

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 29th December

St Michael's

9.30am Holy Communion: A warm welcome to our final service of the year led by Matthew who continues our new sermon series on John's Gospel today looking at John 2. *John 2:1-11 and John 2:12-25.* **Prayer Ministry** available after the service

Sidesperson: Janet **Reading:** Fran **Prayers:** Service Leader **Coffee:** Fran

St John's

11am Morning Worship: Welcome to our last service of 2024 led by Matthew who will be continuing our new sermon series looking at John's Gospel today talking about John 2. *John 2:1-11 and John 2:12-25.*

Sidesperson: Yvonne **Reading:** Kerry/Sam **Prayers:** Julie
S Coffee: Dave & Sue **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: Please 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.

Now Worship: Please join us at St John's 6.30pm on **Sunday 5th January** for refreshments, informal contemporary worship, a reflection and prayer to set you up for the week ahead!

Your help please We are updating our churches contact 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 ...using 'Jotform' or if you do not use email please keep an eye out for a paper version which will be in the pigeon holes at St John's or given to you at St Michael's. **Please** return to Lesley in the office asap. Thank you.

The **Evangelism Team** (Mission) are due to meet next on **Monday 6th January** at 7.30pm.

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

St John's **Building Management Team** are planning to meet next after the service on **Sunday 12th January**.

St Michael's PCC are meeting next on **Monday 13th January** 7.30pm in church.

In January we meet for **FORGET ME NOT FILMS** on **Thursday 16th** at St John's, watching '*Roman Holiday*' from 9.15am

The next **JOIN US 4 A CUPPA!** at St John's takes place on **Friday 17th January 11am-1pm**..serving light refreshments and a bring & buy and book stall.

St John's PCC members are meeting on **Monday 20th January** 7.30pm in the oak room at St John's.

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**.

New Wine Women's Day at Telford Minster On **February 1st 2025**, we are gathering women across the nation for a day of worship, teaching, Holy Spirit ministry, encounters with God and time together. Find out more and book a place here: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/reset-2025/>

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**.

The **Coffee Lounge** at St Michael's takes place 9.30am-4.30pm **every Wednesday** .. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

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<p>Services and Rotas for Sunday 5th January - Epiphany Sunday SML - 9.30am Holy Communion SJM - 11am Morning Worship and 6.30pm Now Worship</p>	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: John & Diane	Sidesperson: John & Moira
Reading: Dave Powell	Reading: Lisa
Prayers: Jane E	Communion: N/A
Coffee: Philippa & Dee	Prayers: Simon & Lesley
	Coffee: John & Moira

First Reading - John 2:1-11

² On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Second Reading - John 2:12-25

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To

those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

²⁰ They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.