

Collect Contemporary

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of
sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this
world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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

Collect Traditional

O almighty God,
who alone canst order the unruly wills
and affections of the sinful:
grant unto thy people
that they may love the thing which
thou commandest
and desire that which thou dost
promise,
that so, among the sundry and
manifold changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.

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New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6.17-26



¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of
God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are
hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate
you, and when they exclude you, revile
you, and defame you on account of the

Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Jenny, Mary Bailey, Dorothy Clayton, Alison Cox-Toplis, Margaret Fellows, Sadie Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill and Dot Hill, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Peter Salt, John Tipper, Pam Towle, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings

Those who have died

Helen Counce, Patricia Westwood, Doris Wright, John Wright, Norah Jefferson and Clare Caldwell

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Post Communion Contemporary
Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Traditional
Merciful Father,
who didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to him in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
where he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.
Amen

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

SERVICE DETAILS

17th February

3rd Sunday before Lent

ST MICHAEL

8:00am **Holy Communion**
President: The Venerable Simon Baker

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Deacon: Phil Clayton
Preacher: Lesley Allen

Hymns	Processional	588
	Gradual	238
	Offertory	812
	Communion	439
	Recessional	712

Intercessions
Lord Our God:
In you we put our trust.

4:30pm **Messy Church**
Minister: Revd. Linda Collins

ST JOHN

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd. Ruth Bull

Hymns	Processional	30
	Gradual	90
	Offertory	516
	Recessional	188