

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

Zephaniah 3.14-end

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the
judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your
midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to
Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your
midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach
for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into
praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and
praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3.7-18

⁷John said to the crowds that came out
to be baptized by him, 'You brood of
vipers! Who warned you to flee from
the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy
of repentance. Do not begin to say to
yourselves, "We have Abraham as our
ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able
from these stones to raise up children
to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying
at the root of the trees; every tree
therefore that does not bear good fruit
is cut down and thrown into the fire.'
¹⁰And the crowds asked him, 'What
then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said
to them, 'Whoever has two coats must
share with anyone who has none; and
whoever has food must do likewise.'
¹²Even tax-collectors came to be
baptized, and they asked him,
'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He
said to them, 'Collect no more than the
amount prescribed for you.'
¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should
we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort
money from anyone by threats or false
accusation, and be satisfied with your
wages.'
¹⁵As the people were filled with
expectation, and all were questioning
in their hearts concerning John,

whether he might be the Messiah,
¹⁶John answered all of them by saying,
 'I baptize you with water; but one who
 is more powerful than I is coming; I
 am not worthy to untie the thong of his
 sandals. He will baptize you with the
 Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His
 winnowing-fork is in his
 hand, to clear his
 threshing-floor and to
 gather the wheat into his
 granary; but the chaff he
 will burn with
 unquenchable fire.'
¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he
 proclaimed the good news to the
 people.



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 JOHN
Those who are ill and their carers:
 Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Those who have died
 Tammy Leighton

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

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

SERVICE DETAILS
16th December
3rd Sunday of Advent

ST MICHAEL

8:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Ruth Bull

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Linda Collins
Deacon: Trevor James
Preacher: Revd. Mel Clark

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| Hymns | Processional | 742 |
| | Gradual | 46 |
| | Offertory | 54 |
| | Communion | 429 |
| | Recessional | 38 |

Intercessions
 Come, O Come:
Emmanuel, God with us.

4:30pm Messy Church
Ministers: Revd. Linda Collins
 Revd. Mel Clark

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ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Jeyan Anketell
Preacher: The Venerable Simon Baker

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| Hymns | Processional | 362 |
| | Gradual | 287 |
| | Offertory | 457 |
| | Recessional | 293 |

4:00pm Christingle
Ministers: Revd. Ruth Bull
 Alan Toplis

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ST MICHAEL
Those newly in need of prayer
 Baby Jack, Alison Cox-Toplis,

*Those in continuing special need of
 prayer:*
 Jamie, Jenny, Mary Bailey, Dorothy
 Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Sadie
 Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill and Dot
 Hill, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Peter
 Salt, John Tipper, Chris Waller, Renee
 Wellings

Those who have died
 Phyllis Slate (interment of ashes),
 Janet Walsh