

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

**Sunday 8th January 2017
SERVICE DETAILS
Epiphany**

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Denise Youngs

10.00 am Family Praise
Ministers: Lesley Allen
Phil Clayton

6:00pm Holy Communion
President: Revd. Christine Polhill

Hymns

Processional	94
Gradual	68
Offertory	103
Recessional	99

Intercessions

Light of the world:
Shine in our darkness.

ST JOHN

10.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Denise Youngs

Hymns

Processional	41
Gradual	537
Offertory	193
Recessional	277a (tune2)

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.

Amen

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

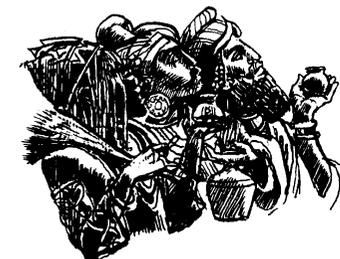
you to perceive my understanding of the
mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations
this mystery was not made known to
humankind, as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the
Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become
fellow-heirs, members of the same body,
and sharers in the promise 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, ²Where



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 and ST MARY

Baptism

Marriage

Daniel Turner and Phillipa Standley

Those who are ill and their carers:

Bonnie Blue, Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Dorothy Grant, Bill and Dot Hill, Grant Miles, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Ken Sharman, Baby Rose Stephenson Prebendary John Taylor, Renee Wellings, Rena White

Those who have died:

Jessie Crompton, Beryl Kinsella

ST JOHN

Baptism

Marriage

Those who are ill and their carers:

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

Post Communion – Contemporary

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion – Traditional

O Lord our God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
grant that we, who with the wise men have been drawn by thy light, may discern the glory of thy presence in thy Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen