

# St John's and St Michael's Churches

## Notices for Sunday 8th December

### St Michael's

**9.30am Morning Worship:** A warm welcome to our service led by Matthew. Paula talks to us today about 'Making Peace' Genesis 13:1-17 and John 14:23-27. **Prayer Ministry** available after the service

**Sidesperson:** Janet  
**Reading:** David  
**L Prayers:** Service leader **Coffee:** Katie & Laurie

**6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP):** A warm welcome to our service this evening.

**Sidesperson:** Geoff

### St John's

**11am Holy Communion:** Good morning and welcome to our service today led by Heiko and Matthew. Paula talks to us about 'Making Peace' Genesis 13:1-17 and John 14:23-27.

**Sidesperson:** Colin **Reading:** Gillian **Communion:** Moira & Jan  
**Prayers:** Service Leader **Coffee:** Simon H & Lisa **SAS:** Matthew & Dom **No Spark**

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.

Roger Thompson, a member of our church who became a Chelsea Pensioner would like to pass on his Christmas wishes to all ...

**Lunchclub Christmas Lunch** will take place at St John's on **Friday 13th December** at 12 noon ... £10 each for 3 courses followed by mince pies.

**Christmas Day Lunch 1.30pm (ish):** Come and enjoy Christmas Dinner in the company of the Church Family on Christmas Day. The food is free but space limited and, so we know how many to cater for, **please book by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** by contacting the Church Office and giving your name and contact phone number or email. **Please** pass this on to anyone you know who is on their own this Christmas.

You are all warmly invited to the **WI Carol Service** on **Saturday 14th December** 2.30pm at St Michael's with refreshments.

**CHRISTINGLE:** Get your Christmas off to a cracking start with a traditional Christingle at **St Michael's NEXT Sunday (15th) @ 3.30pm**. A fun service for families.

**CAROL SINGING AROUND MUXTON** on **Wednesday 18th December** meeting at St John's 6.30pm then returning for mulled wine and mince pies.

**FORGET ME NOT FILMS** would like you to join them at St John's **Thursday 19th December** watching 'Miracle on 34th Street' from 9.15am.

**CAROLS & CANDLES:** Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without our well-established favourite service of Carols and Candles. Enjoy mulled wine, mince pies, carols and step back 2000 years and meet the author of Christmas. Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to join with us on **Friday 20th December** at 8pm. Any donations of mince pies would be gratefully received.

**CAROL SERVICES: 22nd December** - St John's 11am AND St Michael's Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm.

**CRIB SERVICE:** A fun short service for families. Get your Christmas off to a cracking start by joining us for carols and a

walk-on nativity. Younger children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or kings. 3.30pm on **Christmas Eve** at St John's.

**Christmas Eve:** Please join us at our lovely evening service **11pm** at St Michael's.

**New Wine Women's Day at Telford Minster** On **February 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**, we are gathering women across the nation at nine locations for a day of worship, teaching, Holy Spirit ministry, encounters with God and time together. We would love you to join us! You can find out more and book a place here: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/reset-2025/>

**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** 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. (**Please** only cartridges that fit in the box).

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR JURY SERVICE FROM MONDAY 9th DEC.**

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

<p>Services and Rotas for Sunday 15th December - Advent 3</p> <p><b>SML - 9.30am Holy Communion &amp; 3.30pm Christingle</b> <b>SJM - 11am Morning Worship</b></p>	
<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>St John's</b>
Sidesperson: <b>Harry &amp; Katrina</b> and 3.30pm <b>Fran</b>	Sidesperson: <b>Geoff &amp; Mary</b>
Reading: <b>Cedric</b>	Reading: <b>Judith/Colin</b>
Prayers: <b>Janet/Colette</b>	Communion: <b>N/A</b>
Coffee: <b>Dave &amp; Sue</b>	Prayers: <b>Pam</b>
	Coffee: <b>Jo &amp; Chris K</b>
	Spark: <b>Andrew &amp; John F</b>
	SAS: <b>Katharine &amp; Kalu</b>

### **Genesis 13:1-17**

**1** So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. **2** Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

**3** From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier **4** and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

**5** Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. **6** But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. **7** And quarrelling arose between Abram's herdsmen and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

**8** So Abram said to Lot, 'Let's not have any quarrelling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are close relatives. **9** Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.'

**10** Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan towards Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the

Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) **11** So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out towards the east. The two men parted company: **12** Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. **13** Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord.

**14** The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, 'Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. **15** All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring for ever. **16** I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. **17** Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.'

#### **Gospel Reading - John 14:23-27**

**23** Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24** Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

**25** 'All this I have spoken while still with you. **26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.