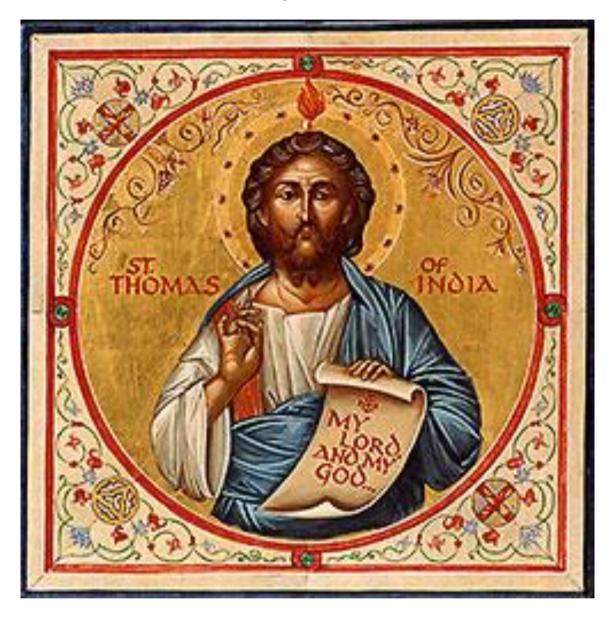
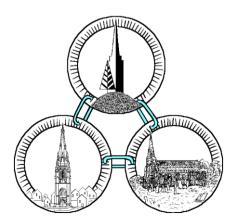
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3<sup>rd</sup> July – Thomas the Apostle



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# ONE LXVE MANCHESTER

My friend messaged me this morning saying she felt like going into hibernation. The news, the weather, the state of the world in general – what's the point of getting up? As someone who has been known to work at home because it was too rainy to go to the office, I totally sympathised and thought about going back to bed. Whilst miserable weather pails into insignificance compared to the violence that is inflicted by humans on other humans every day, it feels like it both reflects something of the mood of the nation, and also compounds what seems to be a particularly depressing period in our common life.

Terror attacks happen all the time. They are a feature of the world we live in, but we are not, at this time in England, used to them happening with such frequency so close to home. These events when you know someone who knows someone who knows someone; or when you were just at a concert there, or walked over that bridge last week - intrude on our awareness in a way that a bus bomb in Syria may not. And as well as being devastating for those directly affected, it is scary and unsettling and the world stops feeling like home and feels hostile and frightening. So staying in bed seems like a pretty good option. But, withdrawing from the world because too much of it is horrible is the very last thing we should do. This was very convincingly demonstrated by the One Love concert in Manchester on Sunday; a powerful reminder that love is indeed a stronger force than hate. Matching hate with more hate can only increase the amount of hate in the world. Matching hate with love changes the world back from being hostile, to being home. That is why the actions of taxi drivers giving free lifts, people opening their homes, police dancing with kids enjoying the concert and performers standing in a place of darkness and singing of love, all matters so much. And it's why it matters that we don't withdraw from the world. We don't give up on politics because they're all as bad as each other; we don't lazily assume that a few people bent on destruction and caught up by hatred can represent a whole religion; we don't stay in bed because it's safe and we don't return hate with hate because it seems like the strongest response.

Jesus's instruction to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you is pretty well known. And if you forget its familiarity and hear it as something new, that we are being asked to do right now, it's a preposterous teaching. Choosing love isn't just love for the victims of our enemies, but also for our enemies themselves. This surely is more than should be asked of us! But refusing to hate those who have chosen to make themselves our enemies prevents us from buying into their view of the world. We are not divided into people who deserve to be loved and people who deserve to be hated. We are one people, capable of one world-changing, radical, transformative love. And that is worth getting out of bed for.

> *Lindsey Hall Director of Vocations Diocese of Lichfield*



Come and join us at our ...

