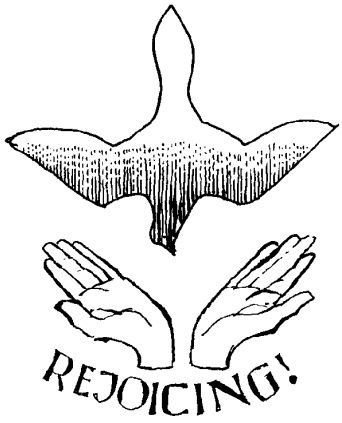
CHURCH NOTICES

12th October 2014
17th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome – A warm welcome to any visitors here today. We will be delighted to make your acquaintance. Please feel free to stop for a chat after the service.

Aids to Worship – Large print orders of service and Hymn books are available for most services. Please ask a Sidesperson for a copy. The sound systems at St Michael and St Mary have Loops. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' to listen. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please tell a sidesperson before the service if you require one.

UNITED BENEFICE

MOTHERS' UNION The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is on 13th October at 7.45 in St. Michael's Hall. The speaker is Maureen Hawksworth and her subject "Making a Difference". She will be talking about her missionary work with Nepalese women. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday Club. Our next meeting is on 14 October when Gary Dancer from Nuneaton Rotary Club will tell us about a very interesting water-aid project in support of the Ghurka people in Nepal. Church Hall, 2.30 pm. This is a relatively late change of programme because the previously advertised lecturer, Pat Scaife, has had an accident.

Office Closed – Wednesday 15th October, 9-10 am for staff training.

Invitation from the Diocese – please join us on our study module *Exploring Christian Leadership*. Consider what lay leadership means in a changing church and world. This is not only for everyone who is reflecting on what it means to be a leader in their church and community. The module starts on **Tuesday 14th October at 7.30** and there are four sessions - contact Becky Harrison ☎01543 306223 becky.harrison@lichfield.anglican.org

Hazel's Anniversary, Sunday 19th October - Hazel will be celebrating 50 years as a Deaconess and refreshments will be available following the 10am service .If folk would like to help provide finger food and nibbles please see me or phone me on 415242. Sorry, I realise it's short notice but there seems to be so many things happening at the moment. *Sue*

United Benefice Walking Group. Our next walk is a local walk. We meet at **St. Michael's at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday October 25th.** We drive to **The Plough pub at Huddlesford.** We then walk along the lanes to the **Woodhouse Farm and Garden** where coffee and cake will be provided. There will be an opportunity to look around this **Community Garden**. We then return to Huddlesford and lunch at The Plough. A good variety of meals is available. Join us if you can for this walk of around **3 miles** in the pleasant countryside surrounding Lichfield. We should return by around 2.30 p.m. *Ray Allen 251654.*

Lichfield Museum in St Mary's Centre. On 31 October and 28 November [10.00-12.00] Trevor James will be leading a **Walking Conversation** through the Lichfield Museum exhibition. This is part of an attempt to increase local interest in the displays. No charge but the Lichfield Museum does invite donations. The tour will inevitably be interrupted by a coffee break!

Fellowship Coffee Morning Sue and Mike Jones invite you to join them for coffee and biscuits on **Saturday 13th December.** 10am - 12.30pm. Do just come along and meet others of our

churches to chat and get to know each other just a little better. I would be grateful for volunteers to hold a Coffee Morning in the next year, my thanks now for your offers. Just once a month January to December. Please ring 264487 to arrange a date and a day to suit you. Many thanks again. *Jean Eastwood.*

CHRISTMAS DAY TOGETHER Wanted urgently – a Transport Co-ordinator for the Churches Together community festive lunch. This is an important job that involves contacting volunteer drivers and then putting them in touch with the guests who need transport. It does not require giving up your family Christmas Day! Please contact Mary Harris if you can help. Thank you tel; 01543 258754 tamharris@tiscali.co.uk

Diaries – United Benefice pocket diaries for 2015 are now available at the back of our churches.

Parish Pass for Westminster Abbey. A Parish Pass giving free admission to The Abbey for up to 4 people is available from The Parish Office. The Pass can be used during the next 12 months. Normal Abbey Admission is £18 Adults, £15 Concessions.

ST MICHAEL and ST MARY

St. Michael's School Reception Class in Church Oct 21st 1.45 - 2.45pm. Can you **HELP** please? 3 or 4 people to help with simple refreshments and very simple craft (no prep needed just enthusiasm!). **Contact Linda please!!**

St Michael's Capital Appeal. We are grateful to those of you who donate your loose change and other coins into our Capital Appeal collecting jar at the back of St Michael's. It may seem like a small trickle but it really makes a difference.

ST JOHN

St John's Christmas Planning Meeting Please stay after the service on **TODAY.** This is to discuss arrangements for our Christmas fair on Saturday 6th December**.**

Grand Designs the Mott Room Please come along to St John's on **Tuesday 28th October** at 7.30 pm. Ron and his film will help us revisit our long but very worthwhile journey resulting in the wonderful extension. Drinks and nibbles will be available. For further info. please speak to Linda Hoskins.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 12th Oct – 17th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Harvest Family Praise	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
11.30am	Visiting Bell ringers	St. Mary's
4:00pm	Visiting Bell ringers	St. Michael's
6:00pm	Holy Communion	St. Michael's

Monday 13th October

2:00pm	MU Committee Meeting	St. Michael's
7.45pm	MU – Missionary work in Nepal	Church Hall

Tuesday 14th October

9:30am	School Service	St. Michael's
11;00am	KS2 Harvest	St. Michael's

Wednesday 15th October

9:30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
6:30pm	Choir Practice	St. Michael's
8:00pm	Ridware Cantemus	St. John's

Thursday 16th October

7.30pm	Bell Ringing	St. Michael's

Friday 17th October

7:00am	Church Cleaning	St. Michael's
2:00pm	Wedding Preparation	St. Michael's

Saturday 18th October

2:00pm	Wedding – Joseph Thomas & Victoria Pinson	St. Michael's

Sunday 19th Oct – 18th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
4:30pm	Messy Church	Church Hall

SAVE THE DATES

Sat 15th Nov 6.45pm - Handbag Auction
Sat 29th Nov 10-1pm - Christmas Fayre
Sat 13th Dec 10am – Coffee Morning
Sat 10th Jan 7pm - Quiz Night
Sat 28th Feb 2015 – Barn Dance
Sun 12th April – Knowle Lodge Open Garden