



Contemporary Collect

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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

Traditional Collect

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
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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.

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end

The servant of the Lord said: ¹ The spirit
of the Lord GOD is upon me, because
the LORD has anointed me; he has sent
me to bring good news to the
oppressed, to bind up the broken-
hearted, to proclaim liberty to the
captives, and release to the prisoners;²
to proclaim the year of the LORD's
favour, and the day of vengeance of our
God; to comfort all who mourn;³ to
provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint
spirit. They will be called oaks of
righteousness, the planting of the LORD,
to display his glory.⁴ They shall build up
the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the
former devastations; they shall repair
the ruined cities, the devastations of
many generations. ⁸ For I the LORD love
justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their
recompense, and I will make an

everlasting covenant with them.⁹ Their
descendants shall be known among the
nations, and their offspring among the
peoples; all who see them shall
acknowledge that they are a people
whom the LORD has blessed.¹⁰ I will
greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole
being shall exult in my God; for he has
clothed me with the garments of
salvation, he has covered me with the
robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom
decks himself with a garland, and as a
bride adorns herself with her jewels.¹¹
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in
it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will
cause righteousness and praise to
spring up before all the nations.

Gospel Reading.

John 1.6-8, 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose
name was John. ⁷He came as a witness
to testify to the light, so that all might
believe through him. ⁸He himself was
not the light, but he came to testify to
the light.¹⁹This is the testimony given by
John when the Jews sent priests and
Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who
are you?' ²⁰He confessed and did not
deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the
Messiah.' ²¹And they asked him, 'What
then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am
not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He
answered, 'No.' ²²Then they said to him,
'Who are you? Let us have an answer
for those who sent us. What do you say
about yourself?' ²³He said, 'I am the
voice of one crying out in the
wilderness, "Make straight the way of

the Lord",
 as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.
²⁵They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'²⁶John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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 and ST MARY

Baptism

Marriage

Mark Mullarkey & Rebecca Sutton

Those newly in need of prayer

Mary Bailey, Sally Evans, Rosemary Hunt, Alison Knight, David Shiel, Gloria Spencer, Alison Cox-Toplis

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Bill and Dot Hill, Mary Jones, Queenie Jones, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Renee Wellings

Those who have died

Rena White, Doreen Dutton, Maurice 'Moe' Tweed (interment of ashes)

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Margaret Russell, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Tammy Leighton,

Those who have died

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

Sunday 17th December SERVICE DETAILS 3rd Sunday of Advent

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Rev. Ruth Bull

10:00am Holy Communion
President: The Venerable Simon Baker
Deacon: Trevor James
Preacher: Revd Stephen Barton

Intercessions:

Keep us faithful
To your calling.

Hymns	Processional	58
	Gradual	46
	Offertory	394
	Communion	429
	Recessional	30

6.00 pm Lessons and Carols
Minister: The Venerable Simon Baker

ST JOHN

10.00am Morning Worship
Minister: Phil Clayton

Hymns	Processional	401
	Gradual	318
	Offertory	28
	Recessional	362

4.00 pm Christingle
Ministers: Rev. Denise Youngs

Rev. Linda Collins