

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

**Sunday 19th March
SERVICE DETAILS
3rd Sunday of Lent**

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Denise Youngs

10.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins
Deacon: Trevor James
Preacher: Lesley Allen

Hymns

Processional	588
Gradual	592
Offertory	669
Communion	451
Recessional	641

Intercessions

Living God:
satisfy our thirst.

4.30 pm Messy Church
Ministers: Revd. Linda Collins
Revd. Denise Youngs

ST JOHN

10.00 am Morning Worship
President: Phil Clayton

Hymns

Processional	231
Gradual	264
Offertory	268
Recessional	328

Collect Contemporary

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but
first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way
of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life
and peace;
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 most dear Son went not up to joy but
first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way
of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life
and peace;
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

Exodus 17.1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole
congregation of the Israelites journeyed by
stages, as the LORD commanded. They
camped at Rephidim, but there was no water
for the people to drink. ²The people
quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us
water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do
you quarrel with me? Why do you test the
LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for
water; and the people complained against

Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of
Egypt, to kill us and our children and
livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to
the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people?
They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The
LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the
people, and take some of the elders of Israel
with you; take in your hand the staff with
which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be
standing there in front of you on the rock at
Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come
out of it, so that the people may drink.'
Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of
Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and
Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled
and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD
among us or not?'

Gospel Reading John 4.5-42

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called
Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob
had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was
there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey,
was sitting by the well. It was about noon.
⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water,
and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' ⁸(His
disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)
⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it
that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman
of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in
common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered
her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it
is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink,"
you would have asked him, and he would
have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman
said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the
well is deep. Where do you get that living
water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor
Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his
sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus
said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this
water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who
drink of the water that I will give them will
never be thirsty. The water that I will give

will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?

³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them,

'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'



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

Those who are ill and their carers:

Bonnie Blue, Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Dorothy Grant, Bill and Dot Hill, James Knight, Robert McAllester-Jones Grant Miles, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Ken Sharman, Prebendary John Taylor, Renee Wellings, Rena White

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Pat Ellet, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Ray Hoskins, Linda Rubisch, Francis Saxton

Post Communion – Contemporary

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations

of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow
you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion – Traditional

Lord, we beseech thee,
grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations

of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow
thee, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen