

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 1st September

St Michael's

8.30am Prayer with Breakfast: A warm welcome to a time of prayer and sharing breakfast together.

9.30am Holy Communion: Good morning and welcome to our service today. Matthew will be talking to us about '(Re) discovering His Love' Song of Songs 2:3-13 and Mark 7:1-8 & 14-15. **Prayer Ministry** available after the service.

Sidesperson: John & Diane **Reading:** Dave Po **Prayers:** David Pi **Coffee:** Janet & Colette

St John's

11am Morning Worship + Baptism: Our service this morning is led by Matthew and he talks to us about '(Re) discovering His Love' Song of Songs 2:3-13 and Mark 7:1-8 & 14-15. We would also like to offer a very warm welcome to Freddie, who is being baptised today, and his family and friends.

Sidesperson: Terry & Jan **Reading:** Julie
S Prayers: Barbara **Coffee:** Terry & Jan **SAS:** Katharine & Josh

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

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

Fairtrade Fortnight 9th - 22nd September

St John's - Prayer Meeting: Please join us before the Sunday service at 10.15am for prayer. **Prayer Ministry** is also available after the service .

St John's Evangelism Team are having a mission week planning meeting on **Tuesday 3rd September** 7.30pm at St John's.

Worship, Lunch & Music returns on **Thursday 5th September** at 12noon with a service of holy communion followed by lunch and recital.

St John's **LUNCHCLUB** takes place 12noon on **Friday 6th September**.

sub:Zero a Youth café for young people in school Yrs 7+ restarts after it's summer break on **Friday 6th September** from 4.30-6.30pm.

Leaders/Helpers of Activity Days are all invited to join an evening of fun and food on **Friday 6th September**, 7pm at St John's.

The next **Safeguarding Team** meeting takes place on **Sunday 8th September** after the 11am service at St John's.

New home group: If you would like to join a home group, come along on **10th September** at 7.30pm to St Michael's church to learn more! For more information, please contact David P 07974 168439 or Katrina on 670575.

Truth to Tell! Our new informal worship begins its journey on **Thursday 12th September**. Come and join us for tea/coffee and cake with a 'Thought for the Day' between 10.30-11.30am at St John's.

RIDE & STRIDE - SHROPSHIRE CHURCHES OPEN DAY this year takes place on **Saturday 14th September** when you have an opportunity to collect sponsorship and plan your route visiting churches around Shropshire. Half the money raised goes to our churches and the other to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants for repairs and restoration. For further information see either Lesley, Ken or take a look on <https://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx>

Afternoon Tea @ St Michael's 3.30pm on 15th September - If you wish to attend Vikki's leaving 'Tea' there is a list for names at the back of church for catering purposes.

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

Confirmation Service 11am at St John's on 22nd September and Preparation: The second preparation session and Rehearsal takes place on **Thursday 12th September** from 6pm-7pm at St John's.

Vikki Day is heading off to Sandhurst in September for her training to become an Army Chaplain. Her last day when we will be officially saying farewell is at a joint service on **Sunday 15th Sept** 11am at St Michael's followed by a shared lunch at St John's and afternoon tea at St Michael's.

Telford Street Pastors is celebrating 13 years at a special event on the evening of **Friday 27th September**. Revd Les Isaac, founder of Street Pastors, will be speaking, new Street Pastors will be commissioned and there will be songs by the Darby Singers. Refreshments to follow.

St John's Community Choir presents '**Shaken not stirred**' a concert on **Saturday 28th September** 2pm/7pm. Further details will follow.

BELL RESTORATION APPEAL: An appeal has been launched to raise money to restore the bells at Lilleshall Church and the target we are aiming for is huge! There will be lots of events and fundraising activities planned so look out for them. To date, nearly £100 through EASY FUNDRAISING, and for the 23 of our supporters who have signed up to this scheme, it has not cost them a penny! This is money that shops and businesses give away as a tax incentive. If you do your weekly shop on-line, please consider supporting the Lilleshall Bell Restoration Appeal through EASY FUNDRAISING. Speak to Julie HARTRIDGE for more information.

Donate your used **PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES** in the porch at both churches to help raise funds for Lilleshall Bell Restoration Appeal.

Date for your diary: Tearfund Quiz **Saturday 16th November**

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS

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

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Matthew's Email: matthew.lefroy@tiscali.co.uk (Usual day off Friday)

Services and Rotas for Sunday 8th September with guest speaker from 'Embrace'	
SML - 9.30am Morning Worship & 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) SJM - 11am Holy Communion	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: 9.30am Harry & Katrina and 6.30pm Jean	Sidesperson: John & Moira
Reading: Sandra	Reading: Lisa
Prayers: Service Leader	Communion: Pam & Simon
Coffee: Dave & Sue	Prayers: Simon & Lesley
	Coffee: John & Moira
	SAS: Martie & Josh

Song of Solomon 2:3-13

³ Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.

⁴ Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love.

⁵ Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love.

⁶ His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me.

⁷ Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.

⁸ Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me, 'Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. ¹¹ See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.

¹² Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig-tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.'

Mark 7:1-8 & 14-15

⁷ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the

Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?'

⁶ He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.'

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, 'Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.'