

St John's and St Michael's Churches First Sunday of 2024 - Happy New Year

St Michael's

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION: Welcome to our first service of the new year. Our service is led by Jane and Robyn talks to us about 'Prayer - Obedience'. Psalm 61:1-2 and James 1:22-25.

Sidesperson: Janet

Reading: Dave P

Prayers: Jane E

Coffee: Philippa & Dee

St John's

11am MORNING WORSHIP: A very warm welcome to our first Sunday service of the year. Matthew leads our service and today is our 'Safeguarding Sunday'. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and Mark 12:28-31.

Sidesperson:

John

&

Wendy

Reading: Brenda

Prayers: Wendy

Coffee: John & Wendy

Watch on YouTube the 11am service from St John's...

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

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

ST JOHN'S - PRAYERS: Please join us Sundays at St John's for a time of prayer at 10.15am, using 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.

Sunday 21st January - alterations to services: Churches together in Newport are holding a service at St Nicholas, Newport on **Sunday 21st January** at 10.30 to celebrate the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." There will be NO MORNING SERVICE at 9.30 am at Lilleshall that morning as we would like to encourage those that are able to attend St Nicholas. There will, instead be a Holy Communion Service at St Michael's at 6.30 pm. The 11 am Morning Worship service at St John's will take place as advertised. However, the NOW WORSHIP service scheduled for 6.30 pm on 21st January will now take place on 4th February.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helps during our Sunday morning services at both our churches, you really are appreciated. New rotas are in the process of being sent out and hard copies produced. Please check on the table in St Michael's and in the pigeon holes at St John's for new Sunday morning rota information. If any of the dates are not convenient for you please arrange a swap and let Lesley know that would be most helpful. If anyone would like to help out and go on one of our rotas please speak to Lesley ie sidespersons, reading, prayers, coffee, AV and of course one of the most important SAS,

Spark and Light, the more volunteers we have the less onerous it will be for individuals.

Can you **please** check for any unclaimed Christmas cards. Thank you.

The Coffee Lounge at St Michael's continues to take place 9.30am-4.30pm **every Wednesday** .. All welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

St John's **EVANGELISM TEAM** are due to meet next on **Monday 8th & 29th January** 7.30pm.

Our next **FORGET ME NOT FILMS** takes place on **Thursday 18th January** from 9.15am at St John's. This month we will be watching 'Big Red'.

JOIN US 4 A CUPPA! at St John's on **Friday 19th January** between 11am-1pm. All very welcome.

Services and Rotas for Sunday 14th January	
SML - 9.30am Morning Worship	
SJM - 11am Holy Communion	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: Cedric	Sidesperson: Cath
	Reading: Cath
Reading: Sandra	Communion: Pam & Simon
Prayers: Service Leader	Prayers: Jane E
Coffee: Dave & Sue	Coffee: Chris K & Sue F
	SAS: Martie & Melissa
	No Spark

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Monday 9-3pm, Tuesday 9-12noon and Friday 9-3pm 670033

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

St Michael's first reading - Psalm 61

¹ Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.

² From the ends of the earth I call to you,
I call as my heart grows faint;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

St Michael's second reading - James 1:22-25

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do.

St John's first reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptised by^[a] one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

St John's second reading - Mark 12:28-31

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?'

²⁹ 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." ³¹ The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.'