

**St John's and St Michael's Churches**  
**Notices for Sunday 22nd September**

**St John's & St Michael's Joint service @ St John's (No 9.30am service)**

**11am Joint Baptism and Confirmation:** A very warm welcome to The Bishop of Lichfield The Rt Rev'd Dr Michael Ipgrave who joins us today leading our Confirmation and Baptism service. Also a special welcome to our candidates Mel, Pauline, Russell, Thomas, Toni, Amber and Sophia. *James 3:13-4:3 & 7-8a and Mark 9:30-37.*

**Sidesperson:** Cath

**Reading:** Moira

**Coffee:** Chris K & Sue F

**St Michael's**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP):** Our evening service today is led by Matthew.

**WORLD CHURCH & JUSTICE PRAYERS:** WCJ and both churches have appreciated talks by David from Compassion which helps to bring hope and change to children living in poverty around the world. Our second speaker, Su from Embrace, our Mission of the Year, talked about the situation in the Middle East, while inviting our prayers and support for the vulnerable particularly in war torn zones. While we celebrate harvest this month, we pray for conflicted countries such as Gaza and Sudan whose crops suffer often due to drought and floods. We pray for Fairtrade Fortnight which ends today. Sue W and Diane will be doing some activities with the children in SAS today to help them appreciate 'Time for a Change'

**Fairtrade Fortnight 9th - 22nd September**

**St John's Sunday Morning rotas:** Please take a look in your pigeon holes for your copy of the latest rotas.

**Telford Street Pastors** is celebrating 13 years at a special event on the evening of **Friday 27th September** 7pm at Telford Minister. 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. Book your free tickets on Eventbrite or emailing [telford@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:telford@streetpastors.org.uk)

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

**Volunteers for Poppy Appeal:** The new appeal begins on Thursday 24th October. There are several volunteering opportunities available, delivering and collecting in poppy boxes and collecting tins to businesses in the local areas. Manning stands in supermarkets, Asda and Aldi Donnington, and Aldi Snedshill. These are usually 2 hour slots from 9am- 7pm Mon to Sat and 10am - 4pm Sunday. **Please note** no collection on Remembrance Sunday. If you would like to help there is an electronic rota where you can choose your preferred slots. Please speak to Ricky or contact Moira Wallace the local Poppy Appeal Organiser by emailing her on [moirawallace4@gmail.com](mailto:moirawallace4@gmail.com)

**World Church & Justice** are due to meet next on **Tuesday 24th September** at the home of Geoff and Sue.

Please join us for an evening with Bond, James Bond. St John's Community Choir will be performing some favourite theme songs from the James Bond films. Whether you like Adele, Shirley Bassey, Aha or Matt Monroe please come along on **Saturday 28th September** 2pm or 7pm for song, dance and fun facts that will leave you shaken not stirred!. Tickets available from Anne Plant, Ellie Jones (07840 524321) or church office (after 23rd). Tickets are free but you are welcome to leave a donation towards future choir productions.

**The Gallery Singers** are celebrating their 15th anniversary with a concert 'Everyone Sang' on **Saturday 5th October** 7pm Christ Church, Wellington. Tickets £12/£6 children under 16... available on the door or pre-book 07968 906446 or via [facebook.com/thegallerysingers](https://facebook.com/thegallerysingers)

**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. Church Weekend Away 2025.** We have such a great weekend we have booked our next one **20th - 22nd June 2025.** To help with budgeting, you can pay by instalments. (More information to follow towards the end of the month).

## 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](mailto:matthew.lefroy@tiscali.co.uk) (Usual day off Friday)

Services and Rotas for Sunday 29th September	
SML - 9.30am Harvest Morning Worship 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW)	
SJM - 11am Harvest Morning Worship	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: 9.30am Cedric and 6.30pm Geoff	Sidesperson: Stan & Susan
	Reading: Cath
Reading: Louise	Communion: N/A
Prayers: Jean	Prayers: Wendy
Coffee: Harry & Katrina	Coffee: Jo & Di
	Spark: TBC + Alasdair
	SAS: Katharine & Mel

## James 3:13-4:3 & 7-8a

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

**4** What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

### **Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.' <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.'

<sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.'