

Collect Contemporary

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Almighty and everlasting God,
who art always more ready to hear
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but through the merits and mediation
of 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 God⁵because 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,
²⁶Whoever 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.'



ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:
Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Post Communion Contemporary

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion Traditional

Merciful God,
who in this holy sacrament hast put away our sins
and given us thy healing;
grant that as we are made whole in Christ,
so we may bring thy healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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

SERVICE DETAILS
8th September
12th Sunday after Trinity

ST MICHAEL

8:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Ruth Bull

10:00am Family Praise
Ministers: Revd Ruth Bull
Phil Clayton

6:00pm Holy Communion
President: Revd Christine Polhill

Hymns	Processional	790
	Gradual	432
	Offertory	644
	Recessional	748

Intercessions
Gracious God:
In you we can trust.

ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Chris Baker

Hymns	Processional	466
	Gradual	68
	Offertory	170
	Recessional	372

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
Mareilouise Oliver

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry,
Dorothy Clayton, Dottie Collins, Alison Cox-Toplis, Sadie Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill and Dot Hill, James Knight, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Peter Salt, John Tipper, Renee Wellings

Those who have died

George Groves, Vivian Poynton,
Margaret Handley