



CHURCH NOTICES

2nd August 2015

9th Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME – A warm welcome to any visitors here today. We will be delighted to make your acquaintance. Please 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.

SAFETY IN CHURCH Please be advised that there are naked flames around the church. We welcome families into church and are happy for children to 'wander' but we respectfully ask that parents supervise their children when they are in the prayer corner or near any other naked flames. *St Michael's PCC*

UNITED BENEFICE

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR MIRIAM LITTLE – After a private cremation in the morning there will be a service of thanksgiving to celebrate Miriam's life on **August 11th at 2.30pm** in St Michael's and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. Miriam's wishes were that people wore bright colours if they felt able to.

TICKETS FOR BISHOP JONATHAN'S LEAVING CELEBRATION 'THE GOODNESS OF GOD' Sat. Sep 5th. Bethel Convention Centre, West Brom. 10 - 4pm. You're not too late! There are still some tickets available. Please speak to a member of the ministry team or contact the office ☎01543 262211 ✉stmichaellichfield@gmail.com.

GOOD PEW NEIGHBOUR Please keep an eye out for people absent from church and not on holiday – BE A GOOD PEW NEIGHBOUR. Let Trevor or Denise know if you think anyone is unwell. Thank you.

THE CHURCH BRIGADE Would anyone be interested in setting up a group for 5 – 8 year olds? If so, Perry Gunn would like to help us set up a brigade in the United Benefice. He is visiting our area between 10-23rd August. It could be organised as an after school club or on an alternate Sunday to Messy Church. Contact the office for more information. ☎01543 262211 ✉stmichaellichfield@gmail.com.

FILM CLUB Mon. August 3rd Film starts in Hall 1.30pm, Lunch available from 1.00pm, £2.50. All welcome!

UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP Our next walk is on **SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH**. We meet at **St. Michael's at 10.00 a.m.** We shall drive to **Alrewas**, parking in the Car Park of **The Crown Pub**. The walk is a circular route, going from **Alrewas across fields to Wychnor Country Club**, where we will have coffee. After coffee we continue our walk to **St Leonard's Church, Wychnor**. We shall stop here to look at this beautiful Medieval Church. We then walk the short distance to the canal and back to **Alrewas** and lunch at

The Crown pub. A very good selection of meals is available here. The walk is about **4 miles**, mostly **flat walking, with 2 stiles**. We should be back at Lichfield by **3.00 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you on our walk in very pleasant countryside near to Lichfield.
Ray Allen 251654

WALKING TREASURE HUNT – Come along and join us for a fun afternoon walking around Lichfield City and Parks, on **Sunday 23rd August**, meeting at St Michael's at 2.30pm. Leader – Diana Baker.

STAFFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT is taking place on **12 September between 10am and 6pm**. If you wish to ride or stride round churches in Lichfield or further afield, or are able to help open our churches, please sign up at the back of church. The trust raises money to help churches with essential repairs and maintenance. For more information contact Richard Brooks on 07918 906350 or richard.brooks@anthonycollins.com

ST MICHAEL and ST MARY

PRAYER GROUP COMMUNION SERVICE – Thursday August 6th. The Prayer Group is holding a communion service in church on **Thursday 6th August at 2pm**. This is a valuable worship and fellowship opportunity for those who find it difficult to come to morning or evening services and we would invite members of the congregation to join us for the service and to meet up afterwards for refreshments. If anyone needs help with transport or would like more information, please contact June Frayn (264920).

AUGUST COFFEE MORNING You are invited to join Anne and Peter Whatson for coffee at their home, 38 Heritage Court, on **Wednesday 19th August** from 10am – 12.30pm. Everyone welcome.

CHURCHYARD PLANNING GROUP – PCC would like to invite anyone who is interested in discussing and preparing plans for the future of the churchyard to join the new Churchyard Planning Group. **NO PHYSICAL WORK INVOLVED**. Contact either Simon ☎01543 416232 ✉simonbaker57@outlook.com or the office ☎01543 262211 ✉stmichaellichfield@gmail.com.

