

Contemporary Collect

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and have sent the Spirit of your Son
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whereby we call you Father:
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to your service,
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brought
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God;
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

Traditional Collect

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New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5.6-10[11-13] 14-17

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is

in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel Reading

Mark 4.26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. ²⁶Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



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

Those newly in need of prayer

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Mary Bailey, Dorothy Clayton,
Alison Cox-Toplis Margaret Fellows,
Sadie Hannon, Bill and Dot Hill, Mary
Jones, Queenie Jones, Arthur Palin,
Nick Rutter, David Shiel, Renee
Wellings, John Wragg

Those who have died

Gloria Spencer, Mary Hathersmith,
Thomas 'Ray' Millward

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Jean Miles, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson,
Allan Law, Tammy Leighton,

Those who have died

Post Communion Contemporary

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imagining
and whose power we cannot
comprehend:
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and shield us from knowing more than
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SERVICE DETAILS

17th June

3rd Sunday after Trinity

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd. Jeyan Anketell

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd. Linda Collins
Deacon: Alan Toplis

Hymns	Processional	721
	Gradual	794
	Offertory	769
	Communion	455
	Recessional	506

Intercessions:

Lord of heaven:

Let the kingdom grow!

ST JOHN

10:00am **Morning Worship**
Minister: Peter Salt

Hymns	Processional	321
	Gradual	484
	Offertory	432
	Recessional	473