

St John's and St Michael's Churches Notices for Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen - He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

St Michael's

6.30am Sunrise : Please meet at St Michael's at **6:15am**. We will then walk up Lilleshall Hill to the monument for our special sunrise service.

We invite you to bring a flower on Easter Day to place on the cross outside church to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. (There will be some spare flowers in the church porch)

9.30am Holy Communion: Welcome to our service today as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Jane will be leading our service and Robyn will be speaking to us about "Easter," Luke 24:1-12. **Prayer Ministry** is available after the service.

Sidesperson: John & Diane **Reading:** David L **Prayers:**
Jane **Coffee:** Harry & Katrina

St John's

11am Holy Communion: A warm welcome to our special service, celebrating Jesus' resurrection, led by Jon. Ellie will be speaking on "He Calls You by Name". Colossians 3:1-3 and John 20:1-18.

Sidesperson: John & Wendy **Reading:** Simon H **Communion:** Moira & Jan
Prayers: Service Leader **Prayer Ministry:** Gill/Julie **Coffee:** Chris K & R **SAS/Creche:**
Sue/Kath & Julie H/Josh **No Spark**

Prayers: Please continue to pray for Cedric, that he may know comfort, strength, and peace at this very difficult time. Please also remember their family and friends in your prayers as they come to terms with the loss of Heather. Simon and Julie H would like to pass on their heartfelt thanks for all the kind wishes and support following the sad passing of his dad.

The **Coffee Lounge** will be showing the film *Hello Dolly* at 1pm on **Wednesday 8th April**. All are welcome (Please note earlier time this month).

Our next **Lunchclub** at St John's takes place 12noon on **Friday 10th April**.

You're Invited! to a **Prayer Breakfast** before the service at St Michael's on **Sunday 12th April 8:30am**. Fellowship, food, and a time of prayer.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** takes place on **Sunday 12th April 9.30am** at Lilleshall and 11am at Muxton. We will be hearing about the life of our churches in 2025, elect Church Wardens, PCC and Deanery Synod members. Vacancies include....

SJM

Church Wardens: 2 one year vacancies (Applications to be received before the commencement of the meeting)

PCC Members: 3 vacancies for three years, 1 vacancies for two years and 1 one year vacancy, 5 in total.

Deanery Synod Reps. 3 vacancies for three years.

SML

Church Wardens: 2 one year vacancies (Applications to be received before the commencement of the meeting)

PCC Members: 2 vacancies for three years and 1 vacancy for one year.

Deanery Synod Reps. 3 vacancies for three years.

Please consider and pray whether these posts maybe for you.

Soulspeak returns! SoulSpeak is an original way of exploring our own and others' values, beliefs and life choices. How about coming along to St John's Church (Saltwells Drive) Sundays at 6.30pm starting on **3rd May**. For more info **contact** admin@stjohnsmuxton.org.uk or call 01952 670033 .

To celebrate Bell Sunday, there is a Shrewsbury Handbells Concert on **Saturday 16th May 6.30pm** at St Michael's. Free Entry - Donations Welcome. All money raised will go towards the Bell Restoration Appeal. For more information contact Louise - Bell Ringing Leader for Lilleshall Tower Email:- louisemillward24@hotmail.com / Mobile: 07872 992529

PRAYER CHAINS:

St John's If you have any prayer requests please either text (preferable) Lisa 07739 522280 or Email: west.familywest@btinternet.com

St Michael's coordinator Janet Email: janetmarshall902@gmail.com or 07740899513.

Services and Rotas for Sunday 12th April - Annual Meeting SML - 9.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting SJM - 11am Annual Parochial Church Meeting	
St Michael's	St John's
Sidesperson: Cedric	Sidesperson: Dave & Sue
Reading: Cedric	Reading: Diane
Prayers: Service Leaders	Prayers: Service Leader
Coffee: Prayer Breakfast Team	Coffee: Dave & Sue
	Prayer Ministry: Julie S & Simon T
	SAS/Creche: MA/PS & CL/RB
	No Spark

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(Usual day off - Friday)

Church Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9-3pm and Tuesday 9-12noon 01952 670033

St Michael's reading - Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead?' ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb.

Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

St John's 1st reading - Colossians 3:1-3

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

St John's 2nd reading - John 20:1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' ¹⁴ At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

¹⁷ Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.