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March













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PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Stand up and be counted

So often diocesan synods are perceived as boring, dry and bureaucratic. This should not be the case! Rather they should exist to serve the mission of the wider Church, to make strategic decisions, and to encourage the growth of mission and ministry in our diocese. So, are you passionate about these things and want to play a more active role in embedding our vision and strategy in the life of all our churches and communities? Then please read on... What is Diocesan Synod?

Diocesan Synod is our primary elected, representative body and brings people together across the Church of England in Staffordshire, north Shropshire and the Black Country. It holds the diocesan vision, drives mission, sets strategy, elects and appoints a range of positions on boards and committees and shapes priorities.

It may respond to questions put to it by the General Synod and is an advisory and deliberative body. It considers the important topics facing our diverse and unique diocese and the wider Church. It is a statutory institution which serves not only our diocese but influences and helps to direct the national church on matters of church, public and government policy. It also includes some mandatory governance items such as approval of the budget and the annual accounts. The membership consists of three houses: the House of Bishops; the House of Clergy; and the House of Laity.

The current three-year term is due to end on 31 July. The next synod members will be elected in the summer of 2024 and serve a term of three years. Meetings are held in March, June and November.

Themes for the next three years will include embedding our diocesan vision and strategy, taking forward the Growing Faith initiative in relation to schools and families; a continuing focus on growth in numbers and depth of discipleship, including new Christians, and new worshipping communities; actively engaging with our local communities, determination to continue to focus on safeguarding, diversity, racial justice and the environment. What skills and gualities do representatives need?

• Vision: Do you have a vision for a flourishing Church and a passion to work with others to share your Christian faith and deepen the discipleship of those around you?

• Commitment: Are you ready to seek God's will through prayer and reflection, with a heart for growth, mission and engagement across boundaries?

• Openness: Are you open to trying new approaches while learning from others, embracing change and the bigger picture and to sharing inspiring feedback with your deanery, PCC and wider church family?

• Enthusiasm: Members of Synod are encouraged to speak and challenge confidently, enabling change whilst leading and encouraging others.

• Good communication skills: Do you have a listening ear? Are you receptive and open-minded and have the ability to share your passion?

Can I encourage everyone reading this who is on the <u>electoral roll of your church</u>, is over 16 years of age and an actual communicant to prayerfully consider whether this is something God is calling you to do?

Julie Jon'es is the Diocesan Secretary/Chief Executive Officer for the Diocese of Lichfield and can be contacted at <u>julie.jones@lichfield.anglican.org</u> or on 01543 306291. More can be read at <u>lichfield.anglican.org/diocesan-synods/</u>

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS', LILLESHALL SERVICES IN MARCH

.30am Time unless otherwise stated
12noon Worship, Lunch & Music
9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Memorial Service
Morning Worship
Holy Communion
Morning Worship
9am Holy Week Reflection
10am Chrism Service at Lichfield Cathedral
6.30pm Reflection
06.45 Sunrise service on Lilleshall Hill (meet at St Michael's 6.30am) 9.30am Holy Communion

St John's , Muxton - Services in MARCH

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(unless otherwise indicated)

3 Mar	Morning Worship
10 Mar Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion
17 Mar	Morning Worship
24 Mar Palm Sunday	Holy Communion
28 Mar Maundy Thursday	6.30pm A Supper like no other
29 Mar Good Friday	Good Friday Reflection
31 Mar Easter Sunday	06.45 Sunrise service on Lilleshall Hill (meet at St Michael's 6.30am) 11am Holy Communion 3.30pm Songs of Praise (Muxton style)

Our services are also livestreamed over YouTube...St John's Muxton https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB6N81vubkdzSYD7rCPFw5Q

EVANGELISM TEAM

The Evangelism/Sub Group committee are meeting next on Tuesday 11th March @ 7.30pm



St John's Lunchclub

...meets in March on...

