CHURCH NOTICES

17th August 2014
9th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome – A warm welcome to any visitors here today. We will be delighted to make your acquaintance. Please feel free to stop for a chat after the service.

Aids to Worship – Large print orders of service and Hymn books are available for most services. Please ask a Sidesperson for a copy. The sound systems at St Michael and St Mary have Loops. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' to listen. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please tell a sidesperson before the service if you require one.

UNITED BENEFICE

Calling all knitters. I have been given a huge amount of wool, if you would like some please contact *Denise Youngs 01543 672646.*

United Benefice Walking Group - Our next walk is on **Wednesday August 27th.** at **Middleton Hall, near Tamworth.** We meet at **10.30 a.m. at St. Michael's.** We shall drive to Middleton Hall, about 4 miles from Tamworth. We will be completing **2 walks**, one either side of coffee. The first walk is in the **grounds of Middleton Hall.** We will be walking the very pleasant and interesting **Nature Trail,** where there are many trees, wild flowers and industrial archaeological buildings to be seen. We shall also be walking in the **grounds of the Hall**, including the **walled garden** which has been well developed by volunteers. **Coffee is in the Courtyard cafe** and after coffee our 2nd. walk will be at **Middleton Lakes,** just a few minutes walk from the Hall. This is an excellent **RSPB Reserve,** with lots of features to attract bird life. We shall be walking through **woods**, looking at the lakes and walking in the new **Meadow** before our return to the **Courtyard Cafe** for lunch. Both walks are on flat ground with no stiles. **The total distance of the 2 walks is around 3 and 1/2 miles**. We should be back at Lichfield at about **3.00-3.30 p.m**. Do join us if you can for these 2 short walks in the Staffordshire/Warwickshire countryside. *Ray Allen. 251654.*

The Hidden History Initiative has arranged for three or four more ascents of the St Mary's Church tower on **Friday 29 August,** commencing at 10.00 am and proceeding at 40 minute intervals, in parties of eight. These will led by David Wallington and Trevor James and are part of the fund-raising for the Lichfield Museum. If you would like to book a place, please speak with Trevor.

Camas Fundraiser - Saturday 30 August 2014 – Somewhat later than usual the Camas group will be holding its annual **Spud & Pud Lunch and Car Wash** at the Church Hall on 30 August at 12 noon to 2 pm. Tickets are Adults £6, Children £3, Family (2+2) £15, Car Wash £3 and will be on sale after the 10 am service at St Michael's today and Sunday 24 August. They can also be obtained from Camas parents or from Ted Green on 262342 or ctgreen@ntlworld.com (not 15 – 22 August as I'll be at Camas).

CHRISTIAN AID MEETING ON TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 p.m in College Hall Everyone is warmly invited to come to this important Christian Aid meeting when Sally Hayden, Regional Co-ordinator for Staffordshire will be helping us think through what we should be focussing on during this next year which of course includes the General election amongst other concerns.

Beaufort Male Choir Concert –Tickets are now on sale for this concert on **Saturday 13th September, 7.30pm @ St Michael's Church**. Based in the South Wales valleys, the award-winning Choir will be performing a varied repertoire ranging from Welsh and English hymns, spiritual and modern ballads as well as the more traditional male voice works. Tickets cost £10 inc. refreshments. Call 01543 434543 or e-mail **Lyn.Shiel@stgileshospice.com**

Prom Praise The spirit of Songs of Praise with the enthusiasm of Last Night of the Prom, Prom Praise comes to Lichfield Cathedral on **September 27**, bringing a blend of sacred and concert music, performance and worship, by the All Souls Orchestra under Noel Treddinick. Tickets on 01543 412121.

Visit to Joules Brewery Alan Toplis is organising a visit to the Joules brewery in Market Drayton on **Wednesday October 1st 2014**. A coach will depart from the Church Hall at 6pm and return by approx 1045pm. Cost, including coach, brewery visit, beers and a light meal, is £19.00. We are limited to 16 places, please sign up on the church notice board if you wish to come.

ST MICHAEL and ST MARY

Thank you - Thank you to everyone who came and cleaned the church last Thursday and Friday. Also thank you to the people who have been coming in each week to clean.
Brenda Liptrot.

Cleaning Friday 29th August. We need 1 or 2 people to clean the church on Friday 29th August. If you can help could you please contact *Brenda Liptrot on 251863.* Thank you.

Gift to God through my Bank. Laminated cards are available at the back of church for you to put into the collection plate if your church giving is done directly through your bank.

ST JOHN

Harvest Supper – This is an advance notice, please put this date in your diary. The Harvest Supper will be held on **Saturday 4th October**, starting at 7.30pm prompt (so that the fish and chips can be served hot). The entertainment will be 'Memories of Wall Blue Bells'. Tickets are already on sale, £8, contact Hilary Barker 01543 480220.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 17th August – 9th Sunday After Trinity

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's

Monday 18th August

11:30am	Extended Communion	Darwin Court
6:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St. Michael's

Tuesday 19th August

11.30am	Funeral – Robin Knox	Fradley

Wednesday 20th August

9:30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
11:30am	Wedding – Shaun Evans & Jessica Burbridge	St. Michael's
8:00pm	Ridware Cantemus	St. John's

Thursday 21st August

Friday 22nd August

	CAMAS Trip ends	St. Michael's

Saturday 23rdh August

Sunday 24th August– St Bartholomew

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

SAVE THE DATES

Sat 30th Aug12 Noon – Spud & Pud Car Wash
Sat 13th Sept 10am-5pm - Ride & Stride
Sat 13th Sept 7.30pm Beaufort Choir
Sat 20th Sept – Johnson Celebration
27/28th Sept - St Michael's Patronal
Wed 1st Oct 6pm - Joules Brewery Visit
Sat 4th Oct 7.30pm **–** Wall Harvest Supper
Sat 11th Oct 7pm - Harvest Supper @ St Michael's
Fri 24th Oct 7.30pm – Ridware Cantemus Concert @ St John's
Sat 29th Nov 10-1pm - Christmas Fayre