

### Collect Contemporary

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### Collect Traditional

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### Old Testament Reading

#### Exodus 17.1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on

ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

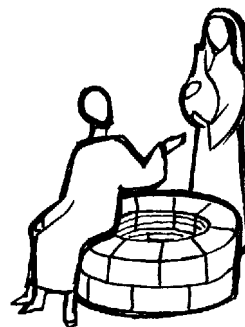
### Gospel Reading John 4.5-42

<sup>5</sup>Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'

<sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her,



'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the

people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?<sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'<sup>32</sup>But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.'<sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.'<sup>35</sup>Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps."<sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.'<sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**ST MICHAEL**  
*Those newly in need of prayer*  
 Ian and Judith Watson, Alison Cox-Toplis

*Those in continuing special need of prayer:*  
 Julian & Wendy, Jamie, Gary and Denise, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Paul Clarke, 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*

*Thanks for Prayers*  
 Raquel Ebbutt is now back at home and being cared for

**ST JOHN**  
*Those who are ill and their carers:*  
 Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Christine Gilbert, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

**Post Communion Contemporary**  
 Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion Traditional**  
 Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**SERVICE DETAILS**  
**15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**ST MICHAEL**

**8:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd Mel Clark

**10:00am**    **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd Christine Polhill  
**Deacon:**     Alan Toplis  
**Preacher:**    Revd Stephen Barton

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	669
	Gradual	592
	Offertory	238
	Communion	456
	Recessional	641

**Intercessions**  
 Living God:  
**Satisfy our thirst.**

**4:30pm**      **Messy Church**  
**Minister:**    Revd Mel Clarke

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**ST JOHN**

**10:00am**    **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd Preb Simon Baker

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	231
	Gradual	39
	Offertory	90
	Recessional	158