

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 7th January

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
6:00pm	IONA Big Sing	St. Michael's

Monday 8th January

1:00pm	Film Club	Church Hall
3:00pm	SACRED	St. John's

Tuesday 9th January

9:00am	School Service	St. Michael's
2:30pm	Tuesday Club	Church Hall
8:00pm	Baptism Preparation	St. Michael's

Wednesday 10th January

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

Thursday 11th January

All Day	Office Closed	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St. John's
7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St. Michael's

Friday 12th January

Saturday 13th January

10:00am	Working Party	St Michael's
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Sunday 14th January

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 DATE

DENISE'S FINAL SERVICES will be
10:00am Jan 28th at St John's and
10:00am Feb 4th at St Michael's.

**UNITED BENEFICE CHURCH
DIARIES 2018** Church Diaries are now
available at the back of church. Please
do take one for anyone who would like
one and can't get here.

SOUND SYSTEM AT ST MICHAEL'S

The sound system is proving more and more unreliable and it is time to replace and upgrade it. It is important for our worship together and our ministry to the school and the community through weddings and funerals.

We need to raise funds while we work out exactly what to do and how much it will cost. If you would like to make a donation to help with this please put money or cheques (payable to St Michael's PCC) in a blue envelope and mark it Sound. If you can gift aid your donation that would help even more. *Thank you - Rector and Churchwardens.*

So far, we have collected £2551:22 of which £2421 has been gift aided. Thank you.



CHURCH NOTICES

7th January 2018
Epiphany

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.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH? In Advent, as we think on our faith journey, we invite you to put **any** questions about faith/ life/ God/ in the box at the back of church! These will then form the basis of our Lent Course! Ask away please!

SERVICES

Iona Big Sing Tonight. St Michael's is hosting an Iona Big Iona Sing **this evening at 6 pm** on behalf of the Iona Community Midlands Family Group. It will be led by Christine Polhill, supported by members of St Michael's Combined Choirs, and offers the opportunity to sing well known Iona favourites and to learn some new Iona hymns. Please come along to enjoy a

good sing. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018 – United Service at St Chad's, Lichfield on **Sunday 21st January at 6.30pm.** The service, which will be led ecumenically, will include contemporary worship, prayer stations and input around the theme of the week: "That all may be free"

EVENTS, GROUPS AND CLUBS

FILM CLUB Monday Jan. 8th 'Hampstead' a romantic comedy Cert. 12. 107min. Lunch 1pm £2.50 in Hall.. Film starts 1.30pm. All welcome. Lifts available. *Linda*

RE-SCHEDULED MU PARTY! This is to confirm that a party will be held on **Monday 8th January 2018**, when all being well we can celebrate a New Year! I still have the list of food so if you can't remember what you were bringing, let me know. Thank you. *Elizabeth*

Tuesday Club – 9 January, 2.30 – 4.00 pm. Sheila and George Green from Heath Hayes Church will give an illustrated introduction to the work of the Christian charity **Hands at Work in Africa.** This charity does very constructive work in remote parts of South Africa, places way beyond the reach of normal infrastructure. You are strongly invited to hear about this very

positive example of Christianity in practice. Everyone welcome.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Our next Churchyard Working Party will be on **Saturday January 13th., from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Refreshments (Tea, coffee, cake, biscuits) will be provided. *Ray Allen 251654*

UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP We invite you to join us for **our first walk of 2018**, a local walk at **King's Bromley.** We meet at **St. Michael's at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday January 20th.** We will begin by looking at **King's Bromley Churchyard and Church**, then coffee in the Church. A walk around the village and into the nearby countryside. **Lunch will be at The Royal Oak Pub.** The walk is flat, no stiles, around 2.5miles. Back at **Lichfield at about 2.30 p.m.** *Ray Allen 251654*

VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES

SWINFEN PRISON PRAYER LETTER. There is a copy of the new Swinfen Prison prayer letter at the back of each of our churches. If you would like to have a prayer letter emailed to you each month please contact Caroline Green at ctgreen@ntlworld.com.

PROPOSED 'MEMORY CAFE' (Dementia Friendly) in Lichfield - maybe interested in helping with this ecumenical project in its set up or

serving as a volunteer (refreshments & chat!)? Training provided. Contact Revd Linda Collins 07915 091128 lindacollins@hotmail.co.uk for more info.

LICHFIELD FOOD BANK. Thank you for your continuing support for Lichfield Foodbank. The latest needs are Sugar 500g, coffee and long-life milk. *Alan Weaver*

OTHER NOTICES

PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2018 will be £7.50. Please pay by cheque to 'PCC of St Michael and St Mary' or cash. If you have started to receive the magazine since 2017 please could you pay the extra with your subs. Subscriptions will be collected until **Monday 15th January 2018.** Many thanks, *Barbara Homewood 255909*

The **CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE** will be based on the life of St Chad, reflecting on aspects of his life and exploring the relevance for Christian people in today's world. The groups will begin after Ash Wednesday 14th February and last for 5 weeks. If you would like to attend could you please sign the form on the notice board at the back of church, by Sunday 14th January. If you would like any information please speak to Brenda Liptrot (251863)