

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

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
**SERVICE DETAILS**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**ST MICHAEL**

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd. Jeyan Anketell

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**10.00 am Family Praise**  
**Minister:** Revd. Ruth Bull  
**Deacon:** Alan Toplis

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**12:30pm Baptism**  
**Minister:** Revd. Linda Collins

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**6:00pm Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd. Linda Collins  
**Deacon:** Phil Clayton

**Hymns:** Processional 742  
Gradual 29  
Offertory 52  
Recessional 394

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**ST JOHN**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**  
**President:** The Venerable Simon Baker

**Hymns** Processional 329  
Gradual 307  
Offertory 401  
Recessional 467

**Collect Contemporary**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your  
messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of  
your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready  
your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the  
world  
we may be found an acceptable people in  
your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the  
Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Collect Traditional**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at thy first coming didst send thy  
messenger  
to prepare thy way before thee:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of  
thy mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready  
thy way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just,  
that at thy second coming to judge the  
world  
we may be found an acceptable people in  
thy sight;  
who livest and reignest with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 35.1-10**

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be  
glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom  
abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall  
be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless  
sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the  
wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs  
of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a  
swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and  
rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go  
astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast  
come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD  
shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall  
flee away.

### **Gospel Reading Matthew 11.2-11**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the  
Messiah was doing, he sent word by his  
disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to Jesus, 'Are you the  
one who is to come, or are we to wait for  
another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and  
tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the  
blind receive their sight, the lame walk,  
the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised, and the poor have  
good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed  
is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to  
speak to the crowds about John: 'What  
did you go out into the wilderness to look  
at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What  
then did you go out to see? Someone  
dressed in soft robes? Look, those who  
wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

<sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A

prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a  
prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it  
is written,



"See, I am sending  
my messenger  
ahead of you,  
who will prepare your  
way before you."

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of  
women no one has arisen greater than  
John the Baptist; yet the least in the  
kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

### **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**

Rosa Mitchell-Jones, Noah Mitchell

#### **Marriage**

Gregory Allen & Faye Whelan

#### **Those who are ill and their carers:**

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

#### **Those who have died:**

The Reverend Herbert Joseph Edwards  
(Joe), John Mills

### **ST JOHN**

#### **Baptism**

Heath Ashmore

#### **Marriage**

#### **Those who are ill and their carers:**

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

### **Post Communion – Contemporary**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these  
heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### **Post Communion – Traditional**

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for these  
thy heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of thy Spirit  
that when our Saviour Christ shall come  
again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who liveth and reigneth now and for  
ever.  
**Amen**