

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 9th February

8:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Family Praise	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
12:30pm	Baptism: Baxter & Meredith Scraggs	St Michael's
6:00pm	Holy Communion	St Michael's

Monday 10th February

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
10:00am	First Steps	St Michael's
7:15pm	MU	St Michael's

Tuesday 11th February

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:00am	School Service	St Michael's
2:30pm	Tuesday Club	St Michael's
7:30pm	St Michael's PCC	St Michael's

Wednesday 12th February

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:30am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:30am	Funeral: Margaret Russell	St Michael's
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's

Thursday 13th February

OFFICE CLOSED

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St Michael's
7:30pm	Bell Ringing	St Michael's

Friday 14th February

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
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Saturday 15th February

10:00am	Parish Surgery	St Michael's
10:00am	Walking Group	St Michael's

Sunday 16th February

8:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
4:30pm	Messy Church	St Michael's

CHURCHES TOGETHER

CELEBRATIONS AT ST. JAMES, LONGDON

It is 500 years since the endowment of the Stonywell Chapel. On **Friday 27 March** there will be an evening of wine and history at 7.00 p.m. (for 7.30. p.m.) when John Shand will deliver a talk entitled "The Life and Times of a Longdon Lad: Bishop John Stonywell, the last Abbot of Pershore". On **Saturday 28 March** there will be a walk (weather permitting) in the footsteps of Bishop John from his home in Stonywell to St James (1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. approx) culminating in a service of Celebration and Reconciliation at 3.00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES

CHARITY COLLECTION SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

St Michael's will be collecting for the Church Army on **Sunday 23rd February**. If you wish to donate, please put money in the WHITE envelope and 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*

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH FLOWERS

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our church look beautiful this year. The new flower rota will be available at the back of church. Please can you sign up for at least one pair of Sundays. Thank you, *Diana*

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MU Lent Lunch, Saturday 14th March, 12-2pm @ St Michael's

Choir Concert at St Michael's on Saturday 27 June, 6.30 – 8 pm



CHURCH NOTICES

9th February

3rd Sunday 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.

SERVICES

MARGARET RUSSELL'S FUNERAL SERVICE will take place in St John's Church on **Wednesday 12th February at 10.30am** followed by burial. All are welcome.

EVENTS

TUESDAY CLUB. The next meeting of our Tuesday Club will be in St Michael's Church on **11th February at 2.30 pm** when **Simon Baker** will give an illustrated talk on **The Golden Age of Railway Posters.** Everyone welcome. Hot drinks and biscuits to follow.

ECOLOGY BANNERS At the front of St Michael's church today you will see the first pair of banners which the Sewing Bee have made. These banners will represent the focus of our Mission Action Plan: Ecology, Inclusion and Welcome and Growing in Discipleship. The ecology banners are "upcycled" as all the decorations were made from items and fabrics the group members already had. One banner represents late Spring into Summer and the other, late Summer into Autumn. Everything represented on the banners was found during the bio blitz of St Michaels churchyard and represents the rich diversity of God's creation and our responsibility as stewards of the world He has made. We have only been able to show a tiny fraction of what was found. We chose not to make plants or animals to scale, but hope that by looking at the banners, you can appreciate the intricacy, complexity, wonder and fragility of creation and the importance of caring for and protecting it.

We are currently working on the next pair of banners and hope to finish the project by the summer.

St Michael's Sewing Bee.

OTHER

CHURCHYARD TREE AND WILDFLOWER BOTANICAL SURVEY Following the **3 day Survey of the trees and wildflowers** in the Churchyard, the **Report** giving details of the Survey's findings, has now been published. **The printed Report** can be seen at the back of Church. If you would like to order a copy of the Report please let me know and it will be printed for you. There is no charge for the Report. *Ray Allen 251654*

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@anthonycollins.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*