

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
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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,
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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

Those newly in need of prayer

Gary and Denise, Graham Lewenden-Smith, Paul Clarke, Sheila Vaughan, Felicity Woodfield

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Dottie Collins, Alison Cox-Toplis, Sadie Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, Queenie Jones, James Knight, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Renee Wellings

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ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Margaret Russell, Christine Gilbert, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Post Communion Contemporary

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who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised
saviour:
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that in all things we may embrace your
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and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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The United Benefice of St Michael on
Greenhill, Lichfield with St John, Wall

SERVICE DETAILS

22nd December
4th Sunday of Advent

ST MICHAEL

8:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Jeyan Anketell

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President Revd Preb Simon Baker
Preacher: Alan Toplis

Hymns	Processional	39
	Gradual	85
	Offertory	75
	Communion	439
	Recessional	42

Intercessions

We call on your name, O God:

Restore us and revive us.

4:00pm **Lessons and Carols**
Ministers: Revd Preb Simon Baker

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ST JOHN

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Stephen Barton

Hymns	Processional	209
	Gradual	471
	Offertory	107
	Recessional	467

4:00pm **Christingle**
Ministers: Revd Ruth Bull
 Revd Mel Clarke