

Collect Contemporary

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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.

Collect Traditional

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:
mercifully grant that we,
who know thee now by faith,
may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead;
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

Ephesians 3.1-12

¹I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of

the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2.1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ²'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When

King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return



to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Paul Clarke, Sheila Vaughan, Felicity Woodfield

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

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

Those who have died

Vincent Pickering

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ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

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

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

SERVICE DETAILS

5th January
Epiphany

ST MICHAEL

8:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Preb Simon Baker

10:00am **Holy Communion**
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Preacher: Revd. Mel Clark

Hymns	Processional	94
	Gradual	103
	Offertory	96
	Recessional	105

Intercessions

Light of the world:
Shine in the darkness.

6:00pm **IONA Big Sing**
Ministers: Revd Christine Polhill

ST JOHN

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

Hymns	Processional	41
	Gradual	394
	Offertory	71
	Recessional	537