

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 28th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
12.30pm	Baptism	St Michael's

Monday 29th April

Tuesday 30th April

Wednesday 1st May

OFFICE CLOSED

9.30am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
3.15pm	Homework Club	St Michael's
6.00pm	Junior Choir	St Michael's
7.00pm	Senior Choir	St Michael's

Thursday 2nd May

9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St John's
7:00pm	Bellringing	St Michael's

Friday 3rd May

NEW MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION DAY

10.00am	Cleaners	St Michael's
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Saturday 4th May

2.00pm	Guided Tour of Church and Old Churchyard	St Michael's
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Sunday 5th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
10.00am	Family Praise	St Michael's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3 May Historical Association Walk Walsall Arboretum 10am – 12 noon

Saturday 4 May Guided Tour of Church and Old Churchyard 2-4 pm

Wednesday 8 May Historical Association Walk Barton-under-Needwood 2-4 pm

Sunday 12 May - Knowle Lodge Open Garden (National Garden Scheme) 1pm-5pm. St John's Church, Wall is providing the refreshments

Sunday 19 May – St Michael's APCM after the 10 am service

Tuesday 21 May Colwich Abbey Visit at 10.30 pm

Saturday 8 June Open Church at St John's 11am-4pm (Wall Roman Ruins also open)

Churchyard Working Party Dates

May 18th, June 15th,
July 20th, August 17th, September 21st,
October 19th, November 16th,
January 18th 2025

SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK

Please continue to give as generously as you can! At the moment there is a particular shortage of:

Fruit Juice
Stock Cubes
Custard
Snacks

Staffordshire String Ensemble and Orchestra Summer Concert (part of Entrust Music Service Staffordshire).

Please join us for an evening of music by Beethoven, Dvorak and Brahms as well as popular showtunes.

Saturday 8th June, 7pm at St. Michael's Church, Lichfield.

Tickets are £8 Adults, £5 Concessions, FREE Children
Ticket Link

- <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DJYX>

Tickets on sale from 21st April 2024 to 6th June 2024

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LICHFIELD - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN THE LICHFIELD BOWER PROCESSION ON MONDAY 27TH MAY

We are planning to have six bucket collectors in the Bower Procession again this year and also hopefully a 'Walking Float', which will consist of at least two people (preferably more!) carrying the Churches Together banner.

Volunteers will be required to gather in Cherry Orchard at 11.30 and the Procession starts at 12.00 and will finish at approximately 13.30. If you would like to volunteer to take part or would like further information please email
davidkeith.mason@btinternet.com

CHURCH NOTICES **28th April 2024** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR After a period of ill health, Angie King has taken early retirement. We would like to thank Angie for 10 years' service as Parish Administrator and wish her all the very best for her retirement.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL After 25 years at St Michael's School the Headteacher, Mrs Helen Robertson, has announced that she will be leaving at the end of the summer term. There is a message from Helen at the back of both our churches.

NEW PCC MEMBERS - ST MICHAEL'S At the St Michael's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), after the 10 am service on 19 May, there will be a number of PCC vacancies to be filled and anyone on the Electoral Roll is encouraged to put their name forward for election. If you would like to find out more about this very important role in church life, please speak to Abbie, Brenda or Sue.

FLOWER ROTA The new rota, which takes us up to Christmas, is ready to fill in, on the cupboard at the back of church. Thank you to everyone, especially Anne Lingwood, for the beautiful flower arrangements that decorate our church at special festivals. Thank you to the people who come and do the flowers each week for Sunday worship. If you would like to join us, please contact me on 0798011150. *Brenda Liptrot*

KNOWLE LODGE OPEN GARDEN LICHFIELD Sunday 12th May, 1-5 pm. St John's Church, Wall is supporting The National Garden Scheme by providing refreshments for this event. We would therefore be grateful for cakes to provide as refreshments on the day. Please contact Hilary Barker Mob 07714 958559 if you can help.

WALKS, CHURCHYARD TOUR AND COLWICH ABBEY VISIT The Historical Association is holding walks on 3 and 8 May (see Dates for your Diary, overleaf). Contact Trevor James on trevorjamescroydon@gmail.com if you would like to join either of the walks or the St Michael's church and old churchyard tour on 4 May and the Colwich Abbey visit on 21 May (also in Dates for your Diary).

ST JOHN'S OPEN SATURDAYS The first of these will be on **Saturday 8th June from 11am to 4pm**, to coincide with the opening of the Roman Remains site. We will be offering tea/coffee etc, which will be advertised at the site.

CHARITABLE GIVING AT ST MICHAEL'S IN 2023 - PATHWAY PROJECT As well as the charitable giving listed on recent pew sheets, St Michael's also supported the Pathway Project in 2023 with a donation of £435, Christmas toys and gifts, and cakes from the Mothers' Union.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY THANK YOU Despite there being fewer home box holders this year (March 2023-March 2024) our total sent to the Society was nearly £50 up at £579:69. Thank you everyone and thank you to Sonia for help with collecting the boxes. **If you would like a Children's Society Box in your home, please contact me via the Parish Office.** *Maureen Duff*

BENEFICE MAGAZINE FOR MAY Because of health problems I've had to delay the distribution date of the May magazine to Friday 3 May.
Ted Green