Friday 1st at 12noon at a cost of f.5

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Memorial Service

Sunday 3rd March - 4pm St Michael & All Angels', Lilleshall



St Michael's Church, Lilleshall & St John's Church, Muxton would like to invite you to a Memorial Service on Sunday 3rd March 4pm at St Michael & All Angels' Church, Lilleshall.

The service will be an opportunity to remember and give thanks to God for those we have loved and have now passed away. If you would like us to read the name of a loved one as part of the service would you please call Lesley on 01952 670033 and leave a message with the name of the deceased and your name & contact telephone number or email admin@stmichaelslilleshall.org.uk Refreshments will be served.

Pravers with breakfast

Please come along to St John's at 9am and enjoy breakfast together followed by a time of prayer

Sundays....

28th Jan, 25th Feb, 24th Mar, 28th Apr, 26th May, 23rd Jun, 28th Jul, 22nd Sept, 27th Oct & 24th Nov.

St John's Church, Muxton

9am



Are you in need of another adult's company and conversation? Is your child in need of another child's company and conversation? If so, come along to St John's Tiny Tots, St John's Church in Muxton.

We meet **Tuesday mornings 10am** <u>during term time</u> and we extend a warm welcome to all children under school age and their parents or carers. Cost is from £3 per family with up to 2 children (a small extra charge for additional children).

Youth Café

at St John's Church, Muxton

Calling all young people in Yrs 7-13...

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The Knit & Natter group meet at St John's Church on Tuesdays 2pm-4pm. We not only do our crafts, including quilting, felting, knitting, crochet etc plus our special quality of 'chatting'. We have made scarves, hats/gloves, premature baby clothes for PRH. Blankets for Dementia patients and care home residents.

You are welcome to join us Call for more info 07948 094272 or can leave a message at the church office 01952 670033.



The Lenten Journey

'Following Christ in the footsteps of St Chad' March begins with the celebration of the lives of two saints; on 1st March we have St David, (or Dewi Sant) C6th Bishop of Wales and on 2nd March we have St Chad, C7th first Bishop of Lichfield and our patron. These days punctuate Lent, giving us an opportunity to pause and reflect on how the holy people of old patterned their lives on that of Christ. We might consider how we may learn from their ancient wisdom at this point on our Lenten journey. It's a journey which has a distinctive shape, beginning with a purposeful focus on discipline, fasting and intentional holiness; it moves inexorably toward the intensity of its conclusion in Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the Cross. Yet during these middle weeks of Lent we find ourselves with Jesus in the wilderness, a place of desolation and abandonment; yet paradoxically, it's potentially a time of great spiritual growth, if we dare to withdraw, to enter deeply into a time of self-examination and keep company with Jesus. We are invited to dwell, abide, to wait, to 'tarry', to slow down in our journey. We can learn much from the Celtic saints who lived the monastic life for whom these practices were embedded in their 'Rule of Life'. Earlier this year, I chose Jeremiah 6:16 as a guiding verse: "Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" It seems to me that Lent is indeed a good time to pause at the crossroads and look to those ancient paths and perhaps heed the prophet's words to take them? One of the distinctive characteristics of both these saints, Dewi and Chad, is that they were encouragers of others in their mission. As founders of monasteries, they built communities of learning; but they also lived lives of discovery and adventure, spreading the Christian message and gathering disciples as they went. They recognised the wisdom of taking time out to rest, pray and study. We owe them, and so many others, much gratitude for their legacy of Christian practice. In our Chad Foundations programme we have sought to embed some of these principles and practices in preparation for public ministry. The Chad programme allows those taking the first steps into ministry to explore what it feels like to be part of a learning community, albeit mostly online, in the virtual world of Moodle; yet we also take time out to pray, eat, study and enter into retreat together on our gathered days. We travel as companions together in small groups. Chad aims to be a journey of adventure and discovery, of exploring ministry and mission, where we can examine that vocational question, 'What is it Lord, that you have called me to do?'. As we each continue on our

individual Lenten journeys, I wonder if that question is one that saints like Chad and Dewi might help us answer?

