

## St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 31st December

### St Michael's

**NEW YEAR'S EVE 9.30am ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION:** A warm welcome to the last Sunday of 2023. Our service is led by Matthew and James continues our sermon series on prayer today talking about 'Praying Together'. 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 and 1 Corinthians 3:10-17.

**Sidesperson:** John & Diane                      **Reading:** Cedric                      **Prayers:** Fran  
**Coffee:** Dave & June

### St John's

**NEW YEAR'S EVE 11am ALL AGE MORNING WORSHIP:** Welcome to the last Sunday of 2023. Our service today is led by Vikki and James continues our sermon series on prayer by talking to us about 'Praying Together'. 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 and 1 Corinthians 3:10-17.

**Sidesperson:** Alasdair                      **Reading:** Alasdair                      **Coffee:** Melissa & Lesley

**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.

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 on the 3rd when we'll be able to wish you a Happy New Year!

St John's **LUNCHCLUB** meets next in the New Year 12noon on **Friday 5th January** at a cost of £5 for 2 courses plus tea/coffee.

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

### NORMAL OFFICE HOURS

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

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Services and Rotas for Sunday 7th January 2024 <b>SML - 9.30am Holy Communion</b> <b>SJM - 11am Morning Worship</b>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: Janet	Sidesperson: Wendy & John
	Reading: Brenda

Reading: <b>Dave P</b>	Communion: <b>N/A</b>
Prayers: <b>Jane E</b>	Prayers: <b>Wendy</b>
Coffee: <b>Philippa &amp; Dee</b>	Coffee: <b>Wendy &amp; John</b>

### **First Reading - 2 Chronicles 7:11-22**

<sup>11</sup> When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, <sup>12</sup> the Lord appeared to him at night and said: 'I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.

<sup>13</sup> 'When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, <sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. <sup>15</sup> Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. <sup>16</sup> I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there for ever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

<sup>17</sup> 'As for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, <sup>18</sup> I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, "You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel."

<sup>19</sup> 'But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you<sup>(b)</sup> and go off to serve other gods and worship them, <sup>20</sup> then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple which I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. <sup>21</sup> This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled and say, "Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this temple?" <sup>22</sup> People will answer, "Because they have forsaken the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshipping and serving them - that is why he brought all this disaster on them."

### **Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 3:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. <sup>14</sup> If what has been built survives, the builder will

receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved - even though only as one escaping through the flames.

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives among you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.