

## PARISH DIARY

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

8:00am Holy Communion St Michael's  
10:00am Holy Communion St Michael's  
10:00am Holy Communion St John's  
12:30pm Baptism: Jonah Revell St Michael's

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
1:00pm Film Club St Michael's

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
9:00am School Service St Michael's  
10:15am Extended Communion Beechfields

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
9:30am Holy Communion St Michael's  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal St Michael's

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
10:00am Knitting Group St Michael's  
7:30pm Bell Ringing St Michael's

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

10:00am Walking Group – St Michael's  
Sutton Park  
10:00am Parish Surgery St Michael's  
10:30am Visiting Bellringers St Michael's

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Choir Concert** at St Michael's on  
Saturday 27 June, 6.30 – 8 pm

## OTHER

### **ST MICHAEL'S IN CASE OF EMERGENCY FORM**

Forms are available for people to give contact details of those we should contact if they are taken ill or have an accident in church. Forms will be kept in a file in the vestry and information from them will only be used when absolutely necessary.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD** We are obtaining **5 young crab apple trees for the Churchyard Crab Apple Tree Avenue.** These will be planted in spaces that have arisen due to some of the mature trees dying. The cost of each tree is £25.00. If any member of the Congregation would like to purchase a tree, please let me know as soon as you can. Ray Allen 251654

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 6th March**

at Wade Street Church - 10.30am and 7.30pm. "Rise Take Your Mat and Walk" which has been prepared by women of Zimbabwe, All are welcome, men, women, and children.

**MUSIC GROUP IS RECRUITING!** If you (or children, grandchildren or anyone you know) play an instrument and would like to join St Michael's Music Group, now is your chance! In March, we are particularly welcoming new joiners. Please come along at **9.15am** to rehearse before the Family Praise service on **Sunday 8 March** – you would be very welcome. If you are able to, please let Richard

[richard.brooks@anthonymcollins.com](mailto:richard.brooks@anthonymcollins.com) or Rev. Ruth know beforehand so that we can ensure we have suitable music for you to play (or just turn up)! *Richard and Ruth*

**TASTE AND SEE** -Have you ever considered training to be a Reader? There are to be some Reader Training Taster Sessions this Spring. Each is designed to give a broad introduction to the content and expectations of Reader Training and is a great opportunity to gain insight and ask any questions you may have. Each session includes an act of worship, a general introduction to Reader Training and a taster teaching session. If anyone would like more details, have a word with Simon or Ruth.

# CHURCH NOTICES



1<sup>st</sup> March  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**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 - Please set your hearing aid to 'T' to listen.
- ~Gluten-free wafers are available.

## **LENT COURSE**

**LENT STUDY COURSE FOR ST MICHAEL'S AND ST JOHN'S** *Caring for God's Creation* Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Lent Outing to The Science Museum, London For more details pick up a Lent, Holy Week & Easter card from the back of church.

**LENT BOOK** Copies of the Archbishop's Lent Book *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio are now available. This will be the focus of the CTIL Lent Groups and will also be used as a resource in our own Lent course. Please take a copy. If you wish to contribute to the cost please make a £5 donation through the contactless payment machine

## **VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES**

**LICHFIELD FOOD BANK.** Thank you for your continuing support for Lichfield Foodbank. The latest needs are instant mash, jam, tinned tuna

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** Sonia and I will be collecting in HOME BOXES during March for the annual count. If you would like yours collected on a particular day please ring me (phone number on bottom of box). If you take it to St Michael's Church please ask a member of church staff to put it in the safe. Thanks a lot, *Maureen Duff*

**BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL: Precious in my sight** St Michael's will be collecting for this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.** The appeal will support some of the most vulnerable members of our society by giving to Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall and by supporting clergy families under pressure in our Link Diocese of Matlosane, South Africa. For more information please pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

## **EVENTS**

**FILM CLUB Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** Lunch 1pm. Film 1.30pm.

**WALKING GROUP** to Sutton Park. Meet at St Michaels Church on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am.** Drive to the car park at the back of Toby Carvery Sutton Park,

Sutton Coldfield. B74 2YT The walk is approximately 3 miles long. Solid paths, no stiles. Some slight gradients. Coffee or tea in the Town Gate café. Lunch is booked at the Toby carvery for 1pm Please could you let me know by **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March** if you plan to be on the walk so that I can confirm with the restaurant. I have booked 20 seats. Hilary [hilarybarker@gmail.com](mailto:hilarybarker@gmail.com) Tel 01543482027 Mob 07714958559

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, FAMILY PRAISE** - Education Sunday, St Michael's Church, 10am. This will be a special service for Education Sunday where staff and pupils from St Michael's School will take an active part in leading the worship. Please come along to show your support and celebrate our special links with this school.

## **MOTHERS UNION**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** is the date of the next meeting of the Mothers' Union and will be our Lent Meditation, starting at 7.15pm in church. All are welcome to join us.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** is the date of our Lent Lunch. Please join us for home made soup with drinks and cake which will be served between 12 noon and 2pm in church. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall, so please bring along anything you wish to donate. All proceeds are in aid of MU central funds