

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

Sunday 4th September 2016

SERVICE DETAILS

15th Sunday after Trinity

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd Jeyan Anketell

10.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Jeyan Anketell
Deacon: Trevor James
Preacher: Revd. Ruth Bull

Hymns

Processional	362
Gradual	505
Offertory	510
Communion	423
Recessional	754

Intercessions

Gracious God:
In you we can trust.

12:30pm Baptism

Minister: Revd. Ruth Bull

ST JOHN

10.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins
Preacher: Peter Salt

Hymns

Processional	166
Gradual	372
Offertory	231
Recessional	560

Collect Contemporary

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit
upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love:
grant that thy people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, ever abiding in thee, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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
Amen

New Testament Reading

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister,

to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother –

especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14.25-33

²⁵Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he

cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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

Louise Knight & Poppy Osman

Marriage

James Caddy & Katherine Johnston

Those who are ill and their carers:

The Jackson Family

Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Dottie Collins, David Easton, Jean Eastwood, Joe Edwards, Margaret Fellows, Dorothy Grant, Pam Hedgecox, Bill and Dot Hill, Doris Hughes, Rebecca Jackson, Robert McAllester-Jones, Grant Miles, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Prebendary John Taylor, Renee Wellings

Those who have died:

Interment of ashes - Guy Hood,
Interment of ashes - Rita Molloy

Year's Mind

Keith Hedgecox

ST JOHN

Baptism

Marriage

Those who are ill and their carers:

Connie Carvill, Pat Ellet, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Those who have died:

Frank Hearn

Post Communion – Contemporary

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion – Traditional

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy Church with thy perpetual mercy;
and, because our human frailty without thee cannot but fall,
keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen