

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 9th May: Easter 6

8:00am BCP Holy Communion St Michael's
10am Holy Communion St Michael's
10am Holy Communion St John's
11am St Michael's APCM St Michael's

Monday 10th May

Tuesday 11^h May

2.30pm Organist Rehearsal St Michael's

Wednesday 12th May

10:30am Bible Study – Rev Stephen Barton Zoom
2pm Sound System Training St Michael's
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal St Michael's

Thursday 13th May

OFFICE CLOSED

4:00pm Organ Rehearsal St Michael's
6pm Ascension Day Service Zoom

Friday 14th May

9am Thy Kingdom Come Zoom

Saturday 15th May

Sunday 16th May Easter 7

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CHRISTIAN AID Normally St Michael's would collect for Christian Aid today but I have not received any envelopes from the local Christian Aid Group. I would suggest that if you wish to donate to Christian Aid you go to their website and donate online.

Many thanks *Brenda Liptrot*

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - ST MICHAEL'S.

Sonia and I are happy to receive your boxes or you could ask a member of staff to put it in the safe at church. I am also happy to collect your box from your home at any time. My phone number is on the label on the bottom of your box. The Society is of course also happy to receive cheques payable to The Children's Society. Thanks very much *Maureen Duff*

CHURCH FUND-RAISING: Trevor James has donated ten copies of his book, *Come Wind, Come Weather: Storm, Tempest and Other Natural Phenomena within local sources* for church-fund-raising. Copies can be obtained from the Churchwardens.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/churches-together.html

LEAVING GIFT FOR MEL CLARK

23rd May will be Mel's last service in the benefice before she leaves to take up her new post in Kew. We are having a collection for a leaving gift for Mel, **from everyone here in the benefice.**

If you would like to contribute you can pay your donation straight into the church bank account which would be very helpful.

Lloyds Bank Account Name – PCC of St Michael and St Mary Lichfield Account Number – 00114488 Sort Code – 30-95-04 Reference – MEL LEAVING (This is really important as we need to distinguish between this and other donations)

If you would prefer to post your donations, please send or deliver them to:-

Sue Jones 38 Bracken Close, Lichfield, WS14 9RU

or Lyn Shiel 1 Aspen Close, Lichfield, WS13 6FE

You could also use the church post box, preferably on a weekday morning, when Angie will be there to empty the box.

Many thanks,

Sue and Lyn

Churchwardens

CHURCH NOTICES

9th May Easter 6

St Michael's APCM will be held after the 10am service today

Bible Studies between Easter and Pentecost will be based on the Anglican Communion Five Marks of Mission, and will be led by clergy from around the Deanery. All sessions will be on Wednesdays at 10.30, delivered via Zoom and last around 75 minutes.
Wednesday May 12th

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation - Rev. Stephen Barton
Wednesday May 19th

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth - Rev Emma Cooksey, Curate at Christchurch and member of the Diocesan Environmental Team

The Zoom link is
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81410619118>

Recordings of the Bible Study presentations are available on the website at [on the Sermons and Videos page](https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/sermons--videos.html)
<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/sermons--videos.html>

Do connect if you can.

CHANGE TO JUNE MAGAZINE DATES The deadline for article submission is now **Monday 10th May.**

ASCENSION DAY (MAY 13TH) is one of the major festivals of the churches year and this year we are marking it with an online Zoom service at 6.00pm. This will include hymns, readings, prayers and an address, and can be expected to last about 45 minutes. Do connect if you can. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81409749568>

THY KINGDOM COME. "Between Ascension Day and Pentecost, we will mark the "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative through Zoom services of Morning Prayer on **Friday 14th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st May.** The theme of these services will again be the Anglican Communion Five Marks of Mission and will give us the opportunity to pray about how we take our own mission and the mission of the church forward over the coming months. Do connect if you can.

Further details, including the Zoom link, can be found on the church web site at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86979242236>

APCM 2021 – St John's APCM will be held after the 10am service on **Sunday 16th May.**

TUESDAY CLUB On **Tuesday 18 May at 2.30pm** Philip Modiano will speak about John Louis Petit to the Tuesday Club by Zoom. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85268668944>

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY are hoping to meet on **Saturday May 22nd.** This will be the first time we have met for many months. The main job will be to plant Bedding Plants for the Summer in the Church Tower Beds. If anyone would be willing to make a small donation towards the cost of the plants that would be very much appreciated. Please let me know if you are able to help. *Ray Allen 251654*

THE FOODBANK - URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

Tinned Tomatoes

Dry Rice (not microwaveable)

Tinned Peas and Tinned Carrots

Coffee

Items should be **at least 3 months in date** or the Foodbank is not allowed to issue them

Donations of food can be left at **51, Lime Grove, Lichfield WS13 6ER**

Maggie and David_01543 255308

THANK YOU all so much for your kind thoughts, cards and concern following my recent emergency surgery. I am feeling better each day and hope to be back in church very soon.
God Bless, *Sue*