Clare Whitney - Lay Ministerial Learning and Development Officer <u>clare.whitney@lichfield.anglican.org</u> For information about the Chad Foundations Programme see the webpage: <u>lichfield.anglican.org/chad-foundations</u>.



Tea/Coffee and light refreshments Bring 4 buy - Red/Green theme

at St John's Church, Saltwells Drive, Muxton





The Storm Cock sings in March

March is a great month to search for and listen to mistle thrushes. They start to breed in February and by March can be heard proclaiming from the tops of tall trees. Unlike other thrushes such as song thrush or blackbird, mistle thrushes are know for singing during stormy weather,

hence the name storm cock. They are also called Throstles, an old word for thrush. By perching high to sing, they amplify their already loud song which can be heard up to 2km away. Compared to other thrushes the mistle thrushes song is more monotonous and piercing but still a joyful sound to hear and a herald of spring. You can identify the three thrushes by their song and once you have learned the difference they are quite easy to separate. Have a listen on the RSPB website as a starting point.

Mistle thrushes favour parkland conditions with big trees and grassland, where they feed on a wide variety of invertebrates. Churchyards and cemeteries can be perfect for them having mature soils full of invertebrates, few or no pesticides and mature trees for perching and nesting. Many burial grounds contain evergreen trees which were planted during the nineteenth century, these are now mature and offer excellent habitat for thrushes as well as other birds and animals.

Mistle thrushes are currently in decline in the UK and churchyards and cemeteries may be important strongholds for them. We would love to know how many churchyards have mistle thrushes breeding in them, and if you hear one singing, this will be a male who is proclaiming his territory so a good indicator of breeding. Please let Caring for God's Acre know by making a record on iNaturalist, you can do this by recording the song or taking a photo of the bird. Alternatively you can email wildlife@cfga.org.uk.

All the best, Harriet

<u>Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor</u>, harriet@cfga.org.uk,

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A Supper Like No Other Thursday 28 March 6.30pm

Enter into the Easter story as the disciples share their last supper together. We will join them sharing a simple meal together as we eavesdrop into their conversation. Please contact St John's office on 01952 670033 or email admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk

Good Friday Reflection Friday 29 March 11am

A quiet time of reflection to consider the thorny question of why Jesus had to die.

Songs of Praise - Muxton Style!

Sunday 31 March 3.30pm

Join in with the songs of Easter that people in Muxton have chosen whilst enjoying a cream tea. To help with catering please contact St John's office on 01952 670033 or email admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk

All events at St John's Church, Saltwells Drive

CALLING ALL LADIES!! RENEW YOUR MIND, Saturday April 13th 11am-3pm

Hadies Day

Booking is essential to ensure a place. Please contact St John's office on 01952 670033 or email <u>admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk</u> There is no charge for the event but there will be opportunity to make a donation on the day.

Following the success of our recent Ladies Day we have been asked to repeat the experience, allowing us to relax, explore and listen to music in the company of old and new friends - and of course enjoy a delicious lunch! There will also be options to take part in workshops and craft activities, as well as a Pilates demonstration.

Mindfulness and its effect on our wellbeing is a hot topic these days so we are planning to explore it in a new way, which is why we are calling the event **RENEW YOUR MIND.** Ellie Cheetham Wilkinson, Curate of All Saints Church, Wellington, is coming along to share her story with us. Our hope is that the day will refresh and open new doors for us as individuals and as a community.





