

### **Collect Contemporary**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all  
your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Collect Traditional**

Almighty God,  
who hast created the heavens and the earth  
and hast made us in thine own image:  
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy  
works  
and thy likeness in all thy children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our  
Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **New Testament Reading**

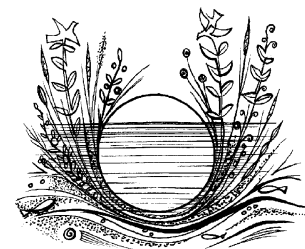
#### **Romans 8.18-25**

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, <sup>21</sup>in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Matthew 6.25 - end**

Jesus taught his disciples, saying:  
<sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?



<sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?  
<sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"  
<sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.  
<sup>34</sup>So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

**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***

Julian & Wendy, Gary, Raquel Ebbutt,

***Those in continuing special need of prayer:***

Jamie, Gary and Denise Sam Bassett,  
Mark Berry, Paul Clarke, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, James Knight, Graham Lewenden-Smith, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield

***Those who have died***

Stuart Butler

***Years Mind***

Ken Richmond

**Post Communion Contemporary**

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of  
the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of  
your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at  
your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the  
Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Post Communion Traditional**

O God our creator,  
by whose gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of  
the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of thy  
Church:  
may we who have been nourished at  
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**Amen**

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

**SERVICE DETAILS**

**16<sup>th</sup> February**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**ST MICHAEL**

**8:00am Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Mel Clark

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**ST JOHN**

**10:00am Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Stephen Barton

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	293
	Gradual	155
	Offertory	139
	Recessional	30

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**ST JOHN**

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

Pat Ellett, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn,  
Christine Gilbert, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

***Those who have died***

Margaret Russell