

Collect - Contemporary

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a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

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whose only Son hath opened for us
a new and living way into thy
presence:
grant that, with pure hearts and
constant wills,
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New Testament Reading

James 1.17-end

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

¹When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,



"This people honours me
with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts
as doctrines."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil

intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

Those newly in need of prayer

Peter Salt, Marie Louise Oliver, Robert Harris, Helen McIntosh, Dottie Collins and her friend Lorraine

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Mary Bailey, Dorothy Clayton, Alison Cox-Toplis, Margaret Fellows, Sadie Hannon, Bill and Dot Hill, Mary Jones, Queenie Jones, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, David Shiel, Renee Wellings, John Wragg

Those who have died

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Jean Miles, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Tammy Leighton,

Those who have died

Post Communion Contemporary

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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who art the source of all truth and love,
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The United Benefice of St Michael on Greenhill, Lichfield with St John, Wall

SERVICE DETAILS

2nd September – Trinity 14

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Jeyan Anketell

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Ruth Bull
Deacon: Trevor James
Preacher: Revd. Mel Clark

Hymns	Processional	748
	Gradual	642
	Offertory	537
	Communion	426
	Recessional	236

Intercessions:
Into your hands O Lord:
We commit the future.

12:30am Baptism
Minister: Revd. Ruth Bull

ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins

Hymns	Processional	372
	Gradual	166
	Offertory	137
	Recessional	69