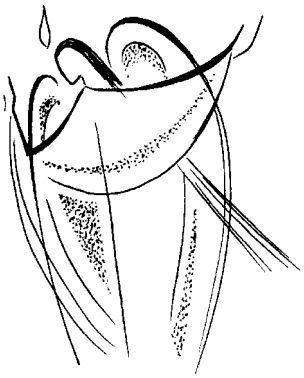
CHURCH NOTICES



September 27th 2015
Michaelmas

WELCOME – A warm welcome to any visitors here today. We will be delighted to make your acquaintance. Please stop for a chat after the service.

AIDS TO WORSHIP – Large print orders of service and Hymn books are available for most services. Please ask a Sidesperson for a copy. The sound systems at St Michael and St Mary have Loops. Please set your hearing aid to 'T' to listen. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please tell a Sidesperson before the service if you require one.

SAFETY IN CHURCH There are naked flames around the church. We welcome families and are happy for children to 'wander' but we respectfully ask that parents supervise their children when they are near any naked flames. *St Michael's PCC*

UNITED BENEFICE

FILM CLUB Mon Oct 5th Film starts in Hall 1.30pm, Lunch available from 1.00pm, £2.50. All Welcome!

TUESDAY CLUB will recommence on **13 October at 2.30 pm** when Professor Roger Ward will come to speak about his new book on the 'Chamberlains of Birmingham'. This will take place in **St Mary's Church.**

AUTUMN IN VENICE Concert. Members of the Girls' Choir and adult choir Ridware Cantemus will be presenting a concert at **St Michael's on Saturday 10 Oct at 7.30 pm** featuring their programme to be sung in Venice on 25 October. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Venice Choir Fund and a Grand Venice Raffle that will be drawn during the interval. Please support this wonderful opportunity for our young people by attending the concert, buying raffle tickets or making a donation. Contact Ted Green on 262342 or ctgreen@ntlworld.com and see the Benefice magazine for more information.

BAKED ALASKA Friday 23 October, Lichfield Cathedral, Riding Lights play 'Baked Alaska'. This event has been part funded by Bishop Jonathan's Lent Appeal and by Christian Aid. Tickets available from the Cathedral shop or from the Riding Lights website.

LICHFIELD FOODBANK Current shortages are for soup, toiletries and washing up liquid. .All donations gratefully received.

ST MICHAEL and ST MARY

MOTHERS' UNION - The next meeting of the Mothers' Union is on **September 28th** in St Michael's Hall at 7.45. The subject is "Summer Reminiscences". All are welcome.

PRAYER GROUP The next meeting of the Prayer Group will be held at **49 Burton Old Road West** at **2pm on Thursday 1st October.** If you would like help with transport or more information about the group, please contact June Frayn (264920)

CHARITY SUNDAY Sunday **4th October** will be the last of our Charity Sundays for 2015. We will be collecting for US (formerly USPG). Please put any donations in a blue envelope

marked US, cheques should be made out to 'PCC of St Michael's and St Mary's Lichfield', if you can gift aid please fill in the front of the envelope. Many thanks. *Brenda*

TRYING TO MAKE OUR MONEY GO FURTHER. If you wish, the loose change that you donate for coffee or lighting a candle can be put on the collection plate. If you do this, it is possible to claim 'gift aid' (25% of your donation is claimed back from HMRC) because it is a donation. If you buy something, for example a magazine or goods from the fair trade stall, it is not possible, by law, to claim 'gift aid'. *St Michael with St Mary PCC*

SEWING GROUP – there will be no more meetings of the sewing group now until after the Michaelmas Fayre. The group will then restart as a **Craft Group, to include knitting and sewing** and will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday beginning on **Tues 6th Oct.**

WATER AID Traditionally we collect for WaterAid at our Harvest Festival Service, to be held this year on **Sunday 11th October.** Please put any donations in a blue envelope marked WaterAid, cheques should be made out to 'PCC of St Michael's and St Mary's Lichfield', if you can gift aid please fill in the front of the envelope. Thank you. *Brenda*

HARVEST SUPPER Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are intending to come to the Harvest Supper in the Church Hall (in Church if the weather is very cold) on **Sat 17th October.** Tickets £6

WEDDING INVITATION. Sue and Mike Jones invite members of the congregation to the wedding of Robert and Helen at **1 pm on Saturday 24 October at** St Michael's and to stay afterwards for cake and wine.

