

Collect Contemporary

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and

terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Gospel Reading

Luke 13.31-end

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³²He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."



SERVICE DETAILS
17th March
2nd Sunday of Lent

ST MICHAEL

8:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd. Linda Collins

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: The Venerable Simon Baker
Deacon: Revd. Mel Clark
Preacher: Revd. Ruth Bull

Hymns	Processional	121
	Gradual	124
	Offertory	772
	Communion	448
	Recessional	116

Intercessions
Open our eyes:
To see things your way, Lord.

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

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ST JOHN

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

Hymns	Processional	6
	Gradual	437
	Offertory	312
	Recessional	55

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

Dottie Collins, Sam Bassett

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Jenny, 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

Mary Bailey

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Post Communion Contemporary

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