

Collect Contemporary

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who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by
water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
through 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

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New Testament

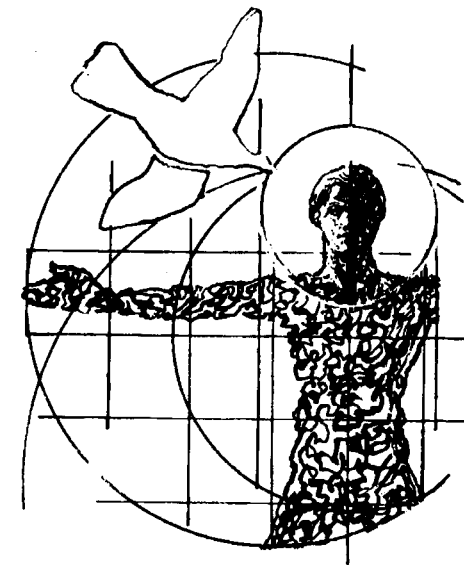
Acts 10: 34 - 43

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3.13-17

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'



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

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Paul Clarke, Dorothy Clayton, Dottie Collins, Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, Queenie Jones, James Knight, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield

Those who have died

Sidney Abbotts, Ida Lott

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ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

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

Post Communion Contemporary

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father

in the baptism of Jesus your beloved
Son:

by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our
rebirth
through the waters of the new
creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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who in the baptism of Jesus thy
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The United Benefice of St Michael on
Greenhill, Lichfield with St John, Wall

SERVICE DETAILS

12th January

Baptism of Christ

ST MICHAEL

8:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Ruth Bull

10:00am Family Praise
Ministers: Revd Ruth Bull
Alan Toplis

6:00pm Holy Communion
President: Revd Chris Baker
Preacher: Trevor James

Hymns	Processional	52
	Gradual	46
	Offertory	238
	Recessional	103

Intercessions

In God:

All things work together for good.

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ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Stephen Barton
Preacher: Phil Clayton

Hymns	Processional	14
	Gradual	401
	Offertory	90
	Recessional	394