

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

Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people:

²But you, O Bethlehem of
Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of
Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up
until the time
when she who is in labour has
brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall
return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his
flock in the
strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of
the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now
he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]

³⁹Mary set out and went with haste to
a Judean town in the hill country,
⁴⁰where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's
greeting, the child leapt in her womb.
And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry,
'Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb.
⁴³And why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my
Lord comes to me?
⁴⁴For as soon as I
heard the sound of
your greeting, the
child in my womb leapt
for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed
is she who believed
that there would be a
fulfilment of what was
spoken to her by the
Lord.'

⁴⁶And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my
Saviour,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favour on the
lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great
things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the



thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful
 from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good
 things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to
 our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants
 for ever.'

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 JOHN
Those who are ill and their carers:
 Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Those who have died

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

Post Communion Traditional

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ST MICHAEL
Those newly in need of prayer
 Baby Jack, Alison Cox-Toplis, Pam
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*Those in continuing special need of
 prayer:*
 Jamie, Jenny, Mary Bailey, Dorothy
 Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Sadie
 Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill and Dot
 Hill, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Peter
 Salt, John Tipper, Renee Wellings

Those who have died
 Phyllis Slater (interment of ashes),
 Janet Walsh, Joan Pryde

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

SERVICE DETAILS
23rd December
4th Sunday of Advent

ST MICHAEL

8:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd. Chris Baker

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd. Christine Polhill
Deacon: Lesley Allen
Preacher: The Venerable Simon Baker

Hymns

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| Processional | 58 |
| Gradual | 85 |
| Offertory | 79 |
| Communion | 430 |
| Recessional | 75 |

Intercessions
 Let it be to me:
According to your will.

4:00pm **Lessons and Carols**
Minister: The Venerable Simon Baker

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ST JOHN

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

Hymns

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| Processional | 2 |
| Gradual | 471 |
| Offertory | 377 |
| Recessional | 46 |