

### Contemporary Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day  
presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Traditional Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,  
we humbly beseech thy majesty,  
that, as thy only-begotten Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh,  
so we may be presented unto thee  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by thy Son Jesus Christ 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

#### Hebrews 2.14 - end

<sup>14</sup>Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in

every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### Gospel Reading.

#### Luke 2.22-40

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,



<sup>29</sup>'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## 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**

Rupert William Hawksworth  
Ellie Louise Felicity Hawksworth

#### **Those newly in need of prayer**

Mary Bailey, Sally Evans, Rosemary Hunt, Alison Knight, Hazel Ruffle, David Shiel, Gloria Spencer, Alison Cox-Toplis

#### **Those in continuing special need of prayer:**

Jamie, Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Bill and Dot Hill, Mary Jones, Queenie Jones, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Renee Wellings

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

Peggy Marshall, Baby Francis Allen, Joan Price

#### **Years Mind**

Birthday Memories - Kathleen Plimmer  
Alan Towle

### ST JOHN

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

Margaret Russell, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Tammy Leighton,

### Post Communion Contemporary

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Traditional

O Lord,  
who didst fulfil the hope of Simeon and Anna  
that they might live to greet the coming of the Messiah:  
grant that we, who have received these inexpressible gifts,  
may be prepared to meet Christ Jesus when he shall come  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

**Amen**

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

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January SERVICE DETAILS Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

### ST MICHAEL

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
**President:** Rev. Ruth Bull

**10:00am Holy Communion & Baptism**  
**President:** Rev. Linda Collins  
**Deacon:** Alan Toplis

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	588
	Gradual	533
	Offertory	238
	Communion	592
	Recessional	719

#### **Intercessions:**

Lord, we praise your name

**Your word has been fulfilled.**

**6.00 pm Evensong**  
**Ministers:** Lesley Allen  
Phil Clayton

**Hymns** 563  
118  
116

### ST JOHN

**10:00am Holy Communion**  
**President:** Rev. Denise Youngs

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	372
	Gradual	90
	Offertory	21
	Recessional	317