

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn
and inwardly digest them
that, through patience,
and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace
and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us
in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

¹⁴Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or

unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel Reading

John 5.36b-end

Jesus said to the Jews: ³⁶The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

³⁹You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that

comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

A prayer for us at this time:

Almighty God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for our benefice and the congregations of St Michael and St John.

Give us discernment to recognise the gifts and ministries you have given to us together with the grace to exercise them in harmony with one another and for the good of all.

May we have patience in awaiting the appointment and arrival of a new leader for our parish, and give support to those responsible for choosing that person.

Finally, may we trust you, the God of faithfulness and generosity, to guide us through this time of transition and change, so that we are ready to enter a new chapter in the life of our parish for the glory of your Name and the furtherance of your kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS
ST MICHAEL**

Baptism

Dylan Leatham & Henry Allen

Those newly in need of prayer

Alison Anketell, Chelsea Begley, Robert McAllester Jones, Arthur Palin,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Steve Baker, Mark Berry, Janet Broughall, Elizabeth Chapman, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Marcus Davies-Friend Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Phillip Goodwin, Robert Harris, David Kendrick, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, Doug Little, the Martel family, Marielouise Oliver, Viv Oliver, Norah Palin, Nick Rutter, Lyn Shiel, Anthony Staples aged 7, Alison Toplis, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Anne Whatson, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie.

Those who have died

Barbara Standley, Henry Chamberlain, Bill Hill (interment of ashes)

ST JOHN

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Moira and Allan Law, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**



**SERVICE SHEET
24th October
Last Sunday After Trinity**

ST MICHAEL

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

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Jeyan Anketell
Deacon: Trevor James
Preacher: Revd Ruth Bull

Hymns	Processional	667
	Gradual	671
	Offertory	812
	Communion	236
	Recessional	630

Intercessions

Let your word come forth
And give us light.

12:30am **Baptism**
Minister: Revd Ruth Bull

ST JOHN

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Linda Collins

Hymns	Processional	309
	Gradual	231
	Offertory	
	Recessional	217