**MESSY CHURCH** 

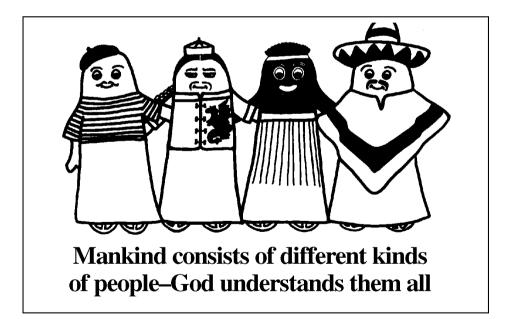


for craft, story, song and food.

#### Sunday 2nd July

2.00 – 3.15pm

in St Michael's Church Hall Ages 0-11 yrs. welcome





#### The Bishop's Pastoral Letter for June 2017

Who am I? I am newly made, I am enthusiastic. I know that I have a lot to learn, and I am keen to get started. I could be a man or I could be a woman. People often think I am a priest but I am not. You can tell that when I am properly dressed in church, because I wear a stole over my left shoulder. I will be coming to a parish near you soon.

All those clues should help you work out who I am, but this suggestion from a schoolboy may not: 'I am placed on a hill and set on fire as a warning to people'. No, I am not a beacon; I am a deacon.

At the beginning of this month I will be ordaining twenty two women and men to the order of the diaconate. We often think of deacons as just trainee priests, obliged to wait for a year until they can 'do all the important stuff', like preside at the Eucharist, bless, absolve. But in reality being a deacon is an important ministry in its own right, reminding us of what the church is all about. And it is a ministry which is never lost: every priest, and every bishop, remains a deacon throughout their lives. And there is a growing number of 'permanent ' or 'distinctive ' deacons, men and women whose lifelong vocation is specifically to this office. Maybe this pattern will be coming to a diocese near you quite soon.

Deacons hold before us the mission of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. Their ministry is about showing the kindness, mercy and care of God in the life of the church and in the service of the world. This is the primary pattern of leadership in the Christian community: to put the needs of the other before our own, and to find our joy in the joy of our brothers and sisters.

But this is not the same as simply being amenable to everybody's whim. Deacons are not doormats; on the contrary, the word in the ancient world referred to servants entrusted with the authority of the master, to deliver as heralds the message of the one by whom they were sent. This is why one of the distinctive roles of the deacon is to proclaim the Holy Gospel: to a world obsessed with self-seeking and domination, they announce the good news of a God who comes to serve.

Being called to ordination as a deacon is a wonderful privilege. Pray for our newly ordained deacons, whether they in your church or in a church nearby; pray that they may be given grace and confidence to enter fully into this servant ministry. But their vocation is just a reminder of the life to which we are all called as followers of the servant King: pray that each one of us individually, and all of us together, may show in our lives what it means truly to love and serve our neighbours.

> +Michael June 2017

#### **Regular Services and Worship in the Benefice**

#### Regular Services at St Michael's Sundays

8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Holy Communion

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

10:00am Family Praise

## Other Services at St Michael's Sundays

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 12:30pm Holy Baptism 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6:00pm Holy Communion 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 4:30pm Messy Church Church Hall 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00pm Choral Evensong **Tuesday** 

School Service

**Prayer Group**, St Michael's 1st Wednesday of the month Contact June Frayn (264920) Brenda Liptrot (251863)



#### Praise & Play

1<sup>st</sup> Friday 10.30am St John's



#### **Bells Practice**

Every Thurs 7:30pm, St Michael's

#### **Regular Services at St John's**

#### Sundays @ 10am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Holy Communion with Junior Praise and Play
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Holy Communion
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Morning Prayer
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Holy Communion
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Wall Praise

#### Baptism @ 11.30am

4th Sunday

#### Music in the Benefice

St Michael's Church

#### Wednesdays

- 6.30pm Girls Choir
- 7.15pm Other parts & St Michael's Singers

#### Monday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

7:30pm Music Group

#### Baptism

**Preparation** First Tuesday at 8:00pm at St Michael's

#### **Parish Surgery**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday by Appointment from 6:30pm at the Parish office in St Michael's Church. Please call 01543 262211

