

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 13th October

St Michael's

9.30am Morning Worship: Our service this morning is led by Matthew who continues our series 'God's Mission for His Church' today looking at 'Sharing Faith' Exodus 3:1-14 and Acts 17:24-31. **Prayer Ministry** available after the service

Sidesperson: John & Diane **Reading:** Angie **Prayers:** Jones
family **Coffee:** Philippa & Dee

St John's

11am Holy Communion: Welcome to our service today led by Jane. Robyn talks to us about 'Economic Justice' from our sermon series 'God's Mission for His Church'. James 5:1-5 and Matthew 22:34-40.

Sidesperson: Gillian **Reading:** Rob **Communion:** Wendy &
Geoff **Prayers:** Jane **Coffee:** Colin & Judith **SAS:** Matthew
& Dom

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. **Prayer Ministry** is also available after the service .

Welcome Tea: We thought it would be nice to have another welcome tea for all our new(ish) church family. This will be a good opportunity to get to know us a little better and ask us any questions you may have. If this is you it would be lovely to see you **THIS** afternoon (**13th**) 3-4.30pm, we will have refreshments too.

Volunteers for Poppy Appeal - booking now open: The appeal begins on Thursday 24th October. There are several volunteering opportunities, delivering and collecting in poppy boxes and collecting tins from businesses in the local areas. Manning stands in supermarkets, locally Asda and Aldi , and Aldi Snedshill. These are usually 2 hour slots from 9am-7pm Mon to Sat and 10am - 4pm Sunday. **To book a volunteering slot go on <https://rotarota.net/supermarkets2024>** the passkey is volunteer24. Any problems booking a slot see Lesley.

Children's Society: A little reminder that Jean will be collecting the Children's Society boxes during October....You can drop off at either St John's or St Michael's or in the porch at Jean's house. (Please speak to Jean/Lesley for the address if needed).

In October we meet for **FORGET ME NOT FILMS** on **Thursday 17th** at St John's, watching 'Singin' in the Rain' from 9.15am

Lilleshall WI will be hosting a **COFFEE MORNING** on **Friday 18th** 10am-12noon at Lilleshall Memorial Hall to help raise funds for life-changing breast cancer research and care including a raffle, cake & produce stall. All Welcome.

The next **JOIN US 4 A CUPPA!** at St John's takes place on **Friday 18th October 11am-1pm**. This month its our annual 'Wear something pink' theme helping to support and raise funds for Breast Cancer Now.

Renaissance is a gathering for everyone who wants to change the world. A day of inspiration, worship, ideas, creativity, and fun to spark your imagination. The day takes place on **Saturday 19th October** at Telford Minister. Book your space TELFORDMINSTER.ORG.UK/RENAISSANCE.

TNT (a local not for profit organisation with a heart for the community) presents in association with Beacon Community Church 'Praise & Worship Seminar' 1pm on **Saturday 19th October** at Beacon Community Church, 7 Bridge Cross Road, Burntwood, WS7 2BU. In the evening at 6.30pm 'The Worship Experience' at Norton Canes High School Theatre, Burntwood Road WS11 9SP ... further details on the posters up in our churches.

A **Ladies Afternoon 'Muxton Style'** is planned for **Saturday 19th October** from 1-4pm. There will be coffee, tea, cake, scones and workshops including hand & nail pampering and crafts and a talk by Rev Olivia Haines. Any donations received will be split between Breast Cancer UK and MacMillan Cancer Support. Wear something pink.

Our next **Healing Service** takes place on **Sunday 20th October** 6.30pm at St John's.

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

A **Light Party**, aimed at primary school children and their parents/guardians, is taking place at Telford Minister, Southwater on **Wednesday 30th October** 6-8pm. Come along for an evening filled with games, treats, celebrations and fun for all the family!

Dates for your diary: Tearfund Quiz **Saturday 16th November**. St Cecilia Concert **22nd November** 7pm @ St Michael's. St John's Christmas Fayre - **Saturday 30th November** 2-5pm. **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. (Booking /Expression of interest forms now available).

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 is huge! There will be lots

of events and fundraising activities planned so look out for them. We are also raising funds through EASY FUNDRAISING, it does not cost you 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Services and Rotas for Sunday 20th October SML - 9.30am Holy Communion SJM - 11am Morning Worship & 6.30pm Healing Service</p>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: Janet	Sidesperson: Alasdair
	Reading: Mel
Reading: Geoff	Communion: N/A
Prayers: Jane E	Prayers: Gill S
Coffee: Dave & Sue	Coffee: Gill S & Lisa
	Spark: Simon & Sam SAS: Katharine & Kalu

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS

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

Email: admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk or admin@stmichaelslilleshall.org.uk

Website: www.stjohnsmuxton.org.uk or www.stmichaelslilleshall.org.uk

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

St Michael's first reading - Exodus 3:1-14

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, 'I will go over and see this strange sight - why the bush does not burn up.'

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!'

And Moses said, 'Here I am.'

5 'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' 6 Then he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey - the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.'

11 But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'

12 And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'

13 Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" Then what shall I tell them?'

14 God said to Moses, 'I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: "I am has sent me to you."'

St Michael's second reading - Acts 17:24-31

24 'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 "For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring."

29 'Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone - an image made by human design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

St John's first reading - James 5:1-5

5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look!

The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

St John's second reading - Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'