

## PARISH DIARY

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10

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

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August

2.30pm MU Strawberry Tea St Michael's

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal St Michael's

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am Knitting Group St John's  
11:30am Funeral: Valerie Cracknell St Michael's  
7:00pm Bellringing St Michael's

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

11:00am Interment of Ashes: Leonard and Geraldine Brazier St Michael's

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August

10:00am Churchyard Working Party St Michael's

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am BCP Holy Communion St Michael's  
10am Holy Communion St Michael's  
10am Holy Communion St John's  
11:30am Baptism: Poppy Yardley St John's

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>** – CAMAS Trip

**NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday Club - **The Korean War**, speaker Ted Green

### FESTIVAL THANKS

**The Churchwardens and I** would like to thank everyone who has helped with this year's Lichfield Festival. First of all Brenda Liptrot and her cleaning team of Anne, Barbara, Elizabeth, June, Kay, Marjorie, Maureen, Ruth and Veronica. Without their commitment to cleaning the pews and back of church between concerts it wouldn't have been possible to go ahead with our Festival activities this year. Also thanks to Frazer, Mike, Ray and Ron for stage building and piano pushing. And last but not least, Angie, for putting up with all the disruption.

We have received this message from **Damian Thantrey, the Lichfield Festival Director**, who had a very difficult job this year and produced a wonderful Festival against all the odds: "A message of huge thanks to everyone at St Michael's for the typically warm (in every sense this year!), generous and efficient/organised welcome to the Festival audiences, volunteers and artists, and indeed our own team. I'm extremely grateful and delighted that so many supported us and came into the beautiful space that is St Michael's – and I hope they will be back! - to hear such wonderful music (and it is a superb setting for chamber musicians, without doubt!).

**Donations.** Although Brenda and her team couldn't produce their famous cream teas this year we still received £98 in cash and gift aided donations from the Festival audiences, plus a similar sum on the Donations terminal at the back of church. *Ted Green*

### THE FOODBANK URGENTLY NEEDS

- Tinned Meats
- Long-life Milk
- Tinned Tuna

Must be **3 months, or more, in date.**

## CHURCH NOTICES

### 8<sup>th</sup> August

### Trinity 10

#### MESSY CHURCH - CAN YOU HELP?

We plan to re-start Messy Church in September and could do with some more helpers, particularly to help with the preparation and serving of food. An important part of Messy Church is having tea together at the end of the session. Also, if you would like to donate cakes, crisps or other food for the teas, that would be greatly appreciated. If you might be able to help in any way, please get in touch with Ruth Bull.

#### THE ANGELS KEEP THEIR ANCIENT PLACES

Between our Patronal festival on September 26th and our Harvest on October 3rd, we will be holding a series of events that should appeal to a wide variety of different groups - and to let everyone know that St. Michael's is open for business. The overall title will be "The angels keep their ancient places" from the Francis Thompson poem "In no strange land" and most of the events will be angel themed. There will of course be services of worship (including a Harvest Family Praise with the usual tin collection); an "angel trail" in church for children and families; a series of evening talks, each with some sort of angelic connection, and tours of the church and churchyard. A provisional programme can be found on the church web site at

<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/the-angels-keep-their-ancient-places.html>. Do look and put those events that interest you in the diary. More details will be available over the coming weeks.

#### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SEARCH

Maureen Brand has prepared a "Church Search" activity, primarily for young children and their parents. It can be found on the web site under the "Children and young people's groups" menu heading, and paper copies are at the back of church. It may well be that some of the more senior church members would enjoy doing it as well!

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD** There will be a meeting of **St. Michael's Churchyard Working Party** on **Saturday August 14th., from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** One of our tasks will be to cut down the Meadow plants provided they have finished flowering and there are no insects present. We will also be weeding flower beds and dead heading flowers that have died. We will also continue to remove plants growing over headstone and gravestone inscriptions. Please join us if you can. There will be a **refreshment break**, but we do ask you to please bring your own drink and snack at this time. Ray Allen 251654

### ST JOHN'S CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENT

Please help us to raise funds by supporting Paul Wright, one of our organists, with a

#### **12-hour Sponsored Organ Playing Marathon**

on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
2021 from 8a.m. to 8p.m.**

(Short comfort breaks will be included).

If you wish to sponsor the event (either so much per hour or a fixed amount upon completion), there are sign-up sheets at the back of both churches, or you can contact Paul at [pwrightf2@btinternet.com](mailto:pwrightf2@btinternet.com) or by ringing 01543 483230.

*Please consider gift aiding your sponsorship money by placing it in a WALL PCC envelope.*

Donations can also be handed in to Angie in the office.

Please visit  
<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/organ-marathon.html>

for more details