

## PARISH DIARY

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

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 St Michael's

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
11:30am Extended Communion Darwin Court

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
7:30pm St John's PCC St John's

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
9:30am Holy Communion St Michael's

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
10:00am Knitting Group St Michael's  
7:30pm Bell Ringing St Michael's

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

8:15am Morning Prayer St Michael's  
9:00am Magazine Distribution St Michael's  
12:00pm Interment of Ashes: St Michael's  
Stuart Butler

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

10:30am Network Church – St Michael's  
Coffee in Church

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

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

## LENT COURSE

### **LENT STUDY COURSE FOR ST MICHAEL'S AND ST JOHN'S**

*Caring for God's Creation* Wednesday 11th 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March. Saturday 21st March, Lent Outing to The Science Museum, London For more details pick up a Lent, Holy Week & Easter card from the back of church.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER

### **CELEBRATIONS AT ST. JAMES, LONGDON**

It is 500 years since the endowment of the Stonywell Chapel. On **Friday 27 March** there will be an evening of wine and history at 7.00 p.m. (for 7.30. p.m.) when John Shand will deliver a talk entitled "The Life and Times of a Longdon Lad: Bishop John Stonywell, the last Abbot of Pershore". On **Saturday 28 March** there will be a walk (weather permitting) in the footsteps of Bishop John from his home in Stonywell to St James (1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. approx) culminating in a service of Celebration and Reconciliation at 3.00 p.m.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**MU Lent Lunch**, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 12-2pm @ St Michael's

**Choir Concert** at St Michael's on Saturday 27 June, 6.30 – 8 pm

## VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** Sonia and I will be collecting in HOME BOXES during March for the annual count. If you would like yours collected on a particular day please ring me (phone number on bottom of box). If you take it to St Michael's Church please ask a member of church staff to put it in the safe. Thanks a lot, *Maureen Duff*

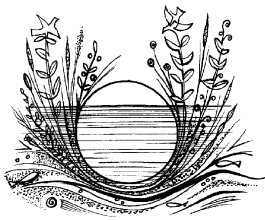
### **CHARITY COLLECTION SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

St Michael's will be collecting for the Church Army on **Sunday 23rd February**. If you wish to donate, please put money in the WHITE envelope and fill in the front if you are able to gift aid. Cheques should be made out to 'PCC of St Michael and St Mary Lichfield.' There will be information about the Church Army available at the back of church. Thank you. *Brenda*

### **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH FLOWERS**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our church look beautiful this year. The new flower rota will be available at the back of church. Please can you sign up for at least one pair of Sundays. Thank you, *Diana*

**LICHFIELD FOOD BANK.** Thank you for your continuing support for Lichfield Foodbank. The latest needs are instant mash, jam, tinned tuna



# CHURCH NOTICES

16<sup>th</sup> February  
**2nd Sunday before Lent**

**A WARM WELCOME** to any visitors here today. Please stop for a chat after the service.

## **AIDS TO WORSHIP**

- ~Large print orders of service & hymn books
- ~Hearing Loops at St Michael - Please set your hearing aid to 'T' to listen.
- ~Gluten-free wafers are available.

## **EVENTS**

**FILM CLUB Mon. 3rd February**  
Lunch 1pm. Film 1.30pm.

## **OTHER**

**PARISH OFFICE** – There will be some disruption to office opening hours this week. Virgin are upgrading their broadband provision in Lichfield. This means that Angie will need to work from home on internet-based tasks, such as answering emails. You will still be able to contact the office by email or leave an answerphone message but she may not be physically in the office between 9am

and 12 noon. **The magazine will still be printed and available for distribution on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**CHURCHYARD TREE AND WILDFLOWER BOTANICAL SURVEY** Following the **3 day Survey of the trees and wildflowers** in the Churchyard, the **Report** giving details of the Survey's findings, has now been published. **The printed Report** can be seen at the back of Church. If you would like to order a copy of the Report please let me know and it will be printed for you. There is no charge for the Report. *Ray Allen 251654*

## **MUSIC GROUP IS RECRUITING!**

If you (or children, grandchildren or anyone you know) play an instrument and would like to join St Michael's Music Group, now is your chance! In March, we are particularly welcoming new joiners. Please come along at **9.15am** to rehearse before the Family Praise service on **Sunday 8 March** – you would be very welcome. If you are able to, please let Richard [richard.brooks@anthonycollins.com](mailto:richard.brooks@anthonycollins.com) or Rev. Ruth know beforehand so that we can ensure we have suitable music for you to play (or just turn up)! *Richard and Ruth*

**ECOLOGY BANNERS** At the front of St Michael's church today you will see the first pair of banners which the Sewing Bee have made. These banners will represent the focus of our Mission Action Plan: Ecology, Inclusion and Welcome and Growing in Discipleship. The ecology banners are "upcycled" as all the decorations were made from items and fabrics the group members already had. One banner represents late Spring into Summer and the other, late Summer into Autumn. Everything represented on the banners was found during the bio blitz of St Michaels churchyard and represents the rich diversity of God's creation and our responsibility as stewards of the world He has made. We have only been able to show a tiny fraction of what was found. We chose not to make plants or animals to scale, but hope that by looking at the banners, you can appreciate the intricacy, complexity, wonder and fragility of creation and the importance of caring for and protecting it.

We are currently working on the next pair of banners and hope to finish the project by the summer.

*St Michael's Sewing Bee.*