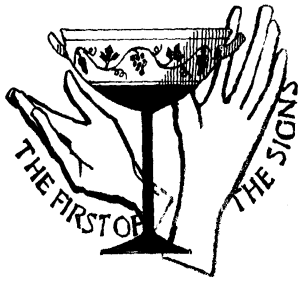

CHURCH NOTICES

January 17th 2016

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

A WARM WELCOME to any visitors here today. Please stop for coffee and biscuits after the service.

AIDS TO WORSHIP

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

SAFETY IN CHURCH We welcome families and are happy for children to 'wander' but we respectfully ask that parents supervise their children when they are near any naked flames. *St Michael's PCC*

UNITED BENEFICE

LENT COURSE This year's focus is Worship Spaces. The course begins with a trip to the Cathedrals in Liverpool on **Saturday 27th February** followed by 3 workshops on Monday 29th Feb, Monday 7th March & Monday 14th March @ 7.30pm. Further details to be announced soon.

JUST A REMINDER : Annual magazine subscription for 2016 is due now .This is £7 , payable by **Monday18th January** to your deliverer or me, Barbara Homewood. Many thanks for payments already received Tel 255909

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE. Details are displayed in all our churches. Please sign up by **Sunday 24 January.** If you would like more information please see the January magazine or contact Ted Green on 262342 or ctgreen@ntlworld.com.

FOOD BANK Thanks to all who supported the Food Bank in 2015, particularly the generous gifts at Christmas. Please remember that people still need support in the New Year. *Maggie and David Easton.*

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Ron, Maureen and Sue for all your help with the office move. I couldn't have done it without you! *Angie*

ST MICHAEL and ST MARY

UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP We invite you to join us for our first 2016 walk on **SATURDAY JANUARY 23rd.**, meeting at **10.00 a.m**. at **ST. MICHAEL'S.** This is a **Lichfield City Historic Walk.** We will be walking to **St. Mary's Centre** and on the way stopping to look at some of the Historic Points of our City. At St. Mary's we will have **coffee in the Cafe** and then **Trevor James** will be leading us around **The Heritage Exhibition.** We then make our way to **Lichfield Cathedral** where **Kay Martin** will give us a short talk about The Recently Restored **Herkenrode Glass** in **The Lady Chapel.** Many thanks to Trevor and Kay for giving their time in this way. Following Kay's talk we will be having lunch at **Chapters Restaurant in The Close** This will begin at **1.45 p.m.** A good selection of meals and desserts will be available here. After lunch we return to St. Michael's. The walk is around **2 and 1/2 miles long** and is **flat walking.** Do join us if you can for this walk in our beautiful and very interesting city. Ray Allen. 01543 251654

MOTHERS' UNION The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is on **January 25th** in St Michael's Hall at **2pm**. This will be the AGM. Pleases notice the time of this meeting. *Alison*

CHURCHYARD SURVEYS I am planning to do surveys of people using/passing through the churchyard on **Saturday 30th January** at 2pm. Each survey will take about 1 hour. If you could come and help me on either of those dates please contact me on 251863.Many thanks Brenda Liptrot.

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 ASAP. Please contact the stewardship recorder for advice or assistance on 255979. *David Athersmith.*

BELL RINGERS We are ready to start teaching a couple of new bellringers again in the new year. All we ask is that you are regularly available on a Thursday AND Sunday morning and we're happy to teach anyone from about 10 years +. Any teenagers MUST attend with a parent for the first few weeks. Please contact Gillian on 01543 480017 in the new year for further details.

ST JOHN

PCC Meeting Tuesday 26th January, 7.30pm

AFTERNOON TEA Tuesday 2nd February. Join us for tea/coffee and home baked cake.

OTHER

ST MARY'S CENTRE is offering a ten week course, which started on **Friday 15 January** [10.00 –12.00] on 'The Cold War – in Europe and Beyond', with Trevor James as the tutor. Details of the programme are on display in St Michael's Church.

FAIRTRADE AGM We have decided to postpone the AGM from 12 January to **9 February** with the start time still planned for 7.30pm. The venue is yet to be arranged *Iwan Griffiths*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held at **Holy Cross Church on Friday 22 January** at 19h30**.** The CTBI theme this year is ''salt and light'', and we invite you all to come.

GARDENING WORK REQUIRED? Veronica Morris's son, Tom Keen is available for gardening work or other labouring tasks in the Lichfield area. Contact Tom on 0741 412 8172 or trichardkeen@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 17th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Family Praise	St. Michael's
10:00am	Morning Worship	St. John's
4.30pm	Messy Church	Church Hall

Monday 18th January

11:30am	Extended Communion	Darwin Court
6:30pm	Parish Surgery	St. Mary's

Tuesday 19th January

9.30am	School Service	St. Michael's
7:30pm	St Michael's Standing Committee	

Wednesday 20th January

9:30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10.30am	Elevenses	St. Michael's
6.30pm	Choir	St. Michael's
7:15pm	St Michael's Singers	St. Michael's
8:00pm	Ridware Cantemus	St. John's

Thursday 21st January

1.30pm	St Michael's Y1 Visit	St. Michael's
7.30pm	Bell Ringing	St. Michael's

Friday 22nd January

12:30pm	Funeral: Mildred Cowlishaw	St. Michael's

Saturday 23rd January

10:00am	Walking Group	St. Michael's

Sunday 24th January

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
6.00pm	Evensong	Church Hall

SAVE THE DATES

Sat 27th Feb – *Lent Trip* to the Liverpool Cathedrals
Fri 4th March - *Women's World Day of Prayer*
Sat 12 March *MU Lent Lunch* @ Church Hall
Sun 20th March – Palm Sunday
Sun 27th March – Easter Sunday
Sat 16th Apr – *Spring Fayre* @ Boley Park
07 May - *Spud and Pud Car Wash*
11 June - *Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party* 4pm @ St Michael's