#### **Benefice Diary**

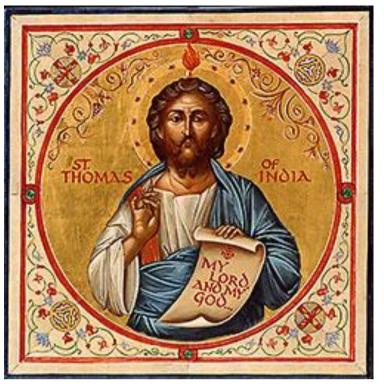
Sat 1 Jul 2017		
19:30	Rock Choir Concert	St. John, Wall,
Sun 2 Jul 2017		
08:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00	Holy Communion	St John's
10:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
12:30	Baptism	St Michael's
13:00	Knowle Lodge Open Gardens	
16:30	Messy Church	Church Hall
Mon 3 Jul 2017		
13:00	Film Club	Church Hall
18:30	Parish Surgery	St Michael's
19:30	Music Group	St Michael's
Tue 4 Jul 2017		
09:00	St Michael's School Service	St Michael's
10:15	Extended Communion	Beechfields
14:00	Afternoon Tea	St John's
19:00	Paviers Trust Meeting	St John's
19:30	St John's PCC Meeting	St. John's
20:00	Baptism Preparation	St Michael's
Wed 5 Jul 2017		
09:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
14:00	Prayer Group	St Michael's
18:30	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's
20:00	Darwin Singers Rehearsal	St Michael's
Thu 6 Jul 2017		
All day	OFFICE CLOSED	St Michael's
10:00	Knitting Group	St John's
19:30	Bell Ringing Practice	St Michael's
Fri 7 Jul 2017		
10:30	Praise and Play	St John's

Sat 8 Jul 2017		
09:00	Festival Event	St Michael's
Sun 9 Jul 2017		
All day	CHARITY SUNDAY	St Michael's
08:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00	Family Praise	St Michael's
10:00	Holy Communion	St John's
18:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
Mon 10 Jul 2017		
10:00	First Steps	St Michael's
15:00	SACRED Book Group	St John's
19:45	MU Strawberry Tea	Church Hall
Tue 11 Jul 2017		
09:00	St Michael's School Service S	Summer Communion
<b>14:00</b>	Cameras and Cake	St John's
19:30	St Michael's PCC Meeting	St Michael's
Wed 12 Jul 2017		
09:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
18:30	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's
Thu 13 Jul 2017		
All day	OFFICE CLOSED	St Michael's
10:00	Knitting Group	St John's
19:30	Bell Ringing Practice	St Michael's
Sat 15 Jul 2017		
14:00	Staffs Historic Churches Trus	-
14:30	Strawberry Tea	St Michael's
Sun 16 Jul 2017		
08:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00	Morning Worship	St John's
10:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
Mon 17 Jul 2017		
11:30	Extended Communion	Darwin Court,
18:30	Parish Surgery	St Michael's

Tue 18 Jul 2017		
09:00	St Michael's School Service	St Michael's
10:00	Abacus Teddy Bears Picnic	St Michael's
Wed 19 Jul 2017		
09:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
18:30	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's
20:00	Darwin Singers Rehearsal	St Michael's
Thu 20 Jul 2017		
All day	Magazine Distribution Day	
All day	OFFICE CLOSED	St Michael's
10:00	Knitting Group	St John's
14:00	Leavers Service	St Michael's
19:30	Bell Ringing Practice	St Michael's
Sun 23 Jul 2017		
08:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00	Holy Communion	St John's
10:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
11:30	Baptism	St John's
18:00	Evensong	St Michael's
18:00	Hymns and Pimms	St John's
Tue 25 Jul 2017		
Wed 26 Jul 2017		
09:30	Holy Communion	St Michael's
Thu 27 Jul 2017		St Michael S
All day	OFFICE CLOSED	St Michael's
10:00	Knitting Group	St John's
19:30	Bell Ringing Practice	St Michael's
Sat 29th July 2017	0 0	
10:00	Walking Group:	St Michael's
Sun 30 Jul 2017		
08:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00	, Wall Praise	St John's
10:00	Holy Communion	St Michael's

