

Collect Contemporary

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

O God,
who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure;
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.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?'

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14.1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.



¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may

invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Those being Baptised

Max Weldon

Those newly in need of prayer

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Jenny, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Dottie Collins, Alison Cox-Toplis, Margaret Fellows, Sadie Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill and Dot Hill, James Knight, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Peter Salt, John Tipper, Renee Wellings

Those who have died

Vivian Poynton,
Margaret Handley

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:
Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

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

SERVICE DETAILS

1st September

11th Sunday after Trinity

ST MICHAEL

8:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd. Jeyan Anketell

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President Revd Chris Baker
Deacon: Trevor James
Preacher: Lesley Allen

Hymns	Processional	435
	Gradual	455
	Offertory	394
	Communion	424
	Recessional	641

Intercessions

The Lord is our helper:
We shall not be afraid.

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

ST JOHN

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Ruth Bull

Hymns	Processional	17
	Gradual	342
	Offertory	467
	Recessional	158