

## PARISH DIARY

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

5:45am Dawn Holy Communion St Michael's  
8:00am Holy Communion St Michael's  
10:00am Holy Communion St John's  
10:00am Holy Communion St Michael's

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

8:15am Morning Prayer St. Michael's

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

8:15am Morning Prayer St. Michael's  
3:00pm SACRED Book Group 58  
Birchwood Drive

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

10:00am Walking Group Ashbourne

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

8:00am Holy Communion St Michael's  
10:00am Holy Communion St John's  
10:00am Holy Communion St Michael's  
11:00am St Michael's APCM St Michael's  
6:00pm Choral Evensong St Michael's

## SAVE THE DATES

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2pm</b>	Walking Group - Shenstone and Afternoon Tea at Chesterfield Barn
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Walking Group Hazelslade

## VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES

**LICHFIELD FOOD BANK.** Thank you for your continuing support for Lichfield Foodbank. The latest needs are **Long Life Milk, Tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes and 500g sugar**

## EVENTS

### **UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP**

We invite you to join us for our next walk, on **Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, at Ashbourne. We meet at St. Michael's at 10.00 a.m.** We will then drive to the **Leisure Centre Car Park.** The walk begins from here, first of all walking through **the old Railway Tunnel** and on to the **Tissington Trail** where we will have a short walk before **coffee from a kiosk near the tunnel.** After coffee we will go for a walk around the town of Ashbourne, looking at some of the many interesting buildings and the attractive and **historic park;** and also visiting the **Parish Church of St. Oswald.** The walk is around **2 and 1/2 to 3 miles long.** It is on flat surfaces with **no stiles.** Good walking shoes are advised. After the walk

we drive the short distance to **Fairways Garden Centre for lunch.** The lunches will need to be ordered in advance, so please let me know if you would like to come on the walk and I can give you the lunch choices. We hope you can come on this walk in this very pleasant Derbyshire town. Ray Allen 251654

**FILM CLUB Mon May 13<sup>th</sup>** Lunch 1pm £2.50, film starts 1.30pm. All welcome!

### **THE NEXT TUESDAY CLUB MEETING**

**IS NOT ON A TUESDAY!** The reason is that on **Thursday 23 May at 2.30 pm** we are to meet Philip Modiano, the author of Petit's Tours of Old Staffordshire in St Michael's Church and Old Churchyard for a relatively informal introduction to the life of the Revd John Louis Petit, former curate of St Michael's, architectural commentator and very accomplished watercolourist. Our session will include looking closely at the monument that he funded for his uncle [adjoining the Chancel arch] and his substantial monument in our Old Churchyard. For anyone interested in a more formal presentation, he will be speaking later that evening at the Lichfield Civic Society in the URC Hall at 7.45 pm. Copies of the book can be obtained from Trevor James or the Cathedral Gift Shop.

# CHURCH NOTICES

21st April 2019  
Easter Sunday



**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.

## EASTER

**ST MICHAEL'S CHARITY COLLECTION 21ST APRIL, EASTER SUNDAY Today** we are collecting for Embrace the Middle East, one of our church charities. They tackle poverty and injustice in the Middle East. There is literature about their work available at the back of church. If you wish to donate would you put the money in the WHITE envelopes, marked Embrace the Middle East, and gift aid if you are able. Cheques should be made payable to the PCC of St Michael and St Mary. Many thanks.

## ST MICHAEL'S PCC NEWS

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ENVIRONMENT GROUP** The PCC have decided to form a group that will look at our church life and concerns about the environment. The group is open to any members of the congregation who would

like to join. Among other things we will look at how we teach and talk about the environment and ecology, how we use energy and other resources, how we recycle and how we develop the church and churchyard. The work of the group will also feed into the discussion about the new church hall and the kind of building that we need. If you would like to join the group please contact Simon, the Rector and once names are gathered an initial meeting will be arranged.

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL** We are about to sell the old church hall (after some frustrating delays) and now need to move ahead with designing and building new facilities. However, our life has evolved and changed since we closed the hall and began to use the church building more. The PCC have drawn up a series of questions which are on the display around the pillar near the social area. Everyone is invited to think about these questions and make a response and place it in the box nearby. If you would like further information, or clarification, please talk to the Rector or the Churchwardens.

**ST MICHAEL'S PCC Elections 2019** at the APCM (28th April 2019 at 11:30am) elections are held for Churchwardens for the year and PCC members for the next 3 years and for one Deanery Synod representative for 1 year. Nomination papers are available at the back of Church which should be completed and handed to the me asap. Many thanks. *Phil Clayton*, PCC Secretary 308331 or [phil@philclayton.net](mailto:phil@philclayton.net)

# CHURCHES TOGETHER

**CHRISTIAN AID** 'Big Brekkie' at Lichfield Methodist Church in Tamworth Street on **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY**. See poster at the back of church

Churches Together in Lichfield are **looking for someone with accounts experience to examine the Financial Statements for 2018**. Some knowledge of Accruals Accounting is preferable, and knowledge of Excel spreadsheets is essential. Please contact Liz Ridler by email at [liz.ridler@btinternet.com](mailto:liz.ridler@btinternet.com) if you would be able to help.

**LENS project** Thanks to all the volunteers who took part in the LENS project supporting the night shelters for the homeless. I am sorry some volunteers were not called upon but thank you as well. When all the Lichfield churches work together it is amazing how much we can achieve, and it is good to work with and get to know people from other churches. *Brenda*

**ST. CHAD'S PILGRIMAGE WALK: SATURDAY JUNE 8TH.** Brian Homewood will be leading **St. Michael's Walking Group** on the **All Saints Church, Alrewas to Lichfield section of the St. Chad's Pilgrimage Walk on Saturday June 8th**. The **full walk** is from **Repton to Lichfield**. If you would like to take part in the Alrewas to Lichfield Section (7 miles) please **contact Brian on 01543 255909**.