

## PARISH DIARY

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday**

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

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

7.30pm	PCC meeting	St Michael's
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### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

6:30pm	Girls' Choir & SMS Rehearsal	St Michael's
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### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

9.00am	Cleaners in church	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St John's
7:00pm	Bellringing	St Michael's

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

10:30am	Walking Group	Pipe Hall Farm
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### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November Christ the King**

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

### **Deanery Synod Open Meeting:**

Deanery Synod is holding an open meeting at **7.30 pm on 23 November at St Michael on Greenhill**. The main speaker is Peter Bate who will speak about the Church of England book ***Living in Love and Faith: Christian Teaching and Learning about Identity, Sexuality, Relationships and Marriage***. The subject may well be controversial but attendees are being asked to engage in respectful dialogue, guided by Peter who has a long history of working to bring communities together.

**All are welcome.**

## **CAPITAL APPEAL COLLECTING 'JAR' AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

Since the Capital Appeal Collecting 'Jar' was positioned at the back of St Michael's Church during the major Capital Appeal for Tower Restoration and Organ Replacement in the mid-1990s, several thousand pounds in loose change has been collected and devoted, in a small way, to a number of church upgrades. This 'jar' has now been temporarily re-purposed to support our **Historic Church Turret Clock Appeal**.

Just what happens is that the loose change is periodically included in the weekly collection count – the counters just love the low denomination *brown coins* but, as a well-known supermarket proclaims, 'every little counts!'

Euro coins are exchanged for UK currency by one of our inveterate European travellers. Most other foreign coins are donated to Oxfam.

It is important to say that what we might regard as redundant UK decimal coinage – phased out £2-00, £1-00, 50p, 10p, and 5p coins – we can still bank – they are not currency in an everyday sense but they are still redeemable.

Please do think about our current appeal priority.

*Trevor James*

# CHURCH NOTICES

## 14<sup>th</sup> November

### Remembrance

**COVID SURVEY** The latest congregational survey on the nature of the Covid-19 restrictions during services at in now online at <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/covid-survey.html> , asking for views on mask wearing, social distancing, refreshments after the service and the reception of communion. **Please respond by 12.00 on Monday 15/11**, so the views can be collated for the Churchwardens before the PCC on Tuesday 16/11.

#### WALKING GROUP

**Date:** Saturday 20th November  
**Time:** 10.30 am  
**Meet at:** Woodland Trust (Burntwood)  
Pipe Hall Farm,  
St Matthew's Road,  
Burntwood,  
**WS7 9EL**  
*Car Parking is free.*

**What 3 words App** nodded.giant.jabs  
**Distance:** 3 miles, no stiles  
**Types of path:** Woodland trails, can be muddy. Waterproof sturdy boots recommended

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL—PLEASE USE THE FORM ON THE WEBSITE**

<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/walking-group-booking-page.html>

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**AN INVITATION TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE** by **Rev Dr Stephen Barton** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.00pm** in St. Michael's Church or online via Zoom. The Sunday Lectionary from December 2021 to November 2022 is based around St. Luke's gospel. In this talk, Stephen will give an introduction to the gospel as a whole, an overview that will enable the weekly passages to be understood in their wider context and will set out the key themes. The talk will be delivered to a face-to-face audience in St. Michael's church, who will have the benefit of wine or fruit juice and nibbles, but will also be live streamed via Zoom. A recording of the talk will be mounted on the St. Michael's YouTube and web sites. There is no charge, but if you wish to attend, please complete the form on the web site at <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/an-invitation-to-the-gospel-of-luke.html> A Zoom link will be sent out a few days before the talk. *Chris Baker*

#### TOY SERVICE, FAMILY PRAISE

We will be collecting **toys** for **Pathway** at the 10am Family Service on the **5<sup>th</sup> December**. The toys should be new and please leave them unwrapped, but donations of wrapping paper would be welcome. Presents for the mums will also be welcome. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** performed by Good Company choir at St Michael's church on **Wednesday 8 December at 2pm** In aid of the Lichfield PATHWAY Refuge (giving help and support to

victims of domestic abuse) **Tickets £10** (inc wine/soft drink) The concert has been organised by Lichfield Deanery Mothers' Union. MU continue to campaign tirelessly for an end to violence against women and children. Tickets are on sale now, please see Elizabeth or add your name to the list at the back of church. (The concert is subject to present Covid restrictions and/or any new regulations that may or may not come into force).

**ECO CHURCH** St Michael's now has refillable 5 litre bottles of cleaning fluid, toilet cleaner, washing up liquid, liquid soap, hand sanitiser and anti-viral surfacer cleaner. Please use these to refill the smaller bottles.

#### SIDESPERSONS ST MICHAEL'S

Please do consider joining our sides persons rota. We urgently need new people to meet, greet and hand out books at our 10 am services. If you feel you can help, please speak to one of us. Thank you in anticipation, *Sue and Lyn, Churchwardens*

#### JUNIOR PRAISE - HELP NEEDED!

We need more leaders for Junior Praise. If you think you might be able to help, please see Ruth Bull for more details.

#### THE FOODBANK NEEDS

- Long-life milk
- Long-life fruit juice
- Custard
- Jam

Must be 3 months, or more, in date.