

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 17th November

8:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
12:30pm	Baptism: Amelia Moffat	St Michael's
4:30pm	Messy Church	St Michael's

Monday 18th November

8.15am	Morning Prayer	St. Michael's
11:30am	Extended Communion	Darwin Court

Tuesday 19th November

8.15am	Morning Prayer	St. Michael's
9:00am	School Service	St Michael's
2:00pm	Sewing Bee	St Michael's
7:30pm	Fit for Funding Workshop	St Michael's

Wednesday 20th November

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St. Michael's
9:30am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
2:00pm	Church Environment Group Meeting	St Michael's
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's

Thursday 21st November

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Friday 22nd November

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St. Michael's
9:00am	Magazine Distribution	St Michael's

Saturday 23rd November

10:00am	Churchyard Working Party	St Michael's
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Sunday 24th November

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

EVENTS

NEW PARISH ROOMS WORKSHOP On **Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm** in St Michael's church, Greenwood Projects will be holding a workshop that will look at the next steps in developing ideas for the new parish rooms and making grant applications. This is primarily an evening for the PCC but we would welcome anyone else who is interested in finding out more about this project and what comes next.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD Saturday November 23rd. is Churchyard Bulb Planting Day. Join us if you can from **10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** We will be planting over 1,000 Bluebell bulbs and smaller numbers of wild daffodil, winter aconite and wood anemone. We also hope to plant 150 wild primrose plants.

We have a large area that we have prepared for the planting. Tools will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own trowel if you prefer. Please wear suitable warm winter clothing, including gloves. Refreshments - Tea/Coffee/Cake - will be provided during the morning. *Ray Allen 251654*

MOTHERS' UNION The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is on **November 25th at 7.15** in St Michael's Church. This will be a Meditation for Advent. All are welcome.

FILM CLUB Mon. 2nd December Pantomime -Lunch 1pm. Film 1.30pm.

UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP

There will be a walk in **Birmingham on Saturday February 8th. and 15th, 2020.** As part of the walk we will be going on a **Tour of BBC Birmingham at The Mailbox.** The cost of this visit is **£10.25 for Seniors and £12.50 for adults.** Please let me know as soon as you can if you would like to go on the walk and the tour and your preferred date, **February 8th., February 15th., or either date. I need bookings and payment no later than Saturday December 7th.** Full details of the walk will be given nearer to the date. *Ray Allen 251654*

WALL VILLAGE SKITTLES will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 7th December** at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 includes fish and chips.

CHURCH NOTICES



17th November

2nd Sunday before Advent

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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY COURSE 2019

for St Michael's and St John's

The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Tell us about Jesus's birth

A three-session course looking at key themes in Borg and Crossan's book 'The First Christmas', exploring new things the Gospels can tell us about Jesus's birth when compared and contrasted against each other, and by an understanding of how they would have been received by the early Christian movement.

Sessions will take place on **Wednesdays from 10.30 to 12 noon. 27th Nov; 4th Dec; 11th Dec 2019.** For more information contact:

Rev Mel Clark.

revdr.melclark@gmail.com

TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE at **St John's Church, Wall** on **TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER** at **7pm**, with mulled wine and mince pies, from 6.30pm. Includes the chance to win the Christmas Cake, kindly baked by Dot Rigby.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS The flower team will be decorating St Michael's church on the morning of **Monday 23rd starting at 9.30.** The theme this year is silver and white. Flowers will be provided, but if you would like to bring extras or other items for your own display, that would be great. We always need greenery so please bring what you can and leave it at the back of church. New experienced or inexperienced flower arrangers are always welcome and help is available if needed. We no longer use Oasis in the church for environmental reasons. If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please put the money in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" and include the name or names of your loved one/s. Give this to Ann Lingwood or Diana Baker and a card with the names will be placed in an arrangement

VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES

LICHFIELD FOOD BANK. Thank you for your continuing support for Lichfield Foodbank. The latest needs are **Long-life milk, Instant Mash, Long-life fruit juice, Custard**

UNITED BENEFICE CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTORS. We have ordered more United Benefice Christmas cards than ever (4,250) and we would like to have more distributors for Boley Park, Streethay and Wall. If you can help please contact Brenda Liptrot (251863) or Ted Green (262342).

OTHER

ECO-CHURCH Many churches in the Deanery have signed up for an award to be an Eco-Church. The next Deanery Synod, on **Tuesday 19th November at St. John's Community Church, Chase Terrace at 7.30p.m** has this as a main topic. Revd. John Polhill will give an input as well as Revd. Emma Cooksey, an eco-church champion for a church in our Deanery. The manager of the Veolia plant where all our black bins waste goes to be burnt will be interviewed. It should be an interesting and informative meeting to which **all** are invited.

CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR AT WADE STREET CHURCH Christmas Book Fair with books for children and adults, Bibles, Christmas Cards and gifts. **Wade Street Church on Saturday 23rd November from 9 am to 1 pm.** Refreshments available.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 30th Nov 1pm – 4.30pm College Hall, The Close, Lichfield in aid of FQMS a charity supporting Palestinian Medical Schools.