

### 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:

<sup>2</sup>But 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.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore 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.

<sup>4</sup>And 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;

<sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

### Gospel Reading

#### Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]

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



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

thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful  
 from their thrones,  
 and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good  
 things,  
 and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
 in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>according 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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 who didst choose the Blessed Virgin  
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**ST MICHAEL**  
***Those newly in need of prayer***  
 Baby Jack, Alison Cox-Toplis, Pam  
 Towle

***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**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**ST MICHAEL**

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

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

**Hymns**

Processional	58
Gradual	85
Offertory	79
Communion	430
Recessional	75

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

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**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**

Processional	2
Gradual	471
Offertory	377
Recessional	46