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Saturday 23rd March 2024

9:45am registration, 10:00am – 4:30pm (bring your own lunch)

St John's Church

Saltwells Drive, Muxton, Telford TF28RJ

Advance booking essential as places are limited - £25 per person

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- Introduction to learning disability
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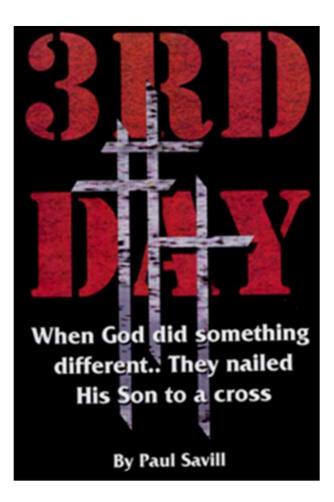
Thank you to all who have already paid their fees. We are collecting in the usual way, you can either hand to the person who delivers your magazine or if you are passing St John's Church or St Michael's you can either post through the letter box or inside for the attention of Lesley with your name. If you are unable to do this please contact the church office and we can arrange collection.

Thank you once again

The churches of St John's, Muxton and St Michael's Lilleshall

St John's Community Choir...

... present the story of Easter to music on



Saturday 30th March St John's Church, Muxton 7.30pm

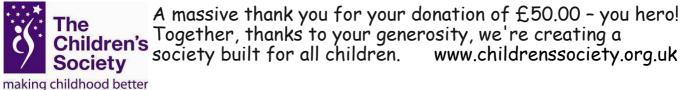
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A BIG THANK YOU to Telford & Wrekin Council and a special thank you to parish councillor Jenny Urey for a grant from the Councillors Pride Fund. The grant is to enable the church to buy some much needed replacement items, including a new cooker, benefit the congregation and the numerous community groups

that will that use the building throughout the week.



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CRAFT WITH NUMBERS

Start Date: End Date: Start time:	Tuesday 5 March 2024 Tuesday 19 March 2024 9:15-11:45am	FREE course
Duration: Location:	3 weeks Donnington Community hub, TF2 7RB	

Maths is embedded into everything we do, including crafts! Come along to this **FREE** informal course and try some craft activities that involve numbers and patterns. All the materials will be provided on this course.

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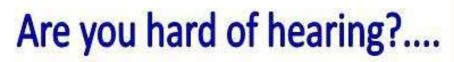


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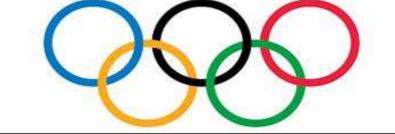
Donnington Methodist Church

Last Wednesday of the month

10.30am-12noon

Just turn up or for more information contact Kath on 07986 490027 (TEXT only)

'Save the Date' Activity Days 2024



For young people from Reception to Year 6

Join us this summer for games, crafts and lots of fun at St John's Church, Saltwells Drive, Muxton

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th July 2024

Further details and booking form coming soon www.stjohnsmuxton.org.uk



sub:Zero/Extra Presents...



THE GREAT YOUTH BAKE-OFF!

Friday 12 April 2024 4:30pm – 6:00pm

at St John's Church

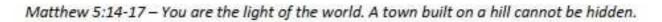
Here is a chance to show your skills!

This is a community event for young people Years 7-13

4:30pm-5:00pm – Entries will be received 5:00pm-5:45pm – Judge tasting 5:45pm-6:00pm – Award Ceremony

Prizes for different award categories including Rev's favourite!!

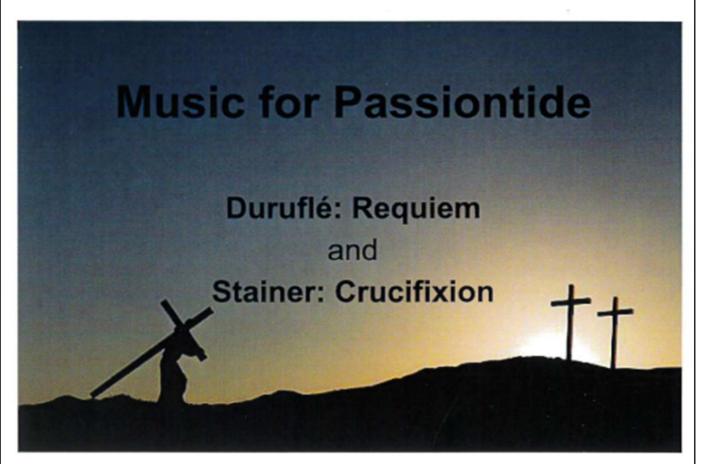
Please bring fully baked items ready to be tasted our Judges and include the name of the item and ingredients.



