

### **Contemporary Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose providence your servant  
John the Baptist  
was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of your  
Son our Saviour  
by the preaching of repentance:  
lead us to repent according to his  
preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to  
rebuke vice,  
and patiently to suffer for the truth's  
sake;  
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**

### **Traditional Collect**

Almighty God,  
by whose providence thy servant John  
Baptist was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of thy Son  
our Saviour,  
by preaching of repentance:  
make us so to follow his doctrine and  
holy life,  
that we may truly repent according to  
his preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly speak the truth,  
boldly rebuke vice  
and patiently suffer for the truth's  
sake;  
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.

**Amen**

### **New Testament Reading**

#### **Acts 13.14b-26**

<sup>14</sup>On the sabbath day Paul and his companions went into the synagogue and sat down. <sup>15</sup>After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' <sup>16</sup>So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. <sup>17</sup>The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. <sup>18</sup>For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup>After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance <sup>20</sup>for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. <sup>21</sup>Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. <sup>22</sup>When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." <sup>23</sup>Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he

promised; <sup>24</sup>before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

<sup>25</sup>And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."

<sup>26</sup>My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.'

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 1.57-66, 80**

<sup>57</sup>The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup>Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup>On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. <sup>60</sup>But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' <sup>61</sup>They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' <sup>62</sup>Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. <sup>63</sup>He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. <sup>64</sup>Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup>Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup>All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then

will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.  
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 MICHAEL and ST MARY

#### ***Those in need of prayer***

To be ordained Deacon –Melanie Clark

#### ***Those in continuing special need of prayer:***

Jamie, Mary Bailey, Dorothy Clayton, Alison Cox-Toplis, Margaret Fellows, Sadie Hannon, Bill and Dot Hill, Mary Jones, Queenie Jones, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, David Shiel, Renee Wellings, John Wragg

#### ***Those who have died***

Gloria Spencer, Thomas 'Ray' Millward

### ST JOHN

#### ***Those who are ill and their carers:***

Jean Miles, Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law, Tammy Leighton,

#### ***Those who have died***

### Post Communion Contemporary

Merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of  
God  
who takes away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament  
have known your forgiveness and your  
life-giving love  
may ever tell of your mercy and your  
peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### Post Communion Traditional

O merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed thy Son to be the Lamb of  
God  
who taketh away the sin of the world:  
grant that we, who in this sacrament  
have known thy pardon and thy life-  
giving love,  
may ever tell of thy mercy and thy  
peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

ST JOANNES  
BAPTISTA



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

### SERVICE DETAILS

**24<sup>th</sup> June: Birth of John the Baptist**

### ST MICHAEL

**8.00 am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd. Ruth Bull

**10:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd. Ruth Bull  
**Preacher:** Alan Toplis

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	365
	Gradual	358
	Offertory	46
	Communion	472
	Recessional	507

### Intercessions:

Blessed be the Lord our God:

**For we have been redeemed.**

**6:00pm**      **Evensong**  
**Minister:** Peter Salt

<b>Hymns</b>	676
	21
	18

### ST JOHN

**10:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd. Christine Polhill  
**Preacher:** Revd Dr Stephen Barton

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	401
	Gradual	244
	Offertory	520
	Recessional	78