

### Contemporary Collect

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your  
own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our  
humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Traditional Collect

Almighty God,  
who hast wonderfully created us in  
thine own image  
and hast yet more wonderfully  
restored us  
through thy Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our  
humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### New Testament Reading.

#### Galatians 4.4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come,  
God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to  
redeem those who were under the law,  
so that we might receive adoption as  
children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are  
children, God has sent the Spirit of his  
Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba!  
Father!' <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave  
but a child, and if a child then also an  
heir, through God.

### Gospel Reading.

#### Luke 2.15-21

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and  
gone into heaven, the shepherds said  
to one another, 'Let us go now to  
Bethlehem and see this thing that has  
taken place, which the Lord has made  
known to us.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with  
haste and found Mary and Joseph, and  
the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When  
they saw this, they made known what  
had been told them about this child;  
<sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at  
what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But  
Mary treasured all these words and  
pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The  
shepherds returned, glorifying and  
praising God for all they had heard and  
seen, as it had been told them. <sup>21</sup>After  
eight days had passed, it was time to  
circumcise the child; and he was called  
Jesus, the name given by the angel  
before he was conceived in the womb.



## 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 newly in need of prayer**

Mary Bailey, Sally Evans, Rosemary Hunt, Alison Knight, 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**

Rena White, Doreen Dutton

#### **Years Mind**

Alan Mountford

### ST JOHN

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

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

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

### Post Communion Contemporary

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at  
Nazareth the life of an earthly  
home:  
help your Church to live as one  
family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home  
in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### Post Communion Traditional

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at  
Nazareth the life of an earthly  
home:  
grant to thy Church grace to live as  
one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and at the last bring us all to our  
home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

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

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December SERVICE DETAILS 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

### ST MICHAEL

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

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**10:00am Holy Communion**  
**President:** The Venerable Simon Baker  
**Deacon:** Peter Salt

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| <b>Hymns</b> | Processional | 71 |
|              | Gradual      | 86 |
|              | Offertory    | 70 |
|              | Communion    | 88 |
|              | Recessional  | 66 |

**Intercessions:**  
O come  
**Let us adore him.**

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### ST JOHN

**11.15 pm Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd. Denise Youngs  
**Preacher:** Lesley Allen

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| <b>Hymns</b> | Processional | 283 |
|              | Gradual      | 477 |
|              | Offertory    | 253 |
|              | Recessional  | 199 |