

St John's and St Michael's Churches  
Notices for Sunday 4th August

**St Michael's**

**9.30am Holy Communion:** Good morning and welcome to our service led by Vikki. Heiko begins a new sermon series *'Is that really in the Bible?'* today looking at *'Abraham and Isaac'* Genesis 22:1-14 and Hebrews 11:1, 8-12 & 17-19. **Prayer Ministry** is available after the service.

**Sidesperson:** John & Diane    **Reading:** Laurie    **Coffee:** Harry & Katrina

**St John's**

**11am Morning Worship:** A warm welcome to our service led by Paula. Heiko begins a new sermon series *'Is that really in the Bible?'* starting with *'Abraham and Isaac'* Genesis 22:1-14 and Hebrews 11:1, 8-12 & 17-19.

**Sidesperson:** Dave & Sue                      **Reading:** Gill S                      **Prayers:** Service  
**Leader Coffee:** Dave & Sue    No SAS and Spark

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

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

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

**Vikki's leaving drinks - Sunday 11th August** If you want to drop in and have a drink with Vikki she will be in the Whitehouse (Muxton) from 4-6pm.

**Funeral of June Gregory:** There will be a service of Thanksgiving for the life of June on **Tuesday 13th August** 11.30am at St Andrews Church, followed by a private committal at Telford Crematorium. The service will be Zoomed and you can join via the following link:

Time: Aug 13, 2024 11:15 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7836717151?omn=81661644343>

Meeting ID: 783 671 7151

**Activity Days T-Shirts:** If you had a new t-shirt this year please arrange payment to Ellie as soon as possible and also arrange return of any borrowed t-shirts to either Ellie or Lesley.

**PRAYER for Revival Telford** from 8am **29th August to 31 August** 10pm. Book a slot on <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/172b4e> There will be a special service on the evening of 29th August @ 7pm. For venue and further information please see the poster on display in our churches.

**Fashion Show:** Why not join Lilleshall Bellringers for their fundraising Fashion Show and Pop Up shop on **30th August 2024** at St John's Church, Muxton? Tickets are £5:00. Refreshments will be available, but you can bring your own wine/prosecco! All our models will be local ladies and it will be fun to see them strutting their stuff on the catwalk. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. All

proceeds go towards the Lilleshall Bell Restoration Appeal. Email or message Lilleshall Bell Ringers to reserve a ticket. [lilleshallbells@hotmail.com](mailto:lilleshallbells@hotmail.com)

**Confirmation Service 11am at St John's on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and Preparation:** The second preparation session and Rehearsal takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Sept** 11am at St Michael's followed by a shared lunch at St John's and an afternoon tea at St Michael's. Vikki will be taking leave & some retreat time before then and so her last Sunday "on duty" with us will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**Telford Street Pastors** will be celebrating 13 years of working in Telford 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. With refreshments to follow.

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

**Bell Restoration Appeal:** An appeal has been launched to raise money to restore the bells at Lilleshall Church and the target is huge! Look out for lots of events and fundraising activities planned. If you do your weekly shop on-line, please consider supporting the Lilleshall Bell Restoration Appeal through EASY FUNDRAISING it does not cost you a penny! This is money that shops/businesses give away as a tax incentive. Speak to Julie HARTRIDGE for more information.

**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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<p>Services and Rotas for Sunday 11th August  <b>SML - 9.30am Morning Worship</b>  <b>SJM - 11am All Age Holy Communion</b></p>	
<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>St John's</b>
Sidesperson: <b>Fran &amp; Finley</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Mel</b>
Reading: <b>Cedric</b>	Reading: <b>Gillian P</b>
Prayers: <b>Service Leader</b>	Communion: <b>Gill S &amp; Sue W</b>
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**Genesis 22: 1-14 NIV**

1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"  
"Here I am," he replied.

2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you. "

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you. "

6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son. "

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide.

**Hebrews 11:1, 8-12, 17-19 NIV**

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations,

whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 19 Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.