

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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**SERVICE DETAILS**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**ST MICHAEL**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
**President:** The Venerable Simon Baker

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**10.00 am Holy Communion**  
**President:** The Venerable Simon Baker  
**Deacon:** Alan Toplis

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| <b>Hymns</b> | Processional | 766 |
|              | Gradual      | 116 |
|              | Offertory    | 765 |
|              | Communion    | 456 |
|              | Recessional  | 641 |

**Intercessions:**  
The Lord is full of compassion:  
**His love lasts for ever.**

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**ST JOHN**

**10.00 am Morning Worship**  
**Minister:** Phil Clayton

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| <b>Hymns</b> | Processional | 288 |
|              | Gradual      | 479 |
|              | Offertory    | 328 |
|              | Recessional  | 396 |

**Collect Contemporary**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son hath opened for us  
a new and living way into thy presence:  
grant that, with pure hearts and constant  
wills,  
we may worship thee in spirit and in  
truth;  
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**

**Old Testament Reading.**  
**Genesis 50.15-21**

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead,  
Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph  
still bears a grudge against us and pays  
us back in full for all the wrong that we  
did to him?' <sup>16</sup>So they approached

Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this  
instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>Say to  
Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of  
your brothers and the wrong they did in  
harming you.' Now therefore please  
forgive the crime of the servants of the  
God of your father.' Joseph wept when  
they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers  
also wept, fell down before him, and said,  
'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup>But  
Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid!  
Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though  
you intended to do harm to me, God  
intended it for good, in order to preserve  
a numerous people, as he is doing today.  
<sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide  
for you and your little ones.' In this way  
he reassured them, speaking kindly to  
them.

**Gospel Reading.**  
**Matthew 18.21-35**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if  
another member of the church sins  
against me, how often should I forgive?  
As many as seven times?' <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to  
him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you,  
seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven  
may be compared to a king who wished  
to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When  
he began the reckoning, one who owed  
him ten thousand talents was brought to  
him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord  
ordered him to be sold, together with his  
wife and children and all his possessions,  
and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave

fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

## **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***

Charlotte, Jamie, John Doidge, Colin Eastwood, Mary Hathersmith, 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***

Dorothy Grant  
Barbara Davis

### **ST JOHN**

#### ***Baptism***

Isabelle Carr

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

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

#### ***Those who have died***

### **Post Communion Contemporary**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Post Communion Traditional**

O Lord God, who art the source of all truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and in the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**