

## PARISH DIARY

### **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

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
7:15pm	MU	St Michael's

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:00am	School Service	St Michael's
3:00pm	SACRED Book Group	58 Birchwood Drive

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:30am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:45am	Walk & Talk – Snowdrop Walk	St Michael's
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's
7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St John's
7:30pm	SMS Rehearsal	St Michael's

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St Michael's
1:30pm	Five Spires Academy Y1 Visit	St Michael's
7:30pm	Bell Ringing	St Michael's

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
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### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

8:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
12:30pm	Baptism: Jonah Revell	St Michael's

## VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES

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

**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. If you wish to donate, please put money in the WHITE envelope & 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*

## EVENTS

**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** The next Churchyard Working Party is next **Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** We will again be working in the overgrown area near to the Compost Area. We aim to continue to clear vegetation from headstones and graves, enabling inscriptions to be seen and allowing more wild flowers to grow. **Coffee, Tea and Cake** will be provided during the **Mid-Morning Break**. Please join us if you can. *Ray Allen* 251654

**FILM CLUB Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Lunch 1pm. Film 1.30pm.

**WALKING GROUP** to Sutton Park. Meet at St Michaels Church on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am**. Drive to the car park at the back of Toby Carvery Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield. B74 2YT The walk is approximately 3 miles long. Solid paths, no stiles. Some slight gradients. Coffee or tea in the Town Gate café. Lunch is booked at the Toby carvery for 1pm Please could you let me know by **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March** if you plan to be on the walk so that I can confirm with the restaurant. I have booked 20 seats. Hilary [hilarybarker@gmail.com](mailto:hilarybarker@gmail.com) Tel 01543482027 Mob 07714958559

# CHURCH NOTICES

23rd February

## Sunday next 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.

## 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.

**LENT BOOK** Copies of the Archbishop's Lent Book *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio are now available. This will be the focus of the CTIL Lent Groups and will also be used as a resource in our own Lent course. Please take a copy. If you wish to contribute to the cost please make a £5 donation through the contactless payment machine

# OTHER

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY FORM**

Forms are available for people to give contact details of those we should contact if they are taken ill or have an accident in church. Forms will be kept in a file in the vestry and information from them will only be used when absolutely necessary.

**TASTE AND SEE** -Have you ever considered training to be a Reader? There are to be some Reader Training Taster Sessions this Spring. Each is designed to give a broad introduction to the content and expectations of Reader Training and is a great opportunity to gain insight and ask any questions you may have. Each session includes an act of worship, a general introduction to Reader Training and a taster teaching session. If anyone would like more details, have a word with Simon or Ruth.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 6th March** at Wade Street Church - 10.30am and 7.30pm. "Rise Take Your Mat and Walk" which has been prepared by women of Zimbabwe, All are welcome, men, women, and children.

### **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@anthonymcollins.com](mailto:richard.brooks@anthonymcollins.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*

### **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