



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

COLLECT AND READINGS
24th May
7th Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

New Testament Reading Acts 1.6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel Reading John 17.1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

In preparation for each Sunday we will email out and post on the website the Collect and Readings for the day. If possible, please join us in using the short act of worship and the readings at 10.00am which is our usual service time on a Sunday. There will also be a short sermon video available on the website on the 'Resources for Prayer at Home' page. <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-at-home.html>

Sunday Sermon

The link for the Sunday sermon is

<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/sunday-sermons.html>

For those who receive this by post the text is printed below.

NEW!

Worship by Zoom

On **Pentecost Sunday**- 31st May - we will hold live worship via Zoom.

The service will start at 6.00pm and will last for about 30mins. There will be readings, prayers, a short address and hymns.

If you would like to join in please email Simon on simonbaker57@outlook.com and you will be sent a direct link. You do not need to have Zoom downloaded on your PC or other device.

Services recorded in Church

Since the lockdown began all clergy have been instructed not to go into their church for private prayer or to record or stream worship. This has now changed so that a priest alone or with anyone domiciled with them can go into church. At present, this can only be one priest for each church. From now on some or all of the service we record will be done at St Michael's. It is good to have our church back in a small way at least. The service for 21st June will be recorded at St John's because it is their Patronal Festival.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Anthony Staples aged 6, Audrey Egleston

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Colin Eastwood, Yvonne Harper, Jeyan Anketell, Ian and Judith Watson, Alison Cox-Toplis, Julian & Wendy, Jamie, Gary and Denise, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, James Knight, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield,

Those who have died

Caroline Green, Joan Weilds

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Bible Study

Next week our Bible Study will be led by the Bishop of Lichfield, The Rt Rev Michael Iprgrave. This will take place on **Thursday 28th May at 11.00am**. The Bishop will lead us in looking at the Pentecost reading from Acts 2.1-21.

There are full instructions as to how to join in on our notice sheet and the Bible text and questions can be found on our website. <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/easter-season.html>

If you would like to join in please contact Rev Chris Baker on c.j.baker@bham.ac.uk

Prayer Resources

We have produced a booklet of resources for prayer at home which contains a short act of worship that you can use. This can be found here along with other resources for prayer: <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-at-home.html>

You can text prayer requests to 07388 529020

The Royal School of Church Music are putting a *Hymn of the Day* on their website as well as a service with readings and hymns. There is a link on our website on our resources for prayer page.

Here is a link to the Diocese of Lichfield facebook page where videos of daily prayers from the cathedral will be posted <https://www.facebook.com/LichfieldCofE/>

Weekly Reflection

The Revd Mel Clark is writing a weekly reflection for people to read and think about. The reflections are available here. <https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/easter-season.html>