STORAGE SPACE REQUIRED does anyone have a dry space that could be temporarily used for the storage of Church records? If so, please contact the office ☎01543 262211 ✉stmichaellichfield@gmail.com.

MICHAELMAS FAYRE – we need to start collecting items for the stalls at our Michaelmas Fayre which will be held on Saturday 26th September in the Guildroom of the Guildhall. **We need bottles, toiletries, raffle prizes, chocolates** (in date in September). Items can either be placed at the back of church in the box or handed into the office. *Social Team*

HOST A COFFEE MORNING I have no further Mornings arranged and I will be pleased to hear from anyone willing to hold a Coffee Morning September or October - Please give me a ring 264487 - Many thanks Jean Eastwood.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the **Camas Strawberry Tea and Grand Raffle** on 18 July. The Tea made £395 (including gift aid) and the Raffle £459, our second highest total ever. A raffle prize list will be in St Michael's porch for the next month and also published in the September magazine.

ST JOHN

JUNIOR PRAISE & PLAY There will be no Praise and Play in July, August or September during the 10am service. Activities and resources will be available for children (& parents) in the Mott Room.

HARVEST SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT Saturday 3rd October 2015 7.30 prompt In Wall Village Hall Tickets £8 Adult £4 Children. Fish and chip Supper with home-made puds. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Entertainment Ridware Cantemus. Tickets are available from Aileen Perry Telephone 01543 481096

CRAFT COFFEE AND CAKES Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday 10th October** from 10am to 12 noon at **Wall Village Hall**.

OTHER

LICHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH GRAND SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE – 7/8 August. You are very much invited to support this very popular local event. If anyone is clearing out books, please let Trevor James know and he can arrange delivery to their collecting point.

FAIRTRADE Would anyone like to represent Churches Together on the Fairtrade Lichfield Campaign group? Interested? Contact Ted Green.

CHURCH VISIT TO CELEBRATE ST BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY – 24 August 7.00-8.00 pm. Trevor James has arranged this visit to explore the context and interior of St Bartholomew's Church at Hints. The evening will end with Trevor leading a short service of Compline, to be followed by hot drinks and [hopefully] cake. Could you please let Trevor know if you would like to participate, so that the congregation can plan the refreshments. No charge but we will collect for their Development Fund at the end.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 2nd Aug - 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

Monday 3rd August

6:30pm	Parish Surgery	Church Hall
7:30pm	Music Group	St. Michael's
7.30pm	Visiting Bell Ringers	St. Michael's

Tuesday 4th August

10.15am	Extended Communion	Beechfields
11:15am	Extended Communion	Loughton Court
2:00pm	Sewing Group	Mawgan Drive
7:00pm	Bell Ringers	St. Michael's
8:00pm	Baptism Preparation	St. Michael's

Wednesday 5th August

9:30am Holy Communion St. Michael's
8:00pm Ridware Cantemus St. John's

Thursday 6th August

11:00am Interment of Ashes: St. Michael's
Joan Murcott
2:00pm Prayer Group Holy St. Michael's
Communion Service
7:30pm Bell Ringers St. Michael's

Friday 7th August

Saturday 8th August

Sunday 9th August

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

- ∩ **Sun 23rd Aug** – Walking Treasure Hunt
- ∩ **Fri 29th Aug** –Tour of Lichfield Museum.
- ∩ **Sat 5th Sept** Diocesan Event: Goodness of God
- ∩ **Sat 12th Sept** - SHCT 'Ride and Stride'
- ∩ **Sat 26th Sept** – Michaelmas Fayre @ Guildroom
- ∩ **Sun 27th Sept** – Bring & Share Lunch
- ∩ **Sat 3rd Oct** – St John's Harvest Supper
- ∩ **Sat 10th Oct** – Craft, Coffee & Cake, Wall Village Hall
- ∩ **Sat 10th Oct** – Vivaldi Concert
- ∩ **Sat 17th Oct** – Harvest Supper
- ∩ **Tues 10th Nov** – Remembrance Lecture
- ∩ **Sun 29th Nov** – Angel Day & Advent Carols