

Collect Contemporary

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify
and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your
commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and
soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Collect Traditional

O almighty Lord and everlasting God,
vouchsafe, we beseech thee,
to direct, sanctify and govern both
our hearts and bodies
in the ways of thy laws and in the
works of thy commandments,
that through thy most mighty
protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and
soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15.1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ² But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵ He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Gospel Reading Luke 12.32-40

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'



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

Julie Homer, Steve Homer, Sophie Homer, Elliot Homer, Sam Homer

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

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

Those who have died

Ollie Homer, John Haywood

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Post Communion Contemporary

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Traditional

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

SERVICE DETAILS

11th August

8th Sunday after Trinity

ST MICHAEL

8:00am Holy Communion

President: Revd Ruth Bull

10:00am Family Praise

Ministers: The Venerable Simon Baker
Revd Ruth Bull

6:00pm Holy Communion

President: The Venerable Simon Baker
Preacher: Phil Clayton

Hymns	Processional	765
	Gradual	51
	Offertory	451
	Recessional	683

Intercessions

Lord our God:

We believe and trust in you.

ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion

President: Revd. Christine Polhill

Hymns	Processional	427
	Gradual	55
	Offertory	287
	Recessional	259