#### **St Thomas the Apostle**

All that is known for certain about Thomas comes from the New Testament. He is mentioned as one of the twelve apostles in all four Gospels ad is nicknamed Didymus, 'the twin' in John's Gospel (11:16, 20:24). John recounts three episodes in which Thomas features prominently



- 11:16 Thomas suggests that should go to Jerusalem with Jesus and die with him
- 14.4-6 He interrupts Jesus to say that they don't know where Jesus is going and therefore don't know how to get there, to which Jesus replied "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"
- 20:24-9 The famous Doubting Thomas episode

After Pentecost Thomas, it is believed, founded the Christian Churches in Syria, Persia and sailed to India in AD 52. The Syriac and Malabar Christians claim that he died on July 3rd. The tomb of St Thomas can be found in the Santhome (St. Thomas) Cathedral Basilica, Mylapore,Chennai (formerly known as Madras) on the East coast of India.



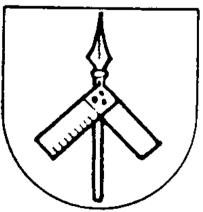
PHOTOGRAPH - By w:user:PlaneMad - Own work, CC BY-SA 2.5, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=2031259 Thomas is recognised as the founder of the Mar Thoma Church, which is one of the ancient Churches in the world. It is traditionally believed that St. Thomas (Mar Thoma in Syriac), established the Church on the Malabar coast, in the ports where there was already a Jewish community.

A vast majority of early writings about St Thomas i ndicate that his apostolic ministry along the Malabar coast lasted from 52 A.D to 68 A.D. His journey through Kerala resulted in numerous conversions. After spending 10 years on the Malabar coast he is said to have travelled eastwards across the Deccan Plateau, arriving in Mylapore in 68 A.D. The church atop St. Thomas mount was built by the Portuguese in 1547 to mark the spot where it is said that St Thomas preferred to reach from. It was on St. Thomas Mount that the apostle was killed by a spear thrown by a 'pagan' priest..

His mortal remains , it is believed, are buried in the location over which the present day Santhome Cathedral Basilica stands. Sometime in the 10th century A.D a group of Nestorian Christians from Persia founded the Christian village of San Thome and proceeded to build a church over the burial site of St. Thomas. This structure fell to ruins between 14th and 15th century. In 1522 the Portuguese moved the apostle's remains to a new tomb and church which attained the status of Cathedral in 1606.

The modern day Mar Thoma Church is regarded as a 'bridge' church in the Ecumenical world. To read more about the Mar Thoma Church visit <u>http://marthoma.in/</u>

The symbols associated with St Thomas are a Carpenter's square and a spear, because he is said to have built a church with his own hands, in India. Later, he was persecuted there and was killed with a spear. He is therefore the patron saint of builders and architects.



#### **DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD PRAYER DIARY**

https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/documents/category/prayer-diary/

#### **Prayer for the Week:**

God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church:

hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servants now to be ordained the needful gifts of grace;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(for all being ordained) https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/ordinations-2017/

#### **BOOKS NEEDED**

We are **Friends of Good Hope Hospital** a charity dedicated to raising funds for the benefit of patients. Many local people are grateful for the services offered and have benefited from them.

The money we raise is spent on additional equipment and facilities at the hospital. We recently refurbished the day room on Ward 8

As part of our activities we run a book stall opposite X-ray in the main hospital. We are desperately in need of books to replenish stock.

Any donations would be appreciated.

Please contact Bob 01543 252663

or 07972 515016

or <u>rvgreen7@aol.com</u>. I can collect.



#### LICHFIELD WILDLIFE GROUP

**Event:** There will be a talk on the activities of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust followed by a guided walk of the grounds.

**On:** Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> at2:00

**At**, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's headquarters at Wolseley Bridge, Stafford ST17 0WT

Cost: Free

Pete Norbury.

