women on Wednesdays) 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.

**FORGET ME NOT FILMS** would like you to join them at St John's **Thursday 14th December** for a festive film from 9.15am.

**CAROLS & CANDLES:** Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without our well-established favourite service of Carols and Candles. Enjoy mulled wine, mince pies, carols and step back 2000 years and meet the author of Christmas. Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to join with us on **Friday 15th December at 8pm**. Any donations of mince pies would be gratefully received.

**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH** Come and enjoy Christmas Dinner in the company of St John's Church Family on Christmas Day at 1.30pm ish. The food is free but space

limited and, so we know how many to cater for, you'll need to book by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** by contacting the Church Office and giving your name and contact phone number or email.

**CAROL SERVICES:** Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm at St Michael's on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** and 11am at St John's on **Christmas Eve**.

**CAROL SINGING AROUND MUXTON** on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** meeting at St John's at 6.30pm then returning for mulled wine and mince pies.

**CRIB SERVICE:** A fun short service for families. Get your Christmas off to a cracking start by joining us for carols and a walk-on nativity. Younger children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or kings. 3.30pm on **Christmas Eve** at St John's.

Please join us at our evening service **11pm** on **Christmas Eve** at St Michael's.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** services St Michael's 9.30am and St John's 11am.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday 9-3pm, Tuesday 9-12noon and Friday 9-3pm 670033

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Services and Rotas for Sunday 17th December	
SML - 9.30am Holy Communion and 6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service	
SJM - 11am Morning Worship	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: 9.30am Fran and 6.30pm Fran & Cedric	Sidesperson: Moira & John
Reading: Katie F	Reading: Julie S
Prayers: Service Leader	Communion: N/A
Coffee: Janet & helper	Prayers: Barbara
	Coffee: Moira & John
	SAS: Martie & Sue
	Spark: Andrew & Alasdair

### Isaiah 9: 1-7 (ESV)

1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

### **Matthew 4: 12-17 (ESV)**

12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.  
13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:  
15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."  
17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."