ST MARY'S CENTRE. Applications to become a Companion of St Mary's Centre are invited. The Annual fee is £10-00 [or £15-00 for a couple]. The Companions of St Mary's are in effect a Friends organisation, with the potential to help and support the St Mary's Centre and the Lichfield Museum in its future development. Do please ask Trevor James about this if you are interested.

HOST A COFFEE MORNING I have no further Mornings arranged and I will be pleased to hear from anyone willing to hold a Coffee Morning September or October - Please give me a ring 264487 - Many thanks Jean Eastwood.

ST JOHN

JUNIOR PRAISE & PLAY There will be no Praise and Play in July, August or September during the 10am service. Activities and resources will be available for children (& parents) in the Mott Room.

HARVEST SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT Saturday 3rd October 2015 7.30 prompt In Wall Village Hall Tickets £8 Adult £4 Children. Fish and chip Supper with home-made puds. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Entertainment Ridware Cantemus. Tickets are available from Aileen Perry Telephone 01543 481096

WALL KNITTING GROUP invite you to our craft sale and cake stall on **Saturday 10th October** in the Village Hall, **10am – 12 noon.** Funds being raised to purchase new altar linen. Raffle, tea and coffee. You are also welcome to join our knitting group on Thursdays 10am – 12 noon.

WI CENTENARY AFTERNOON TEA Saturday 24th October 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free event in the Village Hall.

OTHER

CARRS LANE LECTURES: Sat 10 October, 10am - 4pm You are invited to this event at Carrs Lane URC Church, Birmingham, B4 7SX entitled **"Belonging without believing**". The cost is £15 and includes coffee and tea available all day, but please bring your own lunch. Advance booking is not essential. Carrs Lane Church is in the city centre, next to Marks and Spencer and the Travelodge Hotel. The speakers will be Canon Brian Mountford and Revd Dr Harriet Harris. Harriet is a priest in the Scottish Episcopal Church (Anglican), and she is Convenor of its Doctrine Committee while also Principal Chaplain to the University of Edinburgh. Brian is Vicar of the University Church, Oxford, and also honorary Canon Christ Church Cathedral. See Jeyan Anketell for further information.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 27th September - Michaelmas

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
12.00pm	Bring & Share Lunch	St. Michael's
6:00pm	Said Evensong	St. Michael's

Monday 28th September

1.30pm	FUNERAL: Colin Bell	St. Michael's

Tuesday 29th September

9:00am	School Michaelmas Service	St. Michael's
7:30pm	PCC	St. Michael's

Wednesday 30th September

9:30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
6:30pm	Girls' Choir	St. Michael's

Thursday 1st October

11:00am	Interment of Ashes: Hazel Sampson	St. Michael's
2:00pm	Prayer Group	49 Old Burton Road
6:30pm	Robed Choir	St. Michael's
7:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal: Daniel Lewington & Jessica Bagley	St. Michael's
7:30pm	Bell Ringers	St. Michael's

Friday 2nd October

Saturday 3rd October

1:30pm	Wedding: Daniel Lewington & Jessica Bagley	St. Michael's

7:30pm	Wall Harvest Supper	Wall Village Hall

Sunday 4th October

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion-Harvest	St. John's
12.30pm	Baptism	St. Michael's

SAVE THE DATES

Sun 1st Nov - All Souls Services
Tues 10th Nov – Remembrance Lecture
Sun 29th Nov – Angel Day & Advent Carols