

St John's and St Michael's Churches
Notices for Sunday 16th February

St Michael's

9.30am Holy Communion: Welcome to our service today led by Matthew who continues our series on John's Gospel today looking at *John 9:1-41*.

Prayer Ministry is available after the service

Sidesperson: Janet

Reading: Geoff

Prayers: Jones

family Coffee: Dave & Sue

St John's

11am Morning Worship: A warm welcome to our service led by Matthew who continues our sermon series focussing on John's Gospel. *John 9:1-41*.

Sidesperson: Chris L

Reading: Steve

Coffee: Colin &

Judith Spark: Andrew & Sam

SAS: TBC

6.30pm Healing Service: A very warm welcome to our quiet reflective healing service this evening led by Jan.

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.

Join us 4 a Cuppa! takes place next on **Friday 21st February** enjoying pancakes and sausage rolls from 11am-1pm.

The next **Prayers with Breakfast** at St John's takes place next **Sunday (23rd)** from 9am. A volunteer for breakfast would be appreciated.

The next **Evangelism Meeting** takes place on **Monday 24th Feb @ 7.30pm**.

Talk on Cyber Crime: The Knit and Natter Group at St John's Church have arranged for the Cyber Protect Team of West Mercia Police to come and give a talk on ways of preventing Cyber Crime on **Tuesday 25th February**, at 2.00 pm. If anyone is interested in coming along to hear what they have to say you would be very welcome.

Truth to Tell! Come and join us at St John's for tea/coffee and cake with a 'Thought for the Day' starting at **10.30am** on **Thursday 27th Feb**.

We are currently updating all contact details and making sure we are using the information according to your wishes. We will either send by email requesting this information via 'Jotform' or a paper version is also available on the table in both our churches. **Please** return to Fran or Lesley.

Free (or a small donation) to a Good Home: Yamaha Clavinova with some superficial external wear and tear but in excellent working order. This is a quality digital keyboard with piano/string/organ modes, transpose facility and an excellent touch. For more info contact Matthew, Fran or Lesley.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Our joint annual memorial service is due to take place at St Michael's on **Sunday 2nd March** at 4pm.. Please email/call Lesley to add any names to the remembrance list.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: Our Electoral Roll is due to be revised on **Friday 14th March** and displayed from Monday 17th March. This year the roll is from scratch so even if you are on the existing electoral roll you will still need to fill in a form which are available in church NOW. After 17th no additions can be made until after the APCM. **Thank you**

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

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.

Dates for your diary: Church Weekend Away - 20th-22nd June.

Services and Rotas for Sunday 23rd February SML - 9.30am Morning Worship SJM - 9am Prayers with breakfast & 11am Holy Communion	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: Fran & Finley	Sidesperson: Alasdair
	Reading: Wendy
Reading: Ann J	Communion: Pam & Simon
Prayers: Service Leader	Prayers: Judith
Coffee: Glyn & Sarah	Coffee: Jane P & Chris L
	Spark: Simon & Helen SAS: Sue & Kalu

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John 9:1-41

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

³'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

⁶After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means 'Sent'). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸ His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, 'Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' But he himself insisted, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰ 'How then were your eyes opened?' they asked.

¹¹ He replied, 'The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.'

¹² 'Where is this man?' they asked him. 'I don't know,' he said.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. 'He put mud on my eyes,' the man replied, 'and I washed, and now I see.'

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.'

But others asked, 'How can a sinner perform such signs?' So they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, 'What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' The man replied, 'He is a prophet.'

¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ 'Is this your son?' they asked. 'Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?'

²⁰ 'We know he is our son,' the parents answered, 'and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.' ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. 'Give glory to God by telling the truth,' they said. 'We know this man is a sinner.'

²⁵ He replied, 'Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!'

²⁶ Then they asked him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?'

²⁷ He answered, 'I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?'

²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, 'You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from.'

³⁰ The man answered, 'Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

³⁴ To this they replied, 'You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!' And they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'

³⁶ 'Who is he, sir?' the man asked. 'Tell me so that I may believe in him.'

³⁷ Jesus said, 'You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.'

³⁸ Then the man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshipped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, 'For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.'

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, 'What? Are we blind too?'

⁴¹ Jesus said, 'If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.'