

# **SERVICE SHEET**

**11<sup>th</sup> April**

**Easter 2**

## **Canticle A Song of Miriam**

**1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously,  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

**2 The Lord is my strength  
and my song  
and has become my salvation.**

**3 This is my God  
whom I will praise,  
the God of my forebears  
whom I will exalt.**

**4 The Lord is a warrior,  
the Lord is his name.**

**5 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:  
your right hand, O Lord,  
shatters the enemy.**

**6 At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;  
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.**

**7 In your unfailing love, O Lord,  
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.**

**8 And by your invincible strength  
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.**

**9 You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,  
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.**

*Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **New Testament Reading** **Acts 4.32-35**

<sup>32</sup>The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **Psalm 133**

**<sup>1</sup> How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!**

<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.

**<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,  
life for evermore.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading John 20.19-end**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**ST MICHAEL**

***Those newly in need of prayer***

Anne Watson, David Kendrick, Steve Baker, Phillip Goodwin, Sam Bassett,

***Those in continuing special need of prayer:***

Mark Berry, Elizabeth Chapman, Chris Clayton, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Robert Harris, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, Matthew Martel, Marielouise Oliver, Norah and Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Anthony Staples aged 7, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie.

***Those who have died***

Peter Watson, David Weedon, Derek Smith (interment of ashes)

**ST JOHN**

***Those in continuing special need of prayer:***

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

\*\*\*\*\*

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Easter 2**

8.00am Holy Communion at St Michael's

10.00am Holy Communion at St Michael's

This is the final service conducted by Rev Preb Simon Baker. This service will be live streamed on Zoom.

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's.

Family Praise online

**Peter Watson: In Memory**

Peter had a real affinity for the charity WaterAid, and in his memory we are raising money to dig a well to enable children worldwide to have access to clean water. This is the link if you wish to donate in Peter's memory. Thank you, Anne and family.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-whatson](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-whatson)

**ST MICHAEL'S FLOWER ROTA** I have taken over organising the flower rota from Diana. I will put the new one at the back of church for people to sign up to and would be grateful if that could be done on Easter Sunday when we can all be in church again. I will keep a copy at home so if you want to phone me I can let you know the dates available. As usual we will cover two weeks at a time.

It will be lovely to welcome you all back, and if anyone would like to join us you would be very welcome. We have some very talented flower arrangers and we also have people like me who can just put flowers in a vase, so whatever you can do will be appreciated. Many thanks *Brenda Liptrot (tel 251863)*

### **Bible Studies between Easter and Pentecost**

Between Easter and Pentecost our bible studies 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 April 21<sup>st</sup>**

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom - Rev. Gayle Greenway, Vicar of Brownhills and member of the College of Evangelists.

#### **Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>**

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers - Rt. Rev. Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield.

#### **Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>**

To respond to human need by loving service – Rev. Richard Westwood, St Anne's, Chasetown and co-founder of Burntwood Be a Friend

#### **Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

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 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 will be on the website as usual. Do connect if you can.

**LIVE STREAMING THE 10.00AM SERVICE FROM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH** Those of you who connected for last week's live stream of the 10.00 am service will have experienced the teething troubles that we had - due to some sort of glitch with the church laptop during the intercessions. We think we have sorted the issues out and we will continue to live stream the services throughout April at least. If the numbers watching warrant it, we will continue through to Pentecost. If we decide to stop at the end of April, then monthly evening Zoom services will resume in May. *Chris Baker*

**APCM 2021 – St Michael's** The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) for 2021 will be on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. It will be at the end of the 10am service on this date. The annual report from the PCC will be published shortly and will be available on the web site and by request from the Parish Office. Elections will take place for 2 church Wardens and 4 members of the PCC. Nomination forms are available on the web site and should be returned to Phil Clayton by telephone (01543 682141) or email [phil@phil-clayton.uk](mailto:phil@phil-clayton.uk)  
*Phil Clayton PCC Honorary Secretary.*

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

**TUESDAY CLUB** On **Tuesday 18 May at 2.30pm Philip Modiano will speak about John Louis Petit** to the Tuesday Club by Zoom

**EASTER FLOWERS** Many thanks to Anne Lingwood and her team for a beautiful display of flowers at St Michael's. It was so lovely to return to church on Easter Sunday and be greeted by such a welcoming sight. *Sue and Lyn*

**THE FOODBANK** is always happy to receive gifts of but 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*

**CHURCHES TOGETHER** [www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/churches-together.html](http://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/churches-together.html)

**LICHFIELD FOODBANK** The following is an extract from the Lichfield Foodbank newsletter to let you know what has been happening. Thank you all for your donations over the year, either in the St Michael's/St John's boxes or in the store collection points. The Foodbank did manage to give Easter eggs to clients as well. Your gifts are still very much needed, and we are still delivering regularly. *Maggie and David Easton.*

### **The Year 2020/21**

*Running from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, our operational year pretty much covered the whole of the national reaction to the Coronavirus pandemic, with all of its lockdowns and restrictions. The figures make some grim reading: we fed **4741** people, an increase of **70%** on the previous year. The trend of more and more families coming to us has continued and we have seen a 93% increase in the number of children fed (and a smaller increase in the number of adults at 54%). Let us not forget that for a while there was another foodbank operating out of Saxon Hill School and the group 'Helping Each Other' has also been feeding those in need (as well as providing many other services - thank you Elaine), and it is easy to see that the true level of need in Lichfield and the surrounding villages has really been very significant. This sort of need should not be allowed to go on forever in the fifth largest economy in the world!*

### **PARISH DIARY**

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Easter 2**

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

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

11:00am	Interment of ashes: Derek Smith	St Michael's
---------	---------------------------------	--------------

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

2.30pm	Funeral: Peter Whatson	St Michael's
--------	------------------------	--------------

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

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