(Programme Secretary,

Lichfield Wildlife Group)

01543 257812



## Magazine

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#### **United Benefice Walking Group**

21 of us gathered at The Star in Burntwood for a walk around Hammerwich. We had a perfect walking day - warm, slightly cloudy and breezy, but it stayed dry.We began with a short walk along Woodhouses Lane and down a footpath, over 2 stiles and back to the pub for coffee.



We then set off on the main part of

the walk around Hammerwich, stopping at key points along the route to look at the buildings, hear about the history of the village and learn about some of the historic residents. The view of the Vale of Lichfield clear, if a little murky in the distance, but we could see the spires of the Cathedral, St Marys and St Michael's.



We had a lovely day out. if you want to see more of the Walking Group photos, visit <u>http://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/our-photos-2017.html</u>

We invite you to join us for our **July Walk, a local walk in Lichfield,** a short distance from the City Centre in the Waitrose Area.

We meet at St. Michael's at 10.00 A.M. on SATURDAY JULY 29TH.

We drive to **The Saxon Penny Pub Car Park** for the start of the first part of the walk.

We shall be completing a short walk from The Saxon Penny, going by the ponds and looking at the wildlife, including water birds, wild flowers and trees that can be seen in this part of Lichfield.

We shall also be walking by Sandfields Pumping Station, one of the buildings featured in the book Lichfield in 50 Buildings.

**Coffee is at The Saxon Penny,** where we will also be able to preorder our lunch.

After coffee, we continue the wildlife theme with a walk along part of **The Towpath Trail.** This excellent walk, created by volunteers from **Lichfield and Hatherton Canal Restoration Trust,** is full of wild flowers and trees and there are superb views. The walk is alongside the site of the Canal. At the end of the Towpath Trail, **Peter Buck**, Engineering Director from the Canal Restoration Trust, will give us a short talk about how the Towpath Trail was made and the Trust's plans for the future.

We shall the walk back to The Saxon Penny for lunch.

The 2 walks are **3 miles long** altogether. There are no stiles. Ground is a little uneven on the Towpath in places, so walking shoes or boots are advised.

We should be back at St. Michael's by around **2.45 p.m.** 

We look forward to seeing you if you are able to join us on these 2 very pleasant walks in part of Lichfield's countryside.

Ray Allen. 01543 251654.

### LION

Based on the true story of a lost boy, Lion is a film told in



two halves and across two continents. Saroo is a five year old child living in a remote Indian village with his mother, brother and sister. Spending his days helping his brother steal coal from trains, Saroo joins him for a job one night but finds himself lost and on a train to Calcutta, two thousand kilometres from his home village.

Surviving many challenges, from joining hordes of homeless children to fending off predators, he is eventually placed in a crowded orphanage and then adopted by a couple from Tasmania. Twenty years later, Saroo decides to track down his lost family.

The first half of the film, set in India, is fast paced and riveting as we share Saroo's plight. However, the second part of the film, set mostly in Tasmania, is less captivating and loses some atmosphere. Some of the suspense moments as he soul searches and researches could have been compressed to shorten the film a little and take us to the ending which was very well done.

The movie explores some great themes: what happens to lost children in developing countries? What are the dangers they face? How do adopted children adapt to new surroundings in a new country? As an adopted child, do you ever completely feel like you fit in your new life? All of these are touched on while the film is primarily about the physical and emotional journey of a young man finding his way back home with very few clues to work with.

The film is visually stunning with sweeping aerial panoramas of mountainous Indian countryside, narrow winding alleys, Tasmanian beaches and bustling Calcutta. Acting performances are outstanding, particularly from Sunny Pawar as young Saroo and Dev Patel as the adult Saroo. The film has a beautiful soundtrack.

The inclusion of real life footage in the end credits, along with startling facts about how many children go missing in India just adds more power to and already powerful film.

Oh, and by the way, Saroo had been mispronouncing his name all his life..... his real name?....Sheru- which translates as 'Lion'.

An inspiring film and worth watching.

