

Contemporary Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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,
who showest to them that be in error
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into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
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that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
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one God, now and for ever.

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Old Testament Reading

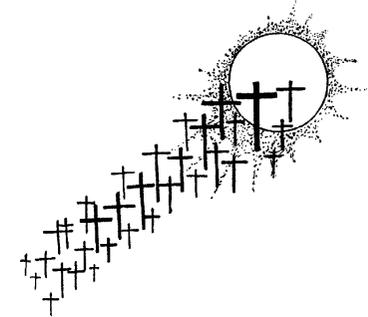
Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Gospel Reading

Mark 8.31-end

³¹Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'



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

Baptism

Millie Cressey, Isobel Pullin, Heather Pullin

Those newly in need of prayer

Mary Bailey, Rosemary Hunt, Alison Knight, Hazel Ruffle, David Shiel, Gloria Spencer, Alison Cox-Toplis

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Mary Hathersmith, Bill and Dot Hill, Mary Jones, Queenie Jones, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Renee Wellings

Those who have died

Ken Richmond, Sally Evans, Olive Smith, Beryl Alty

ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

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

Post Communion Contemporary

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Traditional

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

SERVICE DETAILS

25th February - 2nd Sunday of Lent

ST MICHAEL

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: Rev. Linda Collins

10:00am Holy Communion

President: The Venerable Simon Baker

Deacon: Lesley Allen

Hymns	Processional	593
	Gradual	595
	Offertory	748
	Communion	437
	Recessional	494

Intercessions:

You speak what is true:

And the truth can set us free.

6:00 pm Choral Evensong

Minister: Lesley Allen

Preacher: Phil Clayton

Hymns	765
	124
	644

ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion

Minister: Rev. Linda Collins

Hymns	Processional	46
	Gradual	56
	Offertory	66
	Recessional	235

11:30am BAPTISM

Minister: Rev. Linda Collins