

## Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Amen

## New Testament Reading Acts 8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and

join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch

saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## Gospel Reading John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

To have someone prayed for or remembered please contact the Benefice Office.

A new list will start the first Sunday of each month.

#### ST MICHAEL

*Those newly in need of prayer:*

Robert McAllester Jones, Marie-Louise Oliver, David and Dorothy Shapland

*Those in continuing special need of prayer:*

Pete Bate, Marie Beresford, Dan Barry Peter Boggis, Ashleigh Lewis Burgess, Dottie Collins, Rod Cooper, Marcus Davies-Friend, Chris Dickerson, Margaret Frean, Robert Harris, Robyn Harrison-Cooper, Mary Jarvis, Alison Knight, Sheila Marson, Martel family, Mary Maund, Andrew Morley, Norah Palin, David Rock, Nick Rutter, Peter Salt, Winifred Thompson, Alison Toplis, Shirley Trelfa, Sheila Vaughan

*Those who have died:*

Jimmy Brunsdon, Mary Holt, Robert Manley

#### ST JOHN

*Those in need of prayer:*

John Crowe, John Bruton

*Those who have died:*

#### Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

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

### SERVICE DETAILS Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### ST MICHAEL

**8:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd Abbie Walsh

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**10:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
                         **with prayer for healing**  
**President:**    Revd Abbie Walsh  
**Deacon:**     Revd Ruth Bull  
**Preacher:**   Revd Abbie Walsh

**Hymns**            Processional    453  
                         Gradual            212  
                         Offertory        772  
                         Communion     423  
                         Recessional     721

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**12:30pm**      **Baptism**  
**Minister:**     Revd Ruth Bull

#### ST JOHN

**10:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd Brian Rostill

**Hymns**            Processional    90  
                         Gradual            56  
                         Offertory        346  
                         Recessional     565