

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before
us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3.1-4

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, I am
sending my messenger to prepare the
way before me, and the Lord whom
you seek will suddenly come to his
temple. The messenger of the
covenant in whom you delight –
indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of
hosts. ²But who can endure the day of
his coming, and who can stand when
he appears? For he is like a refiner's
fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as
a refiner and purifier of silver, and he
will purify the descendants of Levi and
refine them like gold and silver, until
they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of
Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing

to the LORD as in the days of old and
as in former years.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3.1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of
Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate
was governor of Judea, and Herod was
ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip
ruler of the region of Ituraea and
Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of
Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of
Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God
came to John son of Zechariah in the
wilderness. ³He went into all the region
around the Jordan, proclaiming a
baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in
the book of the words of the prophet
Isaiah,

'The voice of one
crying out
in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of
the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill
shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made
straight,
and the rough ways made
smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the
salvation of God."



A prayer for us at this time:

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the
whole body of the church is governed
and sanctified, hear our prayer for our
benefice and the congregations of St
Michael and St John.

Give us discernment to recognise the
gifts and ministries you have given to
us together with the grace to exercise
them in harmony with one another and
for the good of all.

May we have patience in awaiting the
appointment and arrival of a new
leader for our parish, and give support
to those responsible for choosing that
person.

Finally, may we trust you, the God of
faithfulness and generosity, to guide
us through this time of transition and
change, so that we are ready to enter
a new chapter in the life of our parish
for the glory of your Name and the
furtherance of your kingdom. This we
ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 newly in need of prayer

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Alison Anketell, Steve Baker, Chelsea Begley, Mark Berry, Janet Broughall, Elizabeth Chapman, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Marcus Davies-Friend, Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Phillip Goodwin, Robert Harris, David Kendrick, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, Doug Little, Robert McAllester Jones, the Martel family, Marielouise Oliver, Viv Oliver, Norah Palin, David Rock, John Russon, Nick Rutter, Lyn Shiel, Anthony Staples aged 7, Alison Toplis, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Anne Whatson, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie.

Those who have died

Arthur Palin, Tim Wellings, Margaret Finley (interment of Ashes)

ST JOHN

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Moira and Allan Law, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson

Those who have died

John Brown, Pat Ellett

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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

SERVICE DETAILS

5th December
2nd Sunday of Advent

ST MICHAEL

8:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Chris Baker

10:00am Family Praise
President: Revd. Linda Collins
Deacon: Alan Toplis

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ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Stephen Barton
Preacher: Trevor James

Hymns

Processional	98
Gradual	295
Offertory	53
Recessional	209