

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 24th October Bible Sunday

8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Michael's
10am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10am	Holy Communion	St John's
12:30am	Baptism: Henry Allen & Dylan Leatham	St Michael's
3:00pm	Prayer Walk – Climate Change	St Michael's

Monday 25th October

Tuesday 26th October

7.30pm	St Michael's PCC Meeting	St Michael's
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Wednesday 27th October

6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's
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Thursday 28th October

OFFICE CLOSED

9.00am	Cleaners in church	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St John's
10:45am	Darwin Court Zoom Service	Zoom
12:30pm	Funeral: Henry Chamberlain	St Michael's
7:00pm	Bellringing	St Michael's

Friday 29th October

9:00am	Magazine Distribution	St Michael's
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Saturday 30th October

11:00am	IOA: Bill Hill	St Michael's
3.30pm	Candles of Remembrance	St Michael's

Sunday 31st October All Saints

8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Michael's
10am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10am	Holy Communion	St John's
4:30pm	Messy Church Light Party	St Michael's
6:30pm	All Souls	St John's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOV 9th Tuesday Club - **The Korean War**, speaker Ted Green

THE FOODBANK NEEDS

tinned meat, tinned soup, jam
Must be **3 months, or more, in date.**

SIDESPERSONS ST MICHAEL'S

Please do consider joining our sidespersons rota. We urgently need new people to meet, greet and hand out books at our 10 am services. If you feel you can help, please speak to one of us. Thank you in anticipation,
Sue and Lyn, Churchwardens

JUNIOR PRAISE - HELP NEEDED!

We need more leaders for Junior Praise. If you think you might be able to help, please see Ruth Bull for more details.

WALKING GROUP Next Walk

Date: Saturday 20th November

Time: 10.30 am

Meet at: Pipe Hall Farm,
71 Mary Slater Rd,
Burntwood,
WS13 8BW

Car Parking is free.

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Distance: 3 miles, no stiles

Types of path: Woodland trails, can be muddy. Waterproof sturdy boots recommended

We will walk around parts of the woodland that we have not looked at during our previous visit. There will be a stop halfway around to look out across the Trent Valley and over Lichfield.

NO COFFEE BREAK. You are welcome to bring a drink with you to have at this point if you wish.

From there we will return to the car park.

NO ORGANISED PUB LUNCH AFTER THE WALK.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL—PLEASE USE THE FORM ON THE WEBSITE

<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/walking-group-booking-page.html>

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CHURCH NOTICES

24th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

CLIMATE CHANGE PRAYER WALK.

The COP26 meeting in Glasgow at the start of November, at which international agreement will be sought on measures to mitigate the effects of climate change, is of major importance for the future of the planet and a successful outcome is vital for the future as we approach various climate "tipping points". On the run-up to the meeting, we are organizing a prayer walk around the churchyard at **3.00 on Sunday October 24th** which will use the plants, trees and monuments of that most beautiful of places to act as foci for our thoughts and prayers for the success of the conference. This will last about 30 to 45 minutes and is open to all, young and old, church goers and non-church goers alike (and will go ahead whatever the weather!). Coffee and Tea will be served in church afterwards.

Rev. Chris Baker.

SATURDAY OCT 30th 3.30pm
CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE at St. Michaels. This is a special service where we remember our departed loved ones, with an opportunity to light a candle. If you would like the names(s) of departed loved ones read out, please fill in a card at the back and place it in the box.

ALL SOULS SERVICE, Sunday 31st October 6.30pm ST JOHN'S If you would like the names(s) of departed loved ones read out, please fill in a card at the back and place it in the box.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND SONG at St John's Church, Wall with Sonia Eyre (Soprano) and Glen Taylor(piano) on **Saturday 6th November at 7pm for 7.30 start.** Ticket £10, to include mulled wine and mince pies, (served during the interval).

FUEL GRANTS – There are posters in both our churches about Michael Lowe and Associated Charities fuel grants for 2022. Applications must be received by 31 October 2021.

ALAN THOMPSON PAINTING EXHIBITION We hope everyone enjoyed looking at the paintings by the Late Alan Thompson that were displayed in the Fellowship Corner throughout the recent Michaelmas Celebration Event. Thanks to the generosity of members of the congregation and others a total amount of £500 was raised for St. Michael's Church Choir. Dudley has said that he would like to spend the money on an amplifier for the Music Group; fabric and buttons for new Choir robes; and percussion instruments for the Congregation to use at Family Services. With Grateful Thanks to everyone, *Ray and Lesley Allen.*

SPONSORED ORGAN MARATHON A massive 'thank you' to everyone who supported the Organ Marathon on Saturday 18th September. I am very grateful to all those who sponsored me and also to the stewards those who baked cakes and the Knitting Group who provided knitted items for sale. The fact that there was a steady flow of visitors who came to listen and have a cuppa encouraged me throughout the twelve-hour session.

I am pleased to report that, with virtually all of the sponsorship money now collected, **the event has raised £2700.39.** This will help to significantly plug the gap in income due to lost fundraising opportunities over the past eighteen months. *Paul Wright*

ECO CHURCH St Michael's now has refillable 5 litre bottles of cleaning fluid, toilet cleaner, washing up liquid, liquid soap, hand sanitiser and anti-viral surfacer cleaner. Please use these to refill the smaller bottles.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY IS on **Saturday November 6th., from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** We will be planting dwarf daffodil bulbs in 2 small graves; planting a new young Rowan tree, and generally tidying and weeding other graves, as well as weeding and dead heading plants in flower beds. **Mid-Morning Refreshments of tea/coffee and cake** will be provided. Please join us if you can. Ray Allen 251654