#### Margaret Jamieson



## St. Michael's Film Club

## 1. Sully

(Cert 12a. 96min. Drama)

Based on the true story of the crash landing of his flight on the Hudson River. Stars Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney.

## Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1.30pm start

Refreshments £2.50 from 1.00pm.

St. Michael's Church Hall

(behind Aldi). All welcome.

Contact: Parish Office 01543 262211

## 2. Beauty and the Beast

(Cert PG. 120min. Family.)

Live-action adaptation of the Disney classic. Stars Emma Watson and Dan Stevens. A stunning cinematic event. All-age!

## Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>. 1.30pm start

www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk

#### WALL NEWS

#### **Open Church**

"You're warmly welcomed to our church,

We will love to see you there We want you to know the love of God

And feel His presence near For you are so special to the Lord

And special to us, too,

For your life has significance, And there's purpose in what you do."



St John's is open every day, throughout the summer and early Autumn, thanks to Margaret R who opens up and locks up every day. We do hope that you can take a moment to call into church. There are various booklets and sources of information around the church and a prayer area to help you with your quiet reflection.

#### **Rock Choir Concert**

Tickets are now available for a choral concert by The Rock Choir, featuring soloist



Sonia, at St John's on **Saturday 1st July** at 7.30pm.

Tickets £7.50 to include wine and soft drinks.

Contact John Alsop on 480240

#### **Christian Aid**

Hilary and I collected £213 from the house to house envelopes distributed throughout Wall and Chesterfield during Christian Aid Week 14th to 20th May. We would like to thank everyone from our small village community for their generous donations, and allowing an increased amount to be sent to the Charity once again.

#### Afternoon Tea

Denise greeted us this month with a change to our normal routine! The tables were set out differently and there were dominoes and snakes and ladders for us to play - straight back to childhood!!





Afternoon Tea this month will be on **Tuesday 4th July.** 

We do hope you can join us between 2-4pm for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a natter.

Denise

#### Hymns and Pimms

Hymns and Pimms Service will be on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017** at 6.00pm. It is now time to nominate you favourite hymn. Use a voting form from the back of church and pop it in the box, or let Angie have your nomination before the 2nd July.

#### These are the Hymns that were chosen last year (just to jog your memories)

- Praise my soul the king of heaven (422)
- Be still for the presence of the Lord (53)
- Will your anchor hold in the storms of life (561)
- Who put the colours in the rainbow? (557)
- Guide me O thou great redeemer (188)
- Lord for the years (310)
- Make me a channel of your peace (328)
- Jerusalem (31)

Angie

#### **Craft and Cake Sale**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the knitting group's Craft and Cake Sale on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The sale raised a grand total of **£340.52** which we were very pleased with indeed! No-one guessed the name of the owl, which was Solomon, so the names were put in a hat and the winning name that was drawn out was Inca, suggested by Phoebe Rubisch.



The raffle was won, to her great embarrassment, by Chris Gilbert, but we wouldn't let her redraw another ticket as we all felt she truly deserved to win!

#### Gardening

Wednesday 31st May saw a gang of 4 from the congregation tending to the garden along the paths to the front door and the Mott Room. Plenty of weeding and planting later and the borders are looking really neat and tidy. Thanks ladies!!!!



#### **Cake and Cameras**

I hope you will be able to join me on **Tuesday 18th July** 2-4 pm We will be meeting at St John's Church and weather permitting , we'll be taking close up photos of the plants in the churchyard, for a small display in church and if we find anything really fascinating, perhaps we could even submit our best photos to The Lichfield Mercury for their Gallery item?! Angie

#### **Knitting Group's next Project**



Knitting Group have decided to enter the Ecclesiastical Insurance 'Our 2017 Church Competition' which is all about celebrating the community work of the UK's churches. We have been invited to get creative and so we are going to create an A3 knitted/ crocheted/ embroidered collage A3 that celebrates the role St John's plays in the local community. If you've got any ideas that you would like to contribute, either come along to Knitting Group on a Thursday

morning or talk to Chris G or Angie.

