

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 29th August Trinity 13

8:00am BCP Holy Communion St Michael's
10am Holy Communion St Michael's
10am Holy Communion St John's
12:30am Baptism: Emily Knight St Michael's

Monday 30th August (Bank Holiday)

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 31st August

Wednesday 1st September

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal St Michael's

Thursday 2nd September

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Friday 3rd September

Saturday 4th September

10:00am Old Churchyard Tour St Michael's
10:30am Baptism Prep St Michael's
5:00pm Wedding St Michael's
Rehearsal:
Stephen Hope and
Emma Spooner

Sunday 5th September Trinity 14

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPT 26th – Patronal @ St Michael's

OCT 3rd Harvest

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

CHURCH NOTICES

29th August

Trinity 13

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Recently a number of questions have arisen concerning the administration of communion, so it seems appropriate to set out what we can and cannot do.

There are only three permitted ways of receiving Communion in the Church of England. 1) Bread alone; 2) Bread and then wine from a communal cup; 3) "Simultaneous administration", where the priest dips the wafer into the wine and places that on the hand of the person receiving communion.

Intincting or dipping your own wafer in the communal cup, ceased to be an option, before the arrival of Covid, for a number of reasons.

Individual cups have never been allowed in the Church of England and are not an option.

At present both church congregations receive bread alone. Any possible changes would need to be decided by the PCCs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ruth Bull

FURTHER EASING OF COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Thank- you for completing the latest survey in order for us to plan ahead for our weekly services. As from Sunday 5th September when we welcome back our 'All age Family Praise' service at 10am, the following changes will be made, however, we still ask all adults to wear face coverings whilst inside church.

- We will no longer be keeping a register of attendance.
- Service booklets and hymn books will be handed to you by a sides-person.
- We will continue to sing hymns wearing face masks and the number of hymns that are sung may increase over the coming weeks starting at our All-Age Family Praise Service. The singing of the Gloria may also be included.
- The first 3 front rows of pews will be open and available for seating.
- The other pews will remain as they are now – alternate. You may sit where you prefer and use an orange card if you wish to socially distance.

- Holy Communion will remain the receiving of bread only.
- At the present time, the serving of coffee after services is suspended. We do not have volunteers prepared to serve coffee at present and the ability to socially distance is difficult to manage.
- The present arrangements will be reviewed at the end of September with a further survey. At that time there will be more questions on how the congregation feels about the receiving of Communion in both forms.

We understand that while this is welcome news for many people there are others for whom this will be an increased time of anxiety. We do not wish to exclude anyone from attending, so if you have any concerns, please speak to Sue or Lyn.

We will do everything we can to ensure that everyone worships safely in our church.

St John's procedures will remain as they are and will be reviewed at the end of September.

Sue, Lyn, Christine & John Churchwardens

TOYS: Do you have any toys to donate to the fellowship corner, suitable for young children? We are looking for ones that could be easily sanitised (ie not fluffy ones) and that also don't make a noise! If you have anything, please let me know. *Ruth Bull*

FAMILY PRAISE – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 2021 We look forward to welcoming everyone in our Church Family and beyond to our first 'All Age Family Praise Service' in September and hope that you will be able to join us in this very important act of mission.

Sue and Lyn
Churchwardens

Messy Church is restarting on 12th September. Ruth has asked me to check who will be available to help each month and to sort out the food. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. We have organised most of the food, but I am asking this month for donations of crisps, biscuits and sausage rolls. If you are able to provide any of these could you contact me on 01543 251863 or see myself or Alison Staines after the Sunday service. Many thanks for your help.
Brenda

IONA ABBEY is open again after the re-building and pandemic restrictions, I am hoping to take a group next year, **3rd to 9th September 2022.** Want to know more? Chat at church, or phone 07775888562, or email, *Chris Polhill*

WOODEN BOWL SET Shirley Trelfa is a volunteer at Samuel Johnson Hospital, and she has been given a wooden fruit set by the Porter who made it to help raise funds for our church. It will be on display during the 10am service at St Michael's Church. If you are interested, a suggested donation of £10 can be put in an envelope stating, 'Fruit Set' and placed in the wall safe. If you are a taxpayer, we would encourage you to complete a blue gift aid envelope in order for us to claim back the relevant tax. *Sue and Lyn*
Churchwardens

THANK YOU to Ted Green and Liz Clarke for volunteering to cover the office tasks during my holiday *Angie*
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FOOD AND DRINK IN CHURCH

We now have a pest control contract outside and inside St Michael's Church due to some recent furry visitors!

If you consume any food and drink inside church, please ensure that it is cleared away.

There are two vacuum cleaners available – one in the right- hand cupboard in the prayer corner and a second in the first cupboard leading into the vestry, plus dustpan and brushes in the kitchen area.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sue and Lyn
Churchwardens

THE FOODBANK URGENTLY NEEDS

- tinned meat,
- tinned soup
- jam

Must be **3 months, or more, in date.**

THE ANGELS KEEP THEIR ANCIENT PLACES – PUBLICITY CARDS

For the celebration between our Patronal and Harvest a number of publicity cards have been prepared – a general one that has been handed out today (August 30th), one on the Family Activities that will be handed out next week at the Family Praise service on September 5th, and two on the church / churchyard talks and evening talks that will be handed out on September 12th. Do take them home and keep them handy for reference. In addition, there will be spare copies of each of these cards at the back of church. Please do take some and distribute them as appropriate to friends, family and neighbours – we really do want to get as many folk into the church as we can, to show that we are open for business once again. *Chris Baker*

THE ANGELS KEEP THEIR ANCIENT PLACES – TALKS AND TOURS

Between **Sunday September 26th and Sunday October 3rd**, St. Michael-on-Greenhill in Lichfield is planning a Michaelmas celebration, under the title “The angels keep their ancient places”, primarily to mark the restarting of many of its activities as the pandemic eases. A series of events is being planned that should appeal to a wide variety of different groups, which includes services of worship, family activities, evening talks and church and churchyard tours. The talks are all angel themed and will be held at 8.00pm each evening from Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October, both in person in the church, and live streamed via Zoom.

Monday - Dr. Joanne Allen - Angels in art - five things you didn't know about angels

Tuesday - Dr. Trevor James - St. Michael. History and Theology

Wednesday – Rev. Prof. Chris Baker - St Michael's Angels - the 19th century clergy and their parish

Friday – Major Ted Green - The Angel of Mons (Spirituality and the Great War)

Friday – Rev. Dr Stephen Barton - Angels in Scripture

Three tours will be organised.

Sunday September 26th 2.30pm

Guided tour of the church building by Chris Baker

Friday October 1st 10.00am

Guided Tour of the trees in the churchyard by Ray Allen

Saturday October 2nd 2.30pm

Guided tour of the churchyard by Trevor James

There is no charge for the talks and tours, but we do ask attendees to book for planning purposes. More details of the tours talks and the speakers, and the booking form can be found at the event web site.

<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/the-angels-keep-their-ancient-places.htm>