

Collect Contemporary

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

Amen

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 8.26-39

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the

feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Doug Little, Alison Cox-Toplis, Baby Jack, Dottie Collins,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Jenny, Sam Bassett
Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Sadie Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill and Dot Hill, James Knight, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Peter Salt, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings

Those who have died

Charles Hanslow (interment of ashes), Alan Wiggin, George Mytton

Post Communion Contemporary

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion 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

1st Sunday after Trinity

ST MICHAEL

8:00am

Holy Communion

President: The Venerable Simon Baker

10:00am

Holy Communion

President

Revd Mel Clarke

Deacon:

The Venerable Simon Baker

Preacher:

The Revd Canon Dr Peter Groves.

Hymns

Processional

588

Gradual

592

Offertory

800

Communion

463

Recessional

621

Intercessions

Whatever our journey, O Lord:

Walk with us on the way.

6:00pm

Evensong

Ministers:

Lesley Allen

Hymns

506

24

635