

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 15th September

St Michael's & St John's Joint service @ St Michael's

11am Joint Holy Communion: A very warm welcome to our Bishop of Shrewsbury, Bishop Sarah who joins us today to commission Vikki as she heads off to Sandhurst for her training and to say farewell with our love and prayers. Please join us for a **bring and share lunch** afterwards at St John's and an **Afternoon Tea** at St Michael's 3.30pm.

Sidesperson: Fran/Finley **Reading:** Colette **Prayers:** Janet/Lisa **Coffee:** Dave & June

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 started this week and the activities Sue W and Diane will be doing with SAS on Sept 22 to help them appreciate 'Time for a Change'

Fairtrade Fortnight 9th - 22nd September

Confirmation Service: Next Sunday sees our Joint Confirmation Service led by The Right Reverend the Bishop of Lichfield Michael Ipgrave which is taking place **11am at St John's** (no 9.30am service at SML).

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

The annual **Lilleshall Scarecrow Festival** is taking place on **Saturday 21st September** from 11am at Lilleshall Pre-School. With local villagers creating some fantastic scarecrows located throughout the village. Further fun and games and refreshments at school. lilleshallscarecrowfestival.co.uk

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

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

St John's Community Choir presents '**Shaken not stirred**' a concert on **Saturday 28th September** 2pm/7pm. Tickets are now available by contacting either Anne/Ellie, via choir members or week before also via Lesley.

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

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

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 (Usual day off Friday)

Services and Rotas for Sunday 22nd September 11am Joint Confirmation service @ St John's SML - 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: 6.30pm Fran	Sidesperson: Cath

	Reading: Moira
Reading: N/A	Communion: Jan & Jon
Prayers: N/A	Prayers: Service Leader
Coffee: N/A	Coffee: Chris K & Sue F
	Spark: N/A SAS: Di & Sue

1 Timothy 2:1-7

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle - I am telling the truth, I am not lying - and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

Matthew 6:25 - 34

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.