

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 8th 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

Monday 9th March

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
10:00am	First Steps	St Michael's
7:15pm	MU	St Michael's
7:30pm	St Michael's Standing Committee	

Tuesday 10th March

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:00am	School Service	St Michael's
2:30pm	Tuesday Club	St Michael's
7:30pm	Parish Surgery	St Michael's

Wednesday 11th March

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:30am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:30am	Lent Workshop	St Michael's
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's

Thursday 12th March

OFFICE CLOSED

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
8:45am	Chapter Meeting	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St John's
7:30pm	Bell Ringing	St Michael's

Friday 13th March

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
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Saturday 14th March

12:00pm	MU Lent Lunch	St Michael's
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Sunday 15th March

8:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
11:15am	APCM	St John's
4:30pm	Messy Church	St Michael's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Teddy Bear Picnic at St Michael's on Sunday 12th July 2pm

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 15th 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. If you wish to donate, would you please put the money in the official grey Bishops Lent Appeal envelope. Please fill in the front of the envelope if you are able to gift aid and make any cheques out to 'PCC of St Michael and St Mary Lichfield'



CHURCH NOTICES

8th March
2nd 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 11th 18th & 25th March. Saturday 21st 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

EVENTS

SUNDAY 8TH 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

MOTHERS UNION Monday 9th 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.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TUESDAY CLUB will be in St Michael's Church on Tuesday 10 March, at 2.30 pm. This will be the **2nd Annual Petit Lecture**, with Philip Modiano giving us a visual presentation about John Louis Petit's water colours from France. All are very welcome, and hot drinks will be available. Philip Modiano's book on Petit will be available.

MOTHERS UNION Saturday 14th 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, £5 per person. 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

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

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.