

Collect Contemporary

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your
blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who
truly love you;
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

New Testament Reading

Jonah 3 & 4

3 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne,

removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

⁹But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Gospel Reading

Luke 6.37-42

³⁷'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

³⁹ He also told them a parable: 'Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴² Or how can you say to your neighbour, "Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

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 JOHN

Those who have recently been baptised

Phoebe Rubisch

Those who are ill and their carers:

Margaret Russell, Christine Gilbert, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

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ST MICHAEL

Those being baptised

Rosie Anna Kobylanska

Those newly in need of prayer

Sheila Vaughan, Rosemary Hunt, Felicity Woodfield

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Dottie Collins, Alison Cox-Toplis, Sadie Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, Queenie Jones, James Knight, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Renee Wellings

Those who have died

Dot Hill, Sylvia Edmonds

Post Communion Contemporary

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

SERVICE DETAILS

3rd November

All Saints Day

ST MICHAEL

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President Revd Mel Clarke
Deacon: Lesley Allen
Preacher: Revd Preb Simon Baker

Hymns	Processional	595
	Gradual	794
	Offertory	676
	Communion	430
	Recessional	296

Intercessions

Make us all:

Worthy of our calling.

12:30pm **Baptism**
Ministers: Revd. Mel Clark

6:00pm **Candles of Remembrance**
Ministers: Revd Preb Simon Baker
 Revd Mel Clarke