

Collect - Contemporary

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Collect - Traditional

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New Testament Reading

James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also

comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you

says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7.24-end

²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.



³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his

fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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

Those who have recently been baptised

Leo Ackroyd, Thea Hussain & Lucas Mitrasenko

Those newly in need of prayer

John Tipper, Peter Salt, Marie Louise Oliver, Robert Harris, Helen McIntosh, Dottie Collins and her friend Lorraine

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Mary Bailey, Dorothy Clayton, Alison Cox-Toplis, Margaret Fellows, Sadie Hannon, Bill and Dot Hill, Mary Jones, Queenie Jones, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, David Shiel, Renee Wellings, John Wragg

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Jean Miles, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Tammy Leighton,

Those who have died

Post Communion Contemporary

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

SERVICE DETAILS
9th September – Trinity 15

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins

10:00am Family Praise
Ministers: Revd. Linda Collins
Lesley Allen

6:00pm Holy Communion
President: Revd. Ruth Bull
Preacher: The Venerable Simon Baker

Hymns	Processional	357
	Gradual	587
	Offertory	742
	Recessional	58

Intercessions:
Father of mercy:
Let your kingdom come.

ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion
President: The Venerable Simon Baker

Hymns	Processional	17
	Gradual	27
	Offertory	362
	Recessional	457