

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**SERVICE DETAILS**  
**Mothering Sunday**

**ST MICHAEL**

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

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**10.00 am Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd. Ruth Bull  
**Deacon:** Alan Toplis

**Hymns**

Processional	136
Gradual	137
Offertory	138
Communion	455
Recessional	739

**Intercessions**

Loving God:  
**We give you thanks.**

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**6.00 pm Evensong**  
**Ministers:** Trevor James  
**Preacher:** Peter Salt

**Hymns**

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**ST JOHN**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**  
**President:** +Michael  
**Minister:** Revd. Denise Youngs

**Hymns**

Processional	319
Gradual	448
Offertory	137
Recessional	60

**Collect Contemporary**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of  
Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human  
family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your  
presence

to bind together and to heal;  
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**

Merciful God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of  
Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth  
and on the cross drew the whole human  
family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily lives  
that in joy and sorrow  
we may know the power of thy presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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**  
**1 Samuel 1.20-end**

<sup>20</sup>Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' <sup>23</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

## Gospel Reading John 19.25b-27

<sup>25</sup>Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'  
<sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.



## Mothers' Union Prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who gave marriage to be a source of blessing, we thank you for family life, with all its joys and sorrows. May we know your presence and peace in our homes; fill them with your love and use them to your glory. Bless all who are married and every parent and child. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love and serve you. Bless the members of the Mothers' Union throughout the world, unite us in prayer and worship, in love and service, that, strengthened by your grace, we may seek to do your will, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, **Amen**

### 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 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, Prebendary John Taylor, Renee Wellings, Rena White

### **Those who have died**

Ruth Goodwin (interment of ashes)

## ST JOHN

### Baptism

### Marriage

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

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

### **Those who have died**

## Post Communion – Contemporary

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

## Post Communion – Traditional

God of love,  
who in this sacrament dost feed us  
with the food and drink of eternal life,  
even as a mother feedeth her children at the breast:  
mercifully grant that we who have tasted thy goodness  
may grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**