

CHURCH NOTICES

November 15th 2015

2nd Sunday before Advent



UNITED BENEFICE

ADVENT MEDITATIONS in St Mary's Church, 12 30 – 1pm on Wednesdays 2nd, 9th and 16th December. Readings, prayer, art, music as we prepare for Christmas. All Welcome. *More info - Revd Linda Collins 07915 091128 or lindacollins@hotmail.co.uk*

ELEVENSES! A warm welcome is extended to you all and especially to **pre-school age children and their carers** to coffee, chat and play in St Michael's Church on **Wednesday 18th November from 10.30am to 11.30am.**

FILM CLUB 1.30pm Mon Dec 7th Refreshments £2.50 available from 1pm in Church Hall.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS There will be a small increase in subs for 2016. New charges will take effect from January - 70p per magazine or £7 per annum (10 for the price of 12). Please contact the office or Barbara, 255909, if you would like to subscribe.

UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP Join us for our last walk of 2015 on **Saturday November 28th.** We meet at **10.00 a.m. at St. Michael's.** We drive to **Castle Ring Car Park** for the start of the walk. We shall be walking around Castle Ring and then into the camp site where we meet **Mary Cope** who will be leading a walk to and around her farm, Beaudesert Park Farm. Mary will be telling us about the **Beaudesert Estate** and her farm which has a number of **white park cattle** for us to see. We will also have **tea/coffee and cake** in the **Farm Classroom.** Mary needs to know the numbers for refreshments 1 week before the walk so would you please let me know by **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST.** if you are coming on the walk. After coffee we continue our walk and return to the Car Park. **Lunch is at The Park Gate Inn,** where a good number of main meals are available. The walk is about **3 miles long.** There are no stiles, but it is rough and stony in places, so sturdy shoes or boots are advisable. We should be back at Lichfield at about **3.00-3.30 p.m.** Do join us if you can for what should be an interesting, varied walk with good views of the surrounding countryside. *Ray Allen. 251654.*

ANGEL TREE – buying and wrapping gifts If you would like to help buy and wrap gifts for the children of prisoners Judith Henshaw and Rita Thompson would be delighted to see you on **Tuesday 1st December** at 10.30 am outside the entrance to B & M Store, Market Street to buy gifts. On **Wednesday 2nd December** at 10 am to 12 midday and from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Community Room, Holy Cross Church to wrap the gifts. If you can do any of these times that would be most helpful. *Caroline Green."*

FOODBANK are starting to collect for their Christmas Bags, so any donations of individual Christmas puddings, tinned chicken or turkey, special chocolate/sweet items i.e. chocolate coins would be welcome. *Maggie*

AVAILABLE FOR A GOOD HOME If anyone would like to offer a home to a Child's Stroller (push chair) please contact Alison James (01543 258434). Used by grandchildren. Complete with canopy, rain-cover and parasol.

ST MICHAEL and ST MARY

SOCIAL TEAM The team would like to send their heartfelt thanks to Brenda, who is resigning from the team at the end of 2015. If anyone is interested in joining the team for 2016 please contact Angie ☎01543 262211 ✉stmichaellichfield@gmail.com

MOTHERS' UNION The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is on November 23rd in St Michael's Hall at 7.45. It will take the form of an Advent Meditation. All are welcome to attend.

FLOWER ROTA There is a new flower rota at the back of church. Could you please sign up for the dates that you would like to do the flowers next year. *Diana*

HOST A COFFEE MORNING I have no further Mornings arranged and I will be pleased to hear from **anyone willing to hold a Coffee Morning November** - Please give me a ring 264487 - Many thanks Jean Eastwood.

NEW PLEDGES FOR GIVING. Many thanks to all who have already increased their giving. It will be very helpful if all who are yet to make their increase will do so for their November giving. If anyone who gives by standing order has difficulty in making the changes with their bank, please contact the stewardship recorder for assistance on 255979. *David Athersmith.*

ST JOHN

BETHANY BRIDGEWATER is coming to Wall Praise on **29 November at 10am** to tell us about her work among the street children in Paraguay, her time at Bible College and her future plans. Do come - you may remember we prayed for her for some years when she had an incapacitating illness. Our prayers were answered! *Christine Higgs*

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CHRISTIAN AID CLIMATE CHANGE PILGRIMAGE. On **21 November** around Lichfield Centre because two members from Lichfield will be joining the national pilgrimage to Paris. The event begins at **12 noon at Lichfield Cathedral and all are welcome.**

ASYLUM SEEKERS. There will be an 'equipping training day' titled "Asylum Seekers and the Church" in Wolverhampton on **Saturday 21 November** – full details on poster. Cost is £5 (waged) and lifts are available. If you might need a lift please contact Anthony Wilson on gaiplane60@hotmail.com.

WALKING TOUR OF THE LICHFIELD MUSEUM IN ST MARY'S CENTRE. The next walking tour [with commentary] of the Lichfield Museum led by Trevor James will take place on **Friday 27 November, 10.00-12.00** [with a mandatory break for a hot drink!]. All welcome but you can book at the St Mary's Centre Reception desk. Although it will be cold, the opportunity is available for a tower climb that morning.

LICHFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS WORK TRUST – There will be an Open Meeting of the Trust at **8 pm on Monday 23 November** in the **Lichfield Room** at **Wade Street Church** to talk about plans for the future. **All are welcome.** Please contact Mary Wilson on wilsonmt64@gmail.com if you can attend.

CHRISTMAS DAY TOGETHER TRANSPORT - We are looking for volunteers to assist with transport to and/or from Wade Street Church for our Churches Together event for those who are alone on Christmas Day. If you could spare some time to help out in this way and would like further details, please phone Ruth Tinsdeall on 01543 262050 or email tinsdeall_tribe@tiscali.co.uk

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 15th November

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

Monday 16th November

11:30am	Extended Communion	Darwin Court
6:30pm	Parish Surgery	Church Hall

Tuesday 17th November

9:00am	School Service	St. Michael's
1:45pm	Praise and Play	St. John's

Wednesday 18th November

9:30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:30am	Eleveses	St. Michael's
6:30pm	Choir	St. Michael's
8:00pm	Ridware Cantemus	St. John's

Thursday 19th November

6:30pm	Robed Choir	St. Michael's
7:30pm	Bell Ringers	St. Michael's
7:30pm	Deanery Synod	St Anne's Chasetown
7:30pm	Community Choir	St. Michael's

Friday 20th November

Saturday 21st November

Sunday 22nd November

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
6:00pm	Evensong	St. Michael's

SAVE THE DATES

Sun 29th Nov – Advent Carols

Sun 20th Dec – Community Choir @ Nine
Lessons and Carols

Sat 16th Jan - Quiz night

Sat 27th Feb – Lent Trip to the
Liverpool Cathedrals

Fri 4th March - Women's World Day of Prayer
at St Michael's.

Sun 6th March – Mothering Sunday

Sun 20th March – Palm Sunday

Sun 27th March – Easter Sunday