

Contemporary Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the
peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to
face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Traditional Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
didst manifest thy only-begotten Son
to the Gentiles:
mercifully grant that we,
who know thee now by faith,
may after this life have the fruition of
thy glorious Godhead;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

New Testament Reading. Ephesians 3.1-12

¹I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus
for the sake of you Gentiles – ²for
surely you have already heard of the
commission of God's grace that was
given me for you,³and how the

mystery was made known to me by
revelation, as I wrote above in a few
words, ⁴a reading of which will enable
you to perceive my understanding of
the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former
generations this mystery was not
made known to humankind, as it has
now been revealed to his holy apostles
and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the
Gentiles have become fellow-heirs,
members of the same body, and
sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a
servant according to the gift of God's
grace that was given me by the
working of his power. ⁸Although I am
the very least of all the saints, this
grace was given to me to bring to the
Gentiles the news of the boundless
riches of Christ, ⁹and to make
everyone see what is the plan of the
mystery hidden for ages in God who
created all things; ¹⁰so that through
the church the wisdom of God in its
rich variety might now be made known
to the rulers and authorities in the
heavenly places. ¹¹This was in
accordance with the eternal purpose
that he has carried out in Christ Jesus
our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to
God in boldness and confidence
through faith in him.

Gospel Reading. Matthew 2.1-12



* ¹In the time of King
Herod, after Jesus
was born in
Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the

East came to Jerusalem, asking,
²Where is the child who has been born
king of the Jews? For we observed his
star at its rising, and have come to pay
him homage.' ³When King Herod heard
this, he was frightened, and all
Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling
together all the chief priests and
scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Messiah was to be
born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of
Judea; for so it has been written by
the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of
Judah, are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah; for from you shall
come a ruler who is to shepherd my
people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly
called for the wise men and learned
from them the exact time when the
star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them
to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search
diligently for the child; and when you
have found him, bring me word so that
I may also go and pay him homage.'
⁹When they had heard the king, they
set out; and there, ahead of them,
went the star that they had seen at its
rising, until it stopped over the place
where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw
that the star had stopped, they were
overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering

the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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, Sally Evans, Rosemary Hunt, Alison Knight, David Shiel, Gloria Spencer, Alison Cox-Toplis

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

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

Those who have died

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

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

Those who have died

Post Communion Contemporary

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Traditional

O Lord our God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
grant that we, who with the wise men have been drawn by thy light,
may discern the glory of thy presence in thy Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

**Sunday 7th January
SERVICE DETAILS
Epiphany**

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: The Venerable Simon Baker

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins
Deacon: Peter Salt
Preacher: Rev Stephen Barton
Hymns Processional 103
Gradual 95
Offertory 94
Communion 430
Recessional 96

Intercessions:
Lord God
We offer you ourselves.

6.00 pm Iona Big Sing
Leader: Revd Christine Polhill
Hymns Opening 510
From: 548, 553, 259, 328,
562, 563, 835, 788
Closing 845, 846

ST JOHN

11.15 pm Holy Communion
President: The Venerable Simon Baker

Hymns Processional 53
Gradual 537
Offertory 317
Recessional 296