

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to
us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Old Testament Reading.

Isaiah 40.1-11

¹O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down, so that the mountains
would quake at your presence –
²as when fire kindles brushwood and the
fire causes water to boil to make your
name known to your adversaries, so that
the nations might tremble at your
presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we
did not expect, you came down, the
mountains quaked at your
presence.⁴From ages past no one has
heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has
seen any God besides you, who works for
those who wait for him.⁵You meet those
who gladly do right, those who remember
you in your ways. But you were angry,
and we sinned; because you hid yourself
we transgressed.⁶We have all become
like one who is unclean, and all our
righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We
all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like
the wind, take us away.⁷There is no one
who calls on your name, or attempts to
take hold of you; for you have hidden
your face from us, and have delivered us
into the hand of our iniquity.⁸Yet, O
LORD, you are our Father; we are the
clay, and you are our potter; we are all
the work of your hand.⁹Do not be
exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not
remember iniquity for ever. Now
consider, we are all your people.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13.24-end

Jesus said to his disciples:

²⁴In those days, after that suffering, the
sun will be darkened, and the moon will
not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from
heaven, and the powers in the heavens
will be shaken.²⁶Then they will see "the
Son of Man coming in clouds" with great
power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out
the angels, and gather his elect from the
four winds, from the ends of the earth to
the ends of heaven.²⁸From the fig tree
learn its lesson: as soon as its branch
becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also,
when you see these things taking place,
you know that he is near, at the very
gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation
will not pass away until all these things
have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will
pass away, but my words will not pass
away.³²But about that day or hour no
one knows, neither the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father.
³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not
know when the time will come.

³⁴It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves
in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake – for you
do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at
midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or
else he may find you asleep
when he comes suddenly.

³⁷And what I say to you I
say to all: Keep awake.'

STAY
AWAKE

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

To have someone prayed for or remembered please contact the Benefice Office.

A new list will start the first Sunday each month.

ST MICHAEL and ST MARY

Baptism

Marriage

Those newly in need of prayer

Mary Bailey, Alison Knight, David Shiel, Gloria Spencer,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Bill and Dot Hill, Mary Jones, Queenie Jones, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Renee Wellings, Rena White.

Those who have died

Suzanne Evans, Lucy Jenkins, Olive Willoughby

Peter Edwards (interment of ashes), Joan Scott (interment of ashes)

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Tammy Leighton,

Those who have died

Christine Hardy

Post Communion Contemporary

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our
Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The United Benefice of St Michael on Greenhill, Lichfield with St John, Wall

Sunday 03 December
SERVICE DETAILS
1st Sunday of Advent

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins

10:00am Holy Communion
Minister: The Venerable Simon Baker
Preacher Alan Toplis
Deacon: Peter Salt

Intercessions:

O God, keep us awake to you:

And alive to your call.

Hymns	Processional	45
	Gradual	36
	Offertory	54
	Communion	426
	Recessional	41

6.00 pm Advent Carols
President: The Venerable Simon Baker

ST JOHN

10.00am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins

Hymns	Processional	98
	Gradual	489
	Offertory	358
	Recessional	193