

## St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Sunday 14th April

### St Michael's

**9.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):** Welcome to our special service today when we hear about the life of St Michael's in 2023, elect Church Wardens and two members to the PCC. *2 Corinthians 4:1-12*

**Sidesperson:** Fran & Finlay      **Reading:** David L      **Prayers:** Angie Coffee: Dave & June

**6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP):** A warm welcome to our evening service led by Matthew.

**Sidesperson:** Jean

### St John's

**11am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):** A warm welcome to our service today including our annual meeting when we hear about the life of our church in 2023, elect Church Wardens, PCC & Deanery Synod members. (PCC: 4 vacancies for three years, 1 vacancy for two years and 2 one year vacancies. Deanery Synod x 2). *2 Corinthians 4:1-12*

**Sidesperson:** Geoff & Mary      **Reading:** Judith      **Communion:** Volunteer & Jo      **Prayers:** Service Leader      **Coffee:** Jo & Di

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB6N81vubkdzSYD7rCPfw5Q>

**St Michael's - Prayer Ministry** is available after the 9.30am Sunday service.

**St John's - Prayer Meeting:** Please join us before the Sunday service at 10.15am for prayer. Using this time to focus our prayers, seek God's will and vision in a specific area where we are trying to discern the way forward. After the service **Prayer Ministry** is also available.

**Sunday Morning Rotas:** Is anyone able to help on a Sunday Morning on a rota basis? We have reading and prayer rotas, serving refreshments and welcoming. Please speak to Lesley or any of the church wardens for further information about this important ministry.

'**Threads through Creation**' is an extraordinary, uplifting art exhibition at Lichfield Cathedral, on show from **17th April until 2nd June** as part of a nationwide tour of 20 cathedrals. The show consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from Genesis. Admission free See [www.lichfield-cathedral.org](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org)

**FORGET ME NOT FILM** this month takes place on **Thursday 18th** at St John's from 9.15am watching 'Annie get your gun!.

The next **JOIN US 4 A CUPPA!** at St John's takes place on **Friday 19th April** between 11am-1pm...Light refreshments will be available

**Design a logo for St John's:** Could you help us by designing a Logo for St John's? We would love you to put your creative skills to good use and to design a simple logo that captures what St John's is about. We want to be "Passionate for God by visibly developing trust in Jesus, readily taking risks, generously serving our community and unashamedly praying." Please submit your ideas to the office before the end of May.

**The Coffee Lounge** at St Michael's takes place 9.30am-4.30pm **every Wednesday** .. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

St John's Summer Fayre and Dog Festival on **Saturday 6th July 2-5pm.**

**NORMAL OFFICE HOURS**

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

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<p>Services and Rotas for Sunday 21st April  <b>SML - 9.30am Holy Communion</b>  <b>SJM - 11am Morning Worship</b></p>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: <b>Cedric</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Simon &amp; Lesley</b>
Reading: <b>Cedric</b>	Reading: <b>Chris K</b>
Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>	Communion: <b>N/A</b>
Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>	Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>
Coffee: <b>Dave &amp; June</b>	Coffee: <b>Simon &amp; Lesley</b>
	SAS: <b>Katharine &amp; Mel</b>
	Spark: <b>Kathy &amp; Alasdair</b>

**2 Corinthians 4:1-12**

**4** So because of God's mercy, we have work to do. He has given it to us. And we don't give up. <sup>2</sup> Instead, we have given up doing secret and shameful things. We don't twist God's word. In fact, we do just the opposite. We present the truth plainly. In the sight of God, we make our appeal to everyone's sense of what is right and wrong. <sup>3</sup> Suppose our good news is covered with a veil. Then it is veiled to those who are dying. <sup>4</sup> The god of

this world has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They can't see the light of the good news that makes Christ's glory clear. Christ is the likeness of God.<sup>5</sup> The message we preach is not about ourselves. Our message is about Jesus Christ. We say that he is Lord. And we say that we serve you because of Jesus.<sup>6</sup> God said, "Let light shine out of darkness." He made his light shine in our hearts. His light gives us the light to know God's glory. His glory is shown in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Treasure is kept in clay jars. In the same way, we have the treasure of the good news in these earthly bodies of ours. That shows that the mighty power of the good news comes from God. It doesn't come from us.<sup>8</sup> We are pushed hard from all sides. But we are not beaten down. We are bewildered. But that doesn't make us lose hope.<sup>9</sup> Others make us suffer. But God does not desert us. We are knocked down. But we are not knocked out.<sup>10</sup> We always carry around the death of Jesus in our bodies. In that way, the life of Jesus can be shown in our bodies.<sup>11</sup> We who are alive are always in danger of death because we are serving Jesus. This happens so that his life can also be shown in our earthly bodies.<sup>12</sup> Death is at work in us. But life is at work in you.