



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

COLLECT AND READINGS
10th May
5th Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

New Testament Reading Acts 7.55-end

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Gospel Reading John 14.1-14

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

In preparation for each Sunday we will email out and post on the website the Collect and Readings for the day. If possible, please join us in using the short act of worship and the readings at 10.00am which is our usual service time on a Sunday. There will also be a short sermon video available on the website on the 'Resources for Prayer at Home' page.

Sunday Sermon

The link for the Sunday sermon is

<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/sunday-sermons.html>

For those who receive this by post the text is printed below.

VE Day 2020

On Friday 8 May we commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Communities and churches have planned many things which will not now happen. However in recognition of the sacrifice of so many and in the hope of lasting peace in Europe and the world you are invited to pray the following prayers:

From the Act of Commitment for Peace in the 75th anniversary service

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.

A prayer for the Sovereign

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Anne and Peter Whatson, Anthony Staples aged 6,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Colin Eastwood, Yvonne Harper, Jeyan Anketell, Ian and Judith Watson, Alison Cox-Toplis, Julian & Wendy, Jamie, Gary and Denise, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, James Knight, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield

Those who have died

George Tuckley, Caroline Green, Evelyn Woodward

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

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

Caroline Green died peacefully at home on Wednesday 22nd April. There will be a memorial service at St Michael's later in the year at a time yet to be announced. We remember Caroline with love and affection and our prayers are with Ted, Simon, Tim and all the family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prayer Resources

We have produced a booklet of resources for prayer at home which contains a short act of worship that you can use. This can be found here along with other resources for prayer: <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-at-home.html>
You can text prayer requests to 07388 529020

The Royal School of Church Music are putting a *Hymn of the Day* on their website as well as a service with readings and hymns. There is a link on our website on our resources for prayer page.

Here is a link to the Diocese of Lichfield facebook page where videos of daily prayers from the cathedral will be posted <https://www.facebook.com/LichfieldCofE/>

Bible Study

Each Wednesday at 10.30am in Easter season we will be holding Bible studies on the theme: ***Living our Easter Faith***. There are full instructions as to how to join in on our notice sheet and the Bible text and questions can be found on our website.

<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/easter-season.html>

If you would like to join in please contact Rev Chris Baker on c.j.baker@bham.ac.uk

Weekly Reflection

The Revd Mel Clark is writing a weekly reflection for people to read and think about. The reflections are available here. <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/easter-season.html>