

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 2nd February

St Michael's

9.30am Holy Communion: Welcome to our service today led by Jane. Robyn continues our sermon series on John's Gospel today focussing on John 7. *Isaiah 9: 1 & 2 and John 7:1-5. (Readings on a separate sheet).* **Prayer Ministry** is available after the service

Sidesperson: John & Diane **Reading:** David Pi **Coffee:** Dave & June

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP): Matthew leads our evening service today.

Sidesperson: Jean

St John's

11am Morning Worship: A warm welcome to our service today led by Jon. Jan continues our sermon series on John's Gospel today looking at John 8. *John 8: 31-47 and John 8: 48-59*

Sidesperson: The Attrell family **Reading:** Geoff **Prayers:** Jon

Coffee: The Attrell family **SAS:** Martie & Kalu

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.

'Who Cares' 13th-20th April - Mission Week @ St John's

Housegroup Leaders are due to meet tomorrow evening (3rd) at 7.30pm.

Our first **Worship, Lunch & Music** of the year takes place on **Thursday 6th February** 12noon at St Michael's.

The next **LUNCHCLUB** takes place at St John's on **Friday 7th February** from 12noon onwards.

Forget Me Not Film in **February** takes place on **Thursday 13th** meeting from 9.15am to watch 'Jumbo'

Our next **Healing Service** takes place on **Sunday 16th February** 6.30pm at St John's.

Our next **Join us 4 a Cuppa!** takes place on **Friday 21st February** enjoying pancakes and sausage rolls.

A **joint PCC** meeting is now due to take place on **Monday 17th February** 7.45pm at **St John's...Please note date change ...the hall is being used until approx 7.30pm please don't arrive before this time.**

Dates for your diary: **Memorial Service - Sunday 2nd March** at 4pm and **Church Weekend Away - 20th-22nd June.**

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.

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

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.

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 9th February	
SML - 9.30am Morning Worship	
SJM - 11am Holy Communion	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: Cedric	Sidesperson: Gillian & Iris
	Reading: Rob
Reading: Angie	Communion: Wendy & Geoff
Prayers: Jean M	Prayers: Jane E
Coffee: Philippa & Dee	Coffee: Gill S & Lisa
	SAS: Katharine & Dom

St John's - 1st reading - John 8:31-47

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'

³³ They answered him, 'We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?'

³⁴ Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it for ever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. ³⁸ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father.'

³⁹ 'Abraham is our father,' they answered.

'If you were Abraham's children,' said Jesus, 'then you would do what Abraham did. ⁴⁰ As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. ⁴¹ You are doing the works of your own father.'

'We are not illegitimate children,' they protested. 'The only Father we have is God himself.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ⁴⁶ Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.'

St John's - 2nd Reading - John 8:48-59

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, 'Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?'

⁴⁹ 'I am not possessed by a demon,' said Jesus, 'but I honour my Father and you dishonour me. ⁵⁰ I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.'

⁵² At this they exclaimed, 'Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?'

⁵⁴ Jesus replied, 'If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵ Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.'

⁵⁷ 'You are not yet fifty years old,' they said to him, 'and you have seen Abraham!'

⁵⁸ 'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!' ⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.