

Collect Traditional

O God,
the strength of all them that put their
trust in thee,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without
thee,
grant us the help of thy grace
that, in keeping of thy
commandments,
we may please thee, both in will and
deed;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our
Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading

Galatians 3.23-end

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1.57-66, 80

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' ⁶¹ They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' ⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³ He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed.

⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Post Communion Traditional

Everlasting Father,
we thank thee that thou dost nourish
us
with these thy heavenly gifts:
by this sacrament strengthen us in
faith,
build us up in hope
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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

SERVICE DETAILS

23rd June

Birth of John the Baptist

ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion

President: Revd Chris Baker

Preacher: Phil Clayton

Hymns	Processional	401
	Gradual	800
	Offertory	621
	Recessional	464