

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 3rd November

St Michael's

9.30am Holy Communion: Our service this morning is led by Jane. Robyn continues our series '*God's Mission for His Church*' today talking about '*Racial Justice*' Luke 2:25-32. **Prayer Ministry** available after the service

Sidesperson: John & Diane **Reading:** Wayne **Prayers:** Jane
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St John's

9am Prayers: Welcome to our monthly **Prayers with Breakfast** from 9am.

11am Morning Worship: Welcome to our service today led by Matthew. David L talks to us about '*Gender Justice*' from our sermon series '*God's Mission for His Church*'. Mark 5:25-34 and Matthew 22:34-40.

Sidesperson: Pete & Julie **Reading:** Steve **Prayers:** Service
Leader **Coffee:** Pete & Julie **SAS:** Martie & Zina **Spark:** Andrew & Judith

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.

Pastoral Team training is taking place **TODAY** starting at 2.30pm. If you think this is something you would like to be involved with please speak to either Julie Shelley or Matthew.

Housegroup Leaders are due to meet tomorrow evening (**4th**) at 7.30pm

The **Safeguarding Team** will be meeting on **Wednesday 6th November** at the home of Jan 7.30pm.

Money Money Money Free, expert money coaching: Managing your money doesn't have to be a pain. Learn the skills to make it simple at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood. 10.30am-12noon **Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th November**. Book your place 07926 507099. capuk.org/trymoneycoaching

Our next **Worship, Lunch & Music** takes place at St Michael's on **Thursday 7th November** 12noon with a service of holy communion, lunch and a recital.

There is a **FREE concert** at 7pm on **Friday 8th November** at St Michael's to raise funds for Lilleshall Bell Restoration Appeal. The Darby Singers will be singing a range of well known songs from the last 60 years - with 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.

A **Revive Ladies day** takes place on **Saturday 9th November** 10am-3pm at All Saints Parish Centre, Wellington. The day starts with a breakfast pastry, worship and an inspiring talk continuing with workshops, tea, coffee and cake and a lovely lunch. During the day there will be opportunities for a pamper and to learn new crafts. To book your place contact 07411 362176.

Next Sunday - Remembrance Day - 10th November

St Michael's Remembrance service 10.45am

St John's Short Holy Communion 9.30am and

Act of Remembrance at Muxton Memorial 10.50am

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 valued support in providing gifts for children who may otherwise not receive one. There will be a few items available for a small donation that you can add to your box.

TEARFUND QUIZ: Invite your friends and family to Tearfund's family friendly quiz on **Saturday 16th November** 7.30pm at St John's. Come as a team or join one on the night - £3 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Pizza available to buy and tea and coffee will also be available. Tickets available from the church office.

Now Worship takes place at St John's at 6.30pm on **Sunday 17th November**. Refreshments, informal contemporary worship, a reflection and prayer for an hour to set you up for the week ahead! **The Coffee Lounge** at St Michael's takes place 9.30am-4.30pm **every Wednesday** .. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

CAP Telford Anniversary Celebration service takes place on **Monday 18th November 7.30pm** at Elim Community Church, Hadley. Come and hear what's been happening in the centre this year.

Join us in celebrating the patron saint of music and hear the recitalists who have taken part in our Worship, Lunch & Music services during the year at our **St Cecilia Concert** on **Friday 22nd November** at St Michael's 7pm - tickets available from Fran.

Telford Elim and All Saints presents **Comedy at Christmas** on **Sunday 24th November 6pm** at All Saints, Wellington. Tickets are free but you do need to book via Eventbrite. QR Code on the posters up in church.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE takes place **Saturday 30th November** 2-5pm. Mulled Wine, Hot Drinks, Children's Crafts, Entertainment and Stalls.

The next **St Michael's Prayer Breakfast** takes place on **December 1st** at 8.30am. All welcome.

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

22nd December - St Michael's Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm and St John's Carol Service 11am

Christmas Eve - St John's Crib/Christingle 3.30pm

Christmas Day - Christmas Day Lunch @ St John's 1.30pm ish (please book)

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

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENT: Give a gift to someone who has nothing. Inside the Samaritan's Purse Gift Catalogue, you'll find lots of gifts that each have the power to change lives in Jesus' Name. Take a look on www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/gift-catalogue. Gifts start from £5.

BELL RESTORATION APPEAL has been launched to raise money to restore the bells at St Michael's. Look out for our fundraising events. 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**.

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

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)

St Michael's - Luke 2:25-32

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the

child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

- ²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.'

St John's

St John's First reading - Mark 5:25-34

²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.' ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realised that power had gone out from him. He turned round in the crowd and asked, 'Who touched my clothes?'

³¹ 'You see the people crowding against you,' his disciples answered, 'and yet you can ask, "Who touched me?"'

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.'

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.'