

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 20th October

St Michael's

9.30am 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.*

Prayer Ministry available after the service

Sidesperson: Janet **Reading:** Geoff **Prayers:** Jane E **Coffee:** Dave & Sue

St John's

11am 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.

Sidesperson: Alasdair **Reading:** Mel **Prayers:** Gill S **Coffee:** Gill S & Lisa **Spark:** Simon & Sam **SAS:** Katharine & Kalu

6.30pm Healing Service: A very warm welcome to our quiet reflective healing service this evening led by Matthew.

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 .

Truth to Tell! Our new informal worship continues its journey on **Thursday 24th October**. Come and join us for tea/coffee and cake with a 'Thought for the Day' between **10.30-11.30am** at St John's.

Volunteers for Poppy Appeal - booking now open: The appeal begins on Thursday (24th). There are several volunteering opportunities, delivering & collecting in poppy boxes, collecting tins from businesses in the local areas and manning stands in local supermarkets these are 2 hour slots from 9am- 7pm Mon to Sat & 10am - 4pm Sunday. **To book a volunteering slot go on** <https://rotarota.net/supermarkets2024> the passkey is volunteer24.

Our next **Prayers with Breakfast** at St John's takes place next **Sunday (27th)** from 9am. A volunteer for breakfast would be appreciated.

St John's Evangelism - Mission Week meeting will take place after the service at St John's on **Sunday 27th October**.

Children's Society boxes will be collected 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).

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!

There is a **FREE concert** at 7pm on **Friday 8th November** at St Michael's to raise funds for the Lilleshall Bell Restoration Appeal. The Darby Singers will be singing a range of well known songs from the last 60 years - so there will be plenty of opportunity to sing along. We are also delighted to announce that there will be a guest appearance from St John's Community Choir, who will be singing a few songs from their recent fabulous 'James Bond Evening'. There will be a Fun Quiz, Refreshments and a Raffle. Please come along and support our event - it promises to be a fun evening. The Bell Ringing Room will be open for visits during the break and after the concert has finished.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Are you getting ready for Shoebox Season?...National Collection Week is **11-18th November**...St John's is a designated drop off point for the area. You can drop off your boxes during office hours. Thank you for your continued and valued support in providing gifts for children who may otherwise not receive a gift this Christmas. There will be a few items available for a small donation that you can add to your box.

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

Dates for your diary: Tearfund Quiz **Saturday 16th November**. St Cecilia Concert **22nd November** 7pm @ St Michael's—tickets available from Fran. **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).

Some of our Christmas events for your diary.

30th November - St John's Christmas Fayre 2-5pm
8th December - St John's Community Choir Concert 4pm
15th December - St Michael's Christingle 3.30pm
18th December - Carol singing around Muxton 6.30pm
20th December - St John's Carols & Candles 8pm
Christmas Eve - St John's Crib/Christingle 3.30pm
Christmas Day - Christmas Day Lunch @ St John's 1pm ish

RESET - New Wine Women's Day - Saturday 1st February 2025 at Telford Minster. £25=00 (£15=00 for Under 25s). To book tickets go to new-wine.org

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

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.

| Services and Rotas for Sunday 27th October SML - 9.30am Morning Worship SJM - 9am Prayers with Breakfast and 11am Holy Communion | |
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| St Michael's | St John's |
| Sidesperson: Cedric | Sidesperson: Chris L |
| Reading: Ann J | Reading: Wendy |
| Prayers: Angie | Communion: Pam & Simon |
| Coffee: Harry & Katrina | Prayers: Judith |
| | Coffee: Les & Chris L |
| | No Spark |
| | SAS: Sue & Moira |

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 - 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. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

St Michael'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.'

St John'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 John'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.