

CHURCH NOTICES

29th March 2015
PALM SUNDAY



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 29th March

9.45AM @ St Michael's Please note that we gather in the **Church Hall at 9.45** for the Palm Procession. If you do not wish to join in this please come to the church for the usual 10.00am start. The service will take the form of a dramatic reading of the Passion Story and will include Holy Communion.

10:00AM Holy Communion Service @ St John's

6:00PM PASSION MEDITATION

Bach Chorales and Readings @ St Michael's

MONDAY 30th MARCH

7:00pm Compline at St Michael's

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

9:30am School KS2 Easter Communion @ St Michael's

7:00pm Compline at St Michael's

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL

9:30am Holy Communion at St Michael's

7:00pm Compline at St John's

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd APRIL

2:00pm Prayer Group Communion @ St Michael's

7:30pm Holy Communion at St Michael's

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd APRIL

2:00pm Messy Church @ St Michael's

2:00pm Meditative Service @ St John's with The Venerable Simon Baker

EASTER SUNDAY 5th APRIL

8:00am & 10:00am Holy Communion @ St Michael's

10:00am Holy Communion @ St John's

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.

UNITED BENEFICE

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS AND REFLECTION – please see the poster at the back of our churches and on the website for details. **Walk of Witness Start Times and Places** - 8.15 am Whittington Post Office (Ted Green can do lifts), 9.15 am Boley Park Shops, 10 am Top of Three Spires. **Cathedral Reflection** – 7.30 pm. Reflections on the Cross in the tradition of St Francis and St. Clare of Assisi led by Canon Pat Hawkins.

SCHOOL COMMUNION TUES MARCH 31ST 9.30AM: please come along to welcome the pupils being admitted to Holy Communion for the first time!

CONFIRMATION - INTERESTED? The Confirmation Service will take place in Lichfield Cathedral on **Sunday June 7th** at 6.30pm. If you are interested in becoming Confirmed please contact Linda asap and by **April 26th deadline**.

UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP Our next walk is on **SATURDAY APRIL 11TH**. Join us at **10.00 a.m. at ST. MICHAEL'S** for a local walk. We drive to the **Whittington Arms Pub Car Park** for the start of the walk. We shall be walking along the nearby Bridle Path and then on part of **The Heart of England Way**, arriving at **Packington Moor Cafe** where we shall have coffee. After coffee we return to The

Whittington Arms for lunch. A good variety of meals is available. The walk is on flat ground with no stiles and is around **3-3 and 1/2 miles** long. We should return at about **2.30 p.m.** Do join us for another walk in our local pleasant countryside. *Ray Allen 251654*

FILM CLUB HELP NEEDED preparing refreshments 12 o'clock Monday April 13th please. Contact Linda for details.

FILM CLUB APRIL 13TH

THE APRIL FELLOWSHIP COFFEE MORNING will be on 22nd April at the home of Trevor and Alison James. Any offers for May, June and July. *Jean Eastwood.*

LICHFIELD FOODBANK Thank you for your support for Lichfield foodbank. During the past year, with your help, we have been able to feed 800 local people. Many of them have requirements in addition to food. We have provided toiletries and similar products on an ad hoc basis, but now feel that we need to take a more structured approach. **We would therefore ask if, along with food, you could donate soap and handwash.** *Alan Weaver*

ST MICHAEL and ST MARY

EASTER CHURCH DECORATING - Church is being decorated for Easter on **Saturday 4th April 9am – 1pm.** Please come along and join in – you don't need to be a flower arranger to help decorate the church.

MANY THANKS to all those people who helped us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. All of your cards and good wishes are very much appreciated. *Brian and Sheila Vaughan*

PRAYER GROUP MAUNDY COMMUNION The Prayer Group will have a Communion Service on Maundy Thursday 2nd April at 2pm in church. We invite our congregation to join us for the service and for refreshments afterwards. *June*

EASTER FLOWERS. If you wish to donate money towards the Easter flowers, could you put the money in an envelope marked 'Easter Flowers. If you can gift aid please fill in the front of the envelope, cheques should be made out to 'St Michael's and St Mary's PCC. If you are donating money in memory of loved ones please write your message on a piece of paper and put it **INSIDE** the blue envelope. **All donations and messages must be received by Sunday 29th March,** as the flowers will need to be ordered on Monday 30th. Thank you

CHOCOLATES FOR THE FOYER As usual we are asking for gifts of chocolates to give to the young people at the Foyer for Easter. Please put a contributions in the Foyer basket. Thank you.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
9:45am	Palm Sunday Procession	Church Hall
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's
6:00pm	Passion Meditation	St. Michael's

Monday 30th March

7:00pm	Floodlights in memory of Karl Hodgkinson (35 th birthday)	St. Michael's
7:00pm	Compline	St. Michael's

Tuesday 31st March

9:00am	School Easter Communion Service	St. Michael's
2:00pm	Sewing Group	Church Hall
7:00pm	Compline	St. Michael's

Wednesday 1st April

9:30am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
6.30pm	Choir	St. Michael's
7:00pm	Compline	St. John's
8:00pm	Ridware Cantemus	St. John's

Thursday 2nd April – MAUNDY THURSDAY

2:00pm	Prayer Group	St. Michael's
7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	St. Michael's

Friday 3rd April – GOOD FRIDAY

8:15am	Walk of Witness	Whittington
2:00pm	Messy Church	St. Michael's
2:00pm	Meditative Service	St. John's
7:30pm	Cathedral Reflection Service	Cathedral

Saturday 4th April

9:00am	Church Decorating	St. Michael's
10:15am	Extended Easter Communion	Beechfields

Sunday 5th April – EASTER DAY

8:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St. John's

SAVE THE DATES (new item)

- ✓ **Sun 12th Apr** – Knowle Lodge Open Garden
- ✓ **Sat 25 April** – Variety Revue
- ✓ **Sat 9 May** – Spud & Pud and Car Wash
- ✓ **Sun 28th June** – Bring & Share Concert/Supper
- ✓ **Sat 18 July** – Strawberry Tea
- ✓ **Sat 22nd Aug** – Walking Treasure Hunt
- ✓ **Sat 5th Sept** – Diocesan Event: Goodness of God
- ✓ **Sat 26th Sept** – Michaelmas Fayre @ Guildroom
- ✓ **Sun 27th Sept** – Bring & Share Lunch
- ✓ **Sat 10th Oct** – Craft, Coffee & Cake, Wall Hall
- ✓ **Sat 10th Oct** – Vivaldi Concert
- ✓ **Sat 17th Oct** – Harvest Supper
- ✓ **Tues 10th Nov** – Remembrance Lecture
- ✓ **Sun 29th Nov** – Angel Day & Advent Carols