CHURCH NOTICES

November 6th 2016

3rd Sunday before Advent

A WARM WELCOME to any visitors here today. Please stop for a chat after the service.

AIDS TO WORSHIP
~Large print orders of service & hymn books
~Hearing Loops at St Michael and St Mary.
Please set your hearing aid to 'T' to listen.
~Gluten-free wafers are available.

SAFETY IN CHURCH We respectfully ask that parents supervise their children when they are near any naked flames. *St Michael's PCC*

NO PARKING at the bottom of St Michael's Church drive **at all times**, including Sunday Services. Many thanks.

SERVICES

REMEMBERING DEPARTED LOVED ONES - The Candles of Remembrance Service is **TODAY** at **St Michael's at 6pm**

FUNERAL SERVICE – Jean Eastwood's Funeral will be held on **Monday 21st November, 11.30am** at St Michael's Church.

EVENTS, GROUPS & CLUBS

THE LICHFIELD HOPE SUPPORT GROUP is raising money for destitute refugees and the Half Circle Singers are doing a concert at Wade Street Church on **Sunday 6th November** at **3.00 p.m.** Cream tea available during the interval. Tickets can be booked at by phoning 01543 263214.

FILM CLUB MON NOV 7TH. In Church Hall. Lunch from 1pm £2.50, All welcome!

TUESDAY CLUB Dr David Moore will be giving a talk on 'Exploring the Symbolism of Victorian Cemeteries' at St Michael's Church Hall on **Tuesday 8th November 2.30pm**

REMEMBRANCE LECTURE Ted Green will be giving his annual **Remembrance Lecture** on Tuesday **8 November at 7.30 pm**. It is entitled *1916 Revisited*. The location has now moved and it will be held in the **Church Hall**. There will be wine and nibbles, as usual, and a retiring collection for church funds.

SKITTLES NIGHT everyone is welcome to join us at Wall Village Hall on **Saturday 12th November 7.30pm.** Tickets, £5, including Fish and chip supper, are available from Aleen, 481096

MOTHERS' UNION The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is on **November 14th** at 7.45 in St Michael's Hall. The speaker is Sandra Culbertson and her subject "Riding for the Disabled. All are welcome to attend.

SASRA A representative of the Soldiers' & Airmen's Scripture Readers Association will be at Wade Street Church on **Tuesday 15th November** at 7.30pm to talk about the work of the Association and to promote a prayerful concern for the military presence in Lichfield. There

will be a brief history of SASRA and an overview of the past 12 months accompanied by images and video clips. All are welcome.

BARN DANCE at Boley Park **Saturday 19th November,** tickets now on sale from members of the Social Team.

BARN DANCE raffle prizes needed. Please give generously to a member of the Social Team or leave them at the back of St Michael's church clearly labelled 'Raffle Prize'. Many thanks.

SUPPORT SYMI REFUGEES Val Edwards, a history of art teacher, has offered her services to give a light hearted talk on **Renaissance art and Christmas cards at 2pm. on Friday 25th November** at St Johns church Wall. Naturally followed by tea and cake. All donations will go the Symi Charity fund, and we would love to see you there.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS An Advent group will meet at St Michael's Church Hall, for four weeks, from 10:30 to 11:30 on **Wednesdays 30th November, 7th, 14th and 21st December.** The group will be led by Diana Baker and Christine Higgs. The title of the meditation is Great Expectations and will be a study, reflection and prayers based on four Advent hymns.

VOLUNTEERING & CHARITIES

SYMI COFFEE MORNING We had a lovely morning, and thanks to everyone who supported this event. We raised £310 for the fund.

HELPERS WANTED PLEASE- Reception Class in Church Tues 8th 2pm - 3pm. To help with drinks, simple craft as they experience 'Welcome to Church'. Please contact Linda if you can help!

ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR PRAISE NEED MORE HELPERS! Without more folk able to help on a rota it will cease to exist! *Linda.*

ST MICHAEL'S TRANSPORT ROTA More volunteers are required for the transport rota on Sunday mornings. If you feel that you can help in any way, please contact *Ron Lewis on 317448*

CHARITY SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER We shall be collecting at St Michael's **TODAY** for Embrace the Middle East**.** If you wish to donate, please put the money in a blue envelope and mark the front Embrace the Middle East. Cheques should be made out to PPC of St Michael and St Mary Lichfield.

OPEN THE BOOK- is anyone of any age able to join Linda on a day (date tba) to find out about a way of taking **bible story into schools?** Simple readings of the story with props! Maybe half termly. No previous experience. Contact Linda for info

FOOD BANK specific requests at present are for long-life milk, long-life fruit juice and jam. Please give generously.

FOODBANK has updated their website www.lichfield.foodbank.org.uk and they are now on Facebook www.facebook.com/Lichfieldfoodbank. and Twitter twitter.com/lichfoodbank

CTL CHRISTMAS LUNCH someone came forward with an offer of cooking a Christmas Day lunch. Now we need someone to volunteer to organise the event, [with lists and help from the organiser of last year] and someone to organise transport [again with help from past organisers]. Are you able to help? Please reply to David (davidkeith.mason@btinternet.com) and we will put you in touch with relevant people. Thank you in anticipation.

OTHER NOTICES

ST MARY'S KEYS Please hand in all keys for St Mary's Church to Angie asap

2017 CHURCH DIARIES are now available at the back of St Michael's and St John's.

ST JOHN, LICHFIELD ALMHOUSES please see the notice at St Michael's & St John's if you would like to apply to live in one of the 18 new apartments

MESSAGE FROM MARIELOUISE Dear friends in our Saviour Jesus Christ, thank you very much for the prayers and the beautiful cards. They gave me a lot of joy. You are so kind; may Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ bless you with thanksgiving. Marie Louise

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 6th November
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8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
12:30pm	Baptism	St Michael's
6:00pm	Candles of Remembrance	St. Michael's
6:30pm	IONA Service	St Chad's

Monday 7th November

1:00pm	Film Club	Church Hall
6:30pm	Parish Surgery	St. Mary's
7:30pm	Music Group Rehearsal	St. Michael's
7:30pm	Standing Committee Meeting	St. Michael's

Tuesday 8th November

9:30am	School Service	St. Michael's
10:00am	Praise and Play	St. John's
1:45pm	St Michael's Reception Class 2 – Welcome to Church	St Michael's
2:00pm	Tuesday Club	Church Hall
8:00pm	Baptism Preparation	St Michael's

Wednesday 9th November

9:30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's

Thursday 10th November

10:00am	Knitting Group	St. John's
7.30pm	Bell Ringers	St. Michael's
7:30pm	Wedding Rehearsal: Ben Davies & Rachel Bailey	St. Michael's

Friday 11th November

Saturday 12th November

1:00pm	Wedding: Ben Davies & Rachel Bailey	St. Michael's

Sunday 13th November

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Family Praise	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
6:00pm	Holy Communion	St. Michael's

SAVE THE DATES

Sat 26th Nov – Historic Rugeley Walk & Talk
Tue 29th Nov John Hull Film @Methodist Church (see John Hull poster)
Tue 6th Dec Talk on Prophetic Church @Methodist Church (see John Hull poster)
Fri 9th Dec – Storytelling Event @ St Michael's
Sat 6th May – History Wardrobe, Agatha Christie & Art Deco