

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
SERVICE DETAILS  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**ST MICHAEL**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd. Jeyan Anketell

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**10.00 am Family Praise**

**President:** Revd. Ruth Bull

**Deacon:** Lesley Allen

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**6.00 pm Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd. Linda Collins

**Hymns**

Processional	696
Gradual	602
Offertory	448
Recessional	103

**Intercessions**

Show us the way of life:

**and help us to walk in it.**

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**ST JOHN**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

**President:** The Venerable Simon Baker

**Hymns**

Processional	56
Gradual	60
Offertory	298
Recessional	321

### **Collect Contemporary**

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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**

### **Collect Traditional**

O almighty God,  
who alone canst order the unruly wills  
and affections of the sinful:  
grant unto thy people  
that they may love the thing which thou commandest  
and desire that which thou dost promise,  
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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**

#### **1 Corinthians 3.1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, 'I belong to Paul,' and another, 'I belong to Apollos,' are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the

growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## Gospel Reading Matthew 5.21-37



On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and taught them, saying: <sup>21</sup>You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool," you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

### 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**

Evelyn Winchurch, Frederick Winchurch

##### **Marriage**

##### **Those who are ill and their carers:**

Bonnie Blue, Dorothy Clayton, Rebecca Daly, Margaret Fellows, Dorothy Grant, Bill and Dot Hill, Derek Homer James Knight, Grant Miles, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Ken Sharman, Prebendary John Taylor, Renee Wellings, Rena White

***Those who have died:***

Valerie Bowen, Barbara Dellar,  
Doris Irene Howles

**ST JOHN**

***Baptism***

***Marriage***

***Those who are ill and their carers:***

Connie Carvill, Pat Ellet, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Ray Hoskins, Val Redman, Linda Rubisch

**Post Communion – Contemporary**

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Post Communion – Traditional**

Merciful Father,  
who didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to him in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

**Amen**