What's		's Church & Com 952 670033	munity Centre
Monday	Slimming Wo	orld - 2 x sessions	
Tuesday	Tiny Tots - 10am Term Time only	Knit & Natter 2-4pm	Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers Term Time Only
Wednesday	Aerobics over `50s' 11am	In Stitches 3rd Wednesday 2-4pm	Community Choir 5.30-6.30pm weekly
	Muxton Ladies 1st Wednesday 7.45pm	'A Novel Idea' Book club 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm	Wrekin Textile Group 4th Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday	Forget me Not Film (Monthly) - from 9.15am	Various housegroups throughout the day	Beacon - 7.45pm (Mid Week Church)
Friday	Lunchclub -12noon (over 50's) 1st Friday of most months	Join us 4 a Cuppa! Monthly 11am-1pm (usually 3rd Friday)	Youth Café Sub:Zero/Extra - 4.30-6.30pm Yr 7-13 Term time on a Friday
Saturday	Tuition 9am-10.30am	Available	e for Hire
Sunday	Church Services	Limited Availability f	or Parties/Functions

What's on at St Michael's Church, Lilleshall 01952 670033			
Tuesday		Bell ringing - Weekly 7	pm
Wednesday	The Coffee Lounge 9.30am-4.30pm	Bell ringing for beginners Weekly 7pm	Choir Practice Weekly 7pm
Thursday	Worship, Lunch & Music 1st Thursday of most months at 12noon and Weekly during Lent	<i>'Pop in for Coffee' 2nd Thursday 10am (except during Lent)</i> BACK IN SPRING 2024	
Sunday		Church Services	

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MUXTON LADIES' CLUB

Wednesday 6th March

Thai Cave Rescue By Mike Middleton



Meetings are held at St John's Muxton at **7.45 pm** on the first Wednesday of the month

LILLESHALL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 19th March Competition: Thai Recipe



Thai Cave Rescue By Mark Clayton

Meetings are held in Lilleshall Memorial Hall At 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month

ROTAS FOR MARCH

ST MICHAEL'S

Sidespersons

9.30am

6.30pm

3 Mar	John & Diane
10 Mar	Fran
17 Mar	Cedric
24 Mar	Janet
31 Mar	Harry & Katrina

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17 Mar

31 Mar

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Geoff

Holy Dusters

Dave & June Dave & Sue Mark & Chrstine

Janet

Flowers

Coffee

9.30am

Philippa & Dee Harry & Katrina Dave & June Katie & Laurie

Ellie

Sidoenoreon

Brass Cleaning

Sidesperson

3 Mar Pete & Julie 10 Mar Chris K 17 Mar Steve & Heather 24 Mar Alasdair 31 Mar Dave & Sue

Guides

ST JOHN'S

Coffee

Pete & Julie Chris K & Di Steve & Heather Simon & Lesley Dave & Sue Communion

Pam & Simon

Sue W & Judith

Flowers

31 Mar Wendy & Jane

Church Office Hours Monday 9am - 3pm Tuesday 8.30am - 12noon Friday 9am - 3pm 01952 670033

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

13 Feb at Telford CrematoriumMichael Charles PRICE (76) formerly of Goodrich Close, Muxton19 Feb at Telford CrematoriumValerie Betty MARTIN (81) of Barclay Gardens, Donnington

In their sadness, may those who have lost loved ones know the peace of Christ upholding them at this time. We extend our sympathy and prayers to those who have recently been bereaved.



Donations received at the Philip Gilman on 5th JanThanksgiving service of uary 2024

£1000 to Myaware £460.00 to ITU at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital £800 to St Michael's Church, Lilleshall

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