

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

Sunday 29th January 2017
SERVICE DETAILS
Presentation of Christ
(Candlemas)



ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins

10.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Jeyan Anketell
Deacon: Phil Clayton
Preacher: Lesley Allen

Hymns

Processional	719
Gradual	160
Offertory	113
Communion	439
Recessional	721

Intercessions

Lord we praise your name:
Your word has been fulfilled.

ST JOHN

10.00 am Wall Praise
President: Revd. Linda Collins

Hymns

Processional	193
Gradual	395
Offertory	53
Recessional	317

Collect Contemporary

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

Collect Traditional

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

¹⁴Since 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, ¹⁵and free
those who all their lives were held in

slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is
clear that he did not come to help angels,
but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸Because he himself was
tested by what he suffered, he is able to
help those who are being tested.

Gospel Reading Luke 2.22-40

²²When 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. ²³(as it is written in the law of the
Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be
designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and
they offered a sacrifice according to what
is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of
turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been
revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he
would not see death before he had seen
the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his
arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’
³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’
³⁶There 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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.
³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The 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

Evelyn Winchurch, Frederick Winchurch

Marriage

Those who are ill and their carers:

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

Those who have died:

Valerie Bowen

ST JOHN

Baptism

Marriage

Those who are ill and their carers:

Connie Carvill, Pat Ellet, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Ray Hoskins, Val Redman, Linda Rubisch

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

