

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 22nd December

St Michael's

9.30am Morning Worship: Welcome to our service today led by David. Andrew continues our 'Peace' series with 'Making Peace - Jesus'. Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 22:24-30. **Prayer Ministry** available after the service

Sidesperson: Fran & Finlay **Reading:** Jean **Prayers:** David L **Coffee:** Harry & Katrina

6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service: We offer you a warm welcome to our candlelit service this evening led by our Vicar Matthew. We join together to celebrate the gift of Jesus, we hear from the bible and sing carols followed by mulled wine & mince pies.

Sidesperson: Cedric & Fran

St John's

11am Carol Service and Communion: A warm welcome to our annual carol service today led by our Vicar Matthew. Andrew continues our sermon series on 'Peace' concluding 'Making Peace' - Jesus' Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 22:24-30.

Sidesperson: Jeanette **Reading:** Chris K **Communion:** Pam & Jon **Prayers:** Lisa **Coffee:** Simon & Lesley **SAS:** Sue & Josh **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.

Prayers: We ask that you continue to pray for the family of Gillian Whorton (known as Gill) who lost her fight with cancer on 7th Dec. We especially ask for prayers for her husband Paul, daughters Kim and Pam, grandchildren Sam, Joseph, Tia, Bethany and Emily, also for Paul's sister Tania and Gill's brother Chris. The funeral is to be at St John's, Muxton at 2:15 pm on the **3rd January 25**. The committal and wake will follow, attendance of which will be for close friends and family. Family flowers only please. Donations will be for Severn Hospice. Paul would like to thank all for their support to him and his family.

Your help please We are in the process of updating our records to make sure we are sharing/keeping information about you that we should be. We will be either sending you an email requesting this information or if you do not use email please keep an eye out for a paper version which will be in the pigeon holes Please return to Lesley in the office asap. Thank you.

Crib & Christingle 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.

Christmas Day: Let's celebrate at our servicesSt Michael's 9.30am and St John's 11am.

St John's **LUNCHCLUB** meets next in the New Year 12noon on **Friday 10th January** (Please note second week not the usual 1st Friday).

New Wine Women's Day at Telford Minster On **February 1st 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**.

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| <p>Services and Rotas for Christmas Eve/Day SML - Christmas Eve 11pm Midnight Communion & Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Communion SJM - Christmas Eve 3.30pm Crib & Christingle service Christmas Day 11am Holy Communion</p> | |
| St Michael's | St John's |
| Sidesperson: Christmas Day Geoff | Sidesperson: Christmas Day Church Warden(s) |
| | Reading: Christmas Day Simon T |
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| Prayers: Service Leader | Prayers: Service Leader |

Isaiah 9: 2-7

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and for ever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

Luke 22: 24-30

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves?

Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials.²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me,³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.