

## Collect Contemporary

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works  
of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to  
us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns  
with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Old Testament Reading

### Jeremiah 33.14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

## Gospel Reading

### Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>25</sup>There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory.

<sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' <sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of



this life, <sup>35</sup>and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## **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**

***Those newly in need of prayer***

John Russon, David Rock, Alison Anketell

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

Steve Baker, Chelsea Begley, 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, Robert McAllester Jones, 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***

Arthur Palin, Tim Wellings

**ST JOHN**

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

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

***Those who have died***

Stan Robinson (interment of ashes)

**ST MICHAEL'S ONLY**

There is an opportunity for prayers for healing during the Sundays of Advent, but differently from before as there will be no direct touching. Please kneel or stand in prayer corner where indicated. A light and a prayer will be offered for you, or anyