

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

Sunday 18th December 2016
SERVICE DETAILS
4th Sunday of Advent

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion
President: Revd. Denise Youngs

10.00 am Holy Communion
President: The Venerable Simon Baker
Deacon: Trevor James
Preacher: Lesley Allen

Hymns: Processional 223
Gradual 34
Offertory 75
Communion 439
Recessional 54

Intercessions

We call on your name, O God:
Restore us and revive us.

2:30pm Messy Church
Minister: Revd. Linda Collins

6:00pm Lessons and Carols
Minister: The Venerable Simon Baker

ST JOHN

10.00 am Morning Worship
President: Peter Salt

Hymns Processional 53
Gradual 13
Offertory 471
Recessional 283

4:00pm Christingle
Minister: Revd. Denise Youngs

Collect Contemporary

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Collect Traditional

O God our redeemer,
who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin
Mary
to be the mother of thy Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he shall come again to be our
judge;
who liveth and reigneth with thee
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Old Testament Reading
Isaiah 7.10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1.18-end

¹⁸The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him
Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



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

Those who are ill and their carers:

Bonnie Blue, Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Dorothy Grant, Bill and Dot Hill, Robert McAllester-Jones, Grant Miles, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Ken Sharman, Baby Rose Stephenson Prebendary John Taylor, Renee Wellings, Rena White

Those who have died:

The Reverend Herbert Joseph Edwards (Joe), Iris Rogers

ST JOHN **Baptism**

Marriage

Those who are ill and their carers:

Connie Carvill, Pat Ellet, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Ray Hoskins

Post Communion – Contemporary

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised
saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your
holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Amen