

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 19th January

St Michael's

9.30am Holy Communion: Welcome to our service today led by Matthew. As we continue our sermon series on John's Gospel Matthew talks to us about *John 5:1-16 and 31-40*. **Prayer Ministry** available after the service

Sidesperson: Cedric **Reading:** Colette **Prayers:** David Pi **Coffee:** Dave & June

Please note: NO Sunday morning service at St Michael's next week. (26th) We're at St Nicholas for a united service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Refreshments from 10am.

St John's

11am Morning Worship and Baptism: Welcome to our service today led by Jan. Matthew continues our sermon series on John's Gospel today talking about *John 5:1-16 and 31-40*...We also offer a very special warm welcome to Brodie, and his family and friends, who is being baptised today.

Sidesperson: Cath **Reading:** Moira **Prayers:** Service
Leader Coffee: Chris K & Sue F **Spark:** Simon T & John F

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.

Evangelism Team (Mission) meets after the service today then **Monday 27th January** at 7.30pm.

The funeral service of **Jean Fry** will take place 11am on **Tuesday 21st January** at St Michael's, Lilleshall.

Naomi Narramore would like to thank everyone for their prayers whilst Philip was ill and when he passed away. Philip's funeral service is taking place on **Wednesday 22nd January** 11.30am in St Michael's followed by a burial in the churchyard.

Dates for your Diary - Mission Week 13th—20th April @ St John's

Your help please We are updating our church contact records to make sure we are using information about you according to your wishes. We will be either sending you an email requesting this information via 'Jotform' or a paper version is also available **Please** return to Lesley in the office asap.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helps on a Sunday at both our churches, you really are appreciated. Please keep an eye on the table in St Michael's or in the pigeon holes at St John's for new Sunday morning rotas as they become available. Anyone who would like to help out and go on one of our rotas please

speak to Lesley for further information, the more volunteers we have the less onerous it will be for individuals.

Lilleshall Bells: The bells are 200 years old and in need of repair to keep them ringing for the next 200 years. As part of a funding bid we need to demonstrate that the restoration project has the support of the local community. We'd be grateful if you would complete this short survey.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IZtu-V38P_vbR3mCV00vnNs4B2z_ermTvLTcalbx6V8/edit

An Alpha Course starts at Telford Minster on **Wednesday 22nd January 7:30pm**. To kick things off, they are hosting a launch night featuring a guest singer-songwriter and a chance for people to taste what Alpha is about in a relaxed atmosphere. To sign up (just to help us with catering) is [here](#).
(telfordminster.churchsuite.com/events/mos9mpfy)

Truth to Tell! Our informal worship continues its journey on **Thursday 23rd January**. Come and join us at St John's for tea/coffee and cake with a 'Thought for the Day' between **10.30-11.30am**.

Our next **Prayers with Breakfast** at St John's takes place next **Sunday (26th)** from 9am. A volunteer for breakfast would be appreciated.

New Wine Women's Day at Telford Minster On **February 1st 2025**, is gathering women across the nation for a day of worship, teaching, Holy Spirit ministry, encounters with God and time together. Find out more, costs 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 and we look forward to seeing you. **Please note: A funeral service is taking place on Wed. 22nd at 11.30am.**

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).

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Services and Rotas for Sunday 26th January SML - No Morning service (Joint service at St Nicholas @ 10.30am) SJM - 9am Prayers with breakfast and 11am Holy Communion	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: N/A	Sidesperson: Stan & Susan
	Reading: Cath
Reading: N/A	Communion: Jan & Jon
Prayers: N/A	Prayers: Wendy
Coffee: N/A	Coffee: Jo & Di

First Reading - John 5:1-16

5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie - the blind, the lame, the paralysed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?' ⁷ 'Sir,' the invalid replied, 'I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.'

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.' ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, 'It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.'

¹¹ But he replied, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Pick up your mat and walk."'

¹² So they asked him, 'Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?'

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, 'See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.' ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.

Second Reading - John 5:31-40

³¹ 'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies in my favour, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

³³ 'You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

³⁶ 'I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish - the very works that I am doing - testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.