

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is
pure;
that when he shall appear in power
and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal
and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 9.24-end

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1.14-20

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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.

ST JOHN

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

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

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS
ST MICHAEL**

Those newly in need of prayer

John Russon, David Rock, Alison Anketell

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

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, Arthur Palin, Norah Palin, 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

Henry Chamberlain, Bill Hill (interment of ashes)

Years Mind

Ray Allen

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

**SERVICE SHEET
7th November
3rd Sunday before
Advent**

ST MICHAEL

8:00am Holy Communion
President: Canon Andrew Stead

10:00am Family Praise
Revd Chris Baker
Revd Ruth Bull

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ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Dr Rebecca Lloyd

Hymns Processional 380
Gradual 489
Offertory 266
Recessional 392