

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 21st November

Christ the King

8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Michael's
10am	Holy Communion & Junior Praise	St Michael's
10am	Holy Communion	St John's

Monday 22nd November

Tuesday 23rd November

11am -	Meeting (Wardens)	St Michael's
7.30pm	Deanery Synod	St Michael's

Wednesday 24th November

Thursday 25th November

OFFICE CLOSED

9.00am	Cleaners in church	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St John's
7:00pm	Bellringing	St Michael's

Friday 26th November

9am	Magazine Distribution	St Michael's
6.30pm	Music Group, Girls Choir & SMS Rehearsal	St Michael's

Saturday 27th November

Sunday 28th November

ADVENT SUNDAY

8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Michael's
10am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10am	Holy Communion	St John's
12.30pm	Baptism: Paige Hodgkiss, Kayden & Logan Slater, Roman-Ray Harvey	St Michael's
6:00pm	Advent Service on ZOOM	

DEANERY SYNOD OPEN MEETING:

Deanery Synod is holding an open meeting at **7.30 pm on 23 November at St Michael on Greenhill**. The main speaker is Peter Bate who will speak about the Church of England book ***Living in Love and Faith: Christian Teaching and Learning about Identity, Sexuality, Relationships and Marriage***. The subject may well be controversial, but attendees are being asked to engage in respectful dialogue, guided by Peter who has a long history of working to bring communities together. **All are welcome.**

CHARITY COLLECTION SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AT ST MICHAEL'S

We will be collecting for **Angel Tree** at the 10 am Advent Communion with Carols. **Angel Tree** gives prisoners the opportunity to send a Christmas gift to their children. Volunteers wrap and send gifts on prisoners' behalf with a

personal message written by the prisoner. If you wish to donate please put money in a white envelope marked Angel Tree, if you can Gift Aid please fill in the front of the envelope. Cheques should be made out to 'PCC of St Michael and St Mary Lichfield' Thank you

A ZOOM SERVICE FOR ADVENT Sunday November 28th at 6.00. THE ADVENT SONGS. Reflections on the Magnificat and Benedictus – the songs of Mary and Zechariah. Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82007648461>

THANK YOU As many of you know we are having a tough time at the moment but are feeling supported by all your good wishes. Thank you, especially to those who have helped us keep appointments or on mercy dashes to and from the hospital. *Thanks Maggie and David.*

THE FOODBANK NEEDS

- Long-life milk
- Long-life fruit juice
- Custard
- Jam

Must be 3 months, or more, in date.

CAPITAL APPEAL COLLECTING 'JAR' AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

This 'jar' is now collecting to support our **Historic Church Turret Clock Appeal.** *Trevor James*

CHURCH NOTICES

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LESLEY ALLEN. After many years of Reader ministry at St Michael's and St John's, Lesley Allen's licence has come to an end and she has decided not to renew it. She feels that now is the time to step back. We thank her for all she has done over the years and we will miss her preaching and leading of services and we will be marking her retirement in due course.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW RECTOR

The advert for a new Rector will go live on December 3rd, with applications due early in the new year. Obviously, the whole process needs much prayer and to this end we are organising a number of short prayer times over the coming weeks and months. The first of these will be on **Saturday December 4th in St. Michael's from 3.30 to 4.00**, with both corporate prayers and times of quiet for our own personal prayer, with tea, coffee and cake to follow. Please do come if you possibly can – prayer is a really important part of the appointments process. *Ruth Bull, Chris Baker*

COVID RESITRICTIONS

Easing of Restrictions following the latest survey

We would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the latest survey and for your continued support.

This has been an extremely difficult time for everyone during the Interregnum, particularly with the added pressure of the Pandemic to deal with.

As we ease the restrictions, we hope that everyone will take personal responsibility for themselves and take the necessary steps to feel safe, comfortable and welcomed in our church environment.

As from Advent Sunday, 28th November there will be a further lifting of restrictions as listed below

The use of face coverings will be optional - however we will provide face masks on entry to church for people to use at their own discretion.

Hand sanitising stations on arrival and at various points throughout church for regular use.

All pews will be open- please sit where you feel comfortable and take an orange card to indicate that you would like some extra space.

We will continue to sing hymns with the optional use of face coverings.

Holy Communion will continue to follow a one- way system and there will be further discussions to find the best way forward on administering the elements (more details will follow) and hygiene procedures will remain in place.

We would really like to offer refreshments following the 10 am service but this very much depends on how many willing people we have to join the rota to help prepare and serve drinks.

A very high percentage of the congregation would value refreshments after the service so if you feel that you can help in any way please speak to Sue or Lyn.

We will be reviewing these procedures regularly and thank you for your understanding.

Sue and Lyn

Churchwardens