The Great Community Mural will be 10 metres in length and three metres high, and feature as many of the entries as they can include, with the very best five printed at a larger scale, and the overall winner given pride of place in the centre of the Mural. The winning church will receive a prize of £10,000; with 4 runners-up receiving £2,500 each. The Great Community Mural will be unveiled at a prestigious London venue before touring to a select number of cathedrals around the UK. The closing date for entries is 21st August 2017. So we will be busy in this project over the next weeks.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept Race Night
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Supper
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Festival
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Skittles Night
- 19th Dec Wall Carols

From The Registers

Baptism			
St Michael's	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Vanessa Jane Hodgkiss	18 mths



Wedding

At Rest

St John's	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	James Tennant & Kerry Hartland
St John's	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Andrew Bourne & Rebecca Gale



St Michael's	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	Interment of Ashes Andrew Bennett	52
St Michael's	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Doris Hughes	89

#### **Bible Readings**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity [Green] Romans 6.12-end Matthew 10.40 - end

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [Green] Romans 7.15 – 25a Matthew 11.16-19, 25 - end

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [Green] Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [Green] Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30,36-43 Sunday 23rd July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity EVENSONG [Green] 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.16-end Acts 4.1-22

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [Green] Romans 8.26 - end Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August Transfiguration of Our Lord [Gold / White] 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity [Green] Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33

#### St Michael's Rota – July 2017

Sunday 8.00 am St Michael's	2 July	9 July	16 July	23 July	30 July
Sidesperson	Sandy Baker	Ron Lewis	Brian Smith	Martin Dewes	David Bull

Sunday 10.00 am St Michael's	2 July	9 July Family Praise	16 July	23 July	30 July
Welcomers	Brenda Liptrot	Mary and Robert McAllester Jones	Margaret Goodwin	Maureen Brand	Alison Anketell
Sidespersons	Lynn and David Edge	Viv and Stephen Oliver	Barbara Homewood David Bull	Pat Toplis Ray Allen	Judy and Mike Godfrey
Reader	Angela Burgess		David Bull	Ray Allen	Mike Godfrey
Servers	Maggie Easton Elizabeth Allen		Kay Martin David Shiel	Maggie Easton Elizabeth Salt	Kay Martin David Shiel
Communion Assistant	Maggie Easton		Sheila Vaughan	Elizabeth Salt	Caroline Green
Intercessor	Brenda Liptrot		Phil Clayton	Ted Green	Trevor James
Coffee	June Frayn Betty Lyne	Alison Anketell Pam Towle	Anne Lingwood Angela Burgess	Elizabeth Allen Trish Jones	Caroline Green Brenda Eley
Junior praise	ТВА		ТВА		
Healing				Anne Whatson Caroline Green	
Transport	ТВА	ТВА	ТВА	ТВА	ТВА

Flowers	Caroline	Caroline	Gloria	Gloria	Diana Baker
	Green	Green	Spencer	Spencer	

Sunday 12.30 pm St Michael's	2 July Baptism	Reader	Intercessor	Server
		Sonia Doidge	Rita	Maggie
			Athersmith	Easton

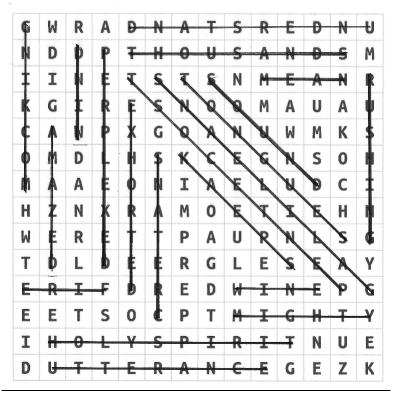
Sunday 6.00 pm	2 July	9 July	16 July	23 July	30 July
St Michael's	No service	Communi on	No service	No service	No service
Sidesperso		Margaret			
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Reader		Margaret Frean			
Server/Co		Elizabeth			
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Assistant					

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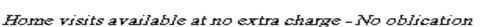
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