



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

COLLECT AND READINGS
14th June
1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

New Testament Reading Romans 5.1-8

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access^[b] to this grace in which we stand; and we^[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we^[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Reading Matthew 9.35-10.8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew;

Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Rosemary Hunt

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Anthony Staples aged 6, Audrey Egleston, Colin Eastwood, Yvonne Harper, 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

Ivy Colley (interment of ashes)

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Prayer Requests

You can text prayer requests to 07388 529020

Daily Prayers from the Cathedral

The Diocese of Lichfield facebook page is where videos of daily prayers from the cathedral are being posted <https://www.facebook.com/LichfieldCofE/>

The Rector, Simon Baker

01543 253010

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

From **Monday 15th June** churches will be allowed to open for private prayer only.

On that day **St Michael's Lichfield** will open **between 2.00pm and 4.00pm** and will be open at this time every day. The church will be staffed during opening hours. **St John's at Wall** will open on **Wednesdays and Sundays from 10.00am to 4.00pm**. The church will not be staffed during opening hours.

In both churches provision will be made for hand sanitization, cleaning and social distancing. We are delighted to be able to open our churches, but we also want to make sure that everyone is safe.

Rector and Churchwardens.

WORSHIP BY ZOOM

Sunday 21st June at 6.00pm.

We will be holding live worship by Zoom on the first and third Sundays of each month starting on 21st June

You can join the service from 5.45pm. The service will last about 30mins. There will be readings, prayers, a short address and hymns.

*After the service we will be holding a "virtual reception" (bring your own drink and nibbles) to **say goodbye to Peter and Rowan Hawksworth**, who will be leaving for Hong Kong in July.*

If you would like to join in please email Simon on simonbaker57@outlook.com and you will be sent a direct link. You do not need to have Zoom downloaded on your PC or other device. If you have already joined a Zoom service, you should receive the link a few days before. If you have not had a link by Sunday morning, please email.

BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesdays at 10.30 June we continue our study of Paul's letter to the Philippians.

We will be using "Zoom". This is quite simple to use and doesn't require you to download any software. All you need is a laptop or other device that has a camera.

If you took part in last week's Bible Study, you will automatically receive a code to join the discussion. If you would like to take part starting this week, please email Chris Baker on ☎ c.j.baker@bham.ac.uk and he will send you a web link to join the study and some simple instructions.

NEW WEBSITE PAGE The text and questions to think about can now be found at. <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/bible-study.html>

STAYING IN TOUCH

The office Phone is not currently being regularly monitored. The ministry team and others are continuing a ministry by telephone to keep in touch. Rector, Simon Baker (☎ 01543 253010)

VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES

NEW FOOD BANK DROP OFF POINTS

At the moment it is not possible to drop off foodbank items at church but there are two places where you will find the green collection boxes on the doorstep: David and Maggie Easton 51 Lime Grove WS13 6ER and Simon and Diana Baker 10 Mawgan Drive WS14 9SD. If you are passing, please drop items in the box. See below for items needed.

LICHFIELD FOODBANK is continuing to function and is dealing with increased numbers of clients. Donations of items can still be made at the collection boxes in our local Co-op, Tesco and Waitrose supermarkets. The particular items needed are – **snacks (breakfast bars, crackers), custard and tinned meat**. If you can, please do support this appeal. You can access more information about the Foodbank on our website. There is information for those who would like to make a financial donation and a gift aid form.

GIVING TO CHARITIES

It is clear that many charities are suffering a significant loss of income due to the changes in our way of life at the moment. For many of them the demands on them will also increase. Please consider making a donation to a charity while you are confined to home so that others can benefit and our charities continue with their work.

GIVING

GIVING TO ST MICHAEL'S

Our accounts for last year show that we operated at a loss. In many ways that is due to the increase in utilities and costs as a result of the church being used as the main venue for all our activities. This is very worthwhile and just what we should be doing, however we do need to make an effort to put our finances back into balance.

We are grateful to everyone who gives to St Michael's church and helps us cover our costs. At the moment, we cannot supplement our donations by standing order with collections made in church. If you give through the envelope scheme please consider changing to a bank order, hold on to your envelopes or write out a cheque and put it in the church mailbox. In order to make one off or regular donations easier we now have a **JUST GIVING** page for St Michael's. please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stmichaellichfield>

ITEMS FROM OUR MAGAZINE

On Tiptoe

Maggie Durran

Sung by the Fisherfolk c 1975
Jodi Page, arr Betty Pulkingham

I walk with you my children, through valleys filled with gloom;
In echoes of the star-light and shadows of the moon
In the whispers of the night-wind are gentle words for you
To touch you and assure you it's my world you're walking through

*And all creation's straining on tiptoe just to see
The sons of God come into their own*

I made the mottled stickleback to hide in crystal streams,
The staring owl to scan the night, the candle's gentle beams;
I made the silly camel to roam the desert sands,
But you I made, my children, to walk and hold my hand

If life were filled with bubbles, they' glisten and they'd burst;
If life were filled with jewels, they'd line a rich man's purse;
But life is filled with water that flows from depths of love,
It flows to fill your weariness with blessings from above

My love for you, my children, puts rainbows in your hand,
Born of clouded sorrows in a sun-burst morning land;
They arch above the smiling eyes where tears can still be seen,
And adorn with gentle trembling touch the bride who is my own.

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(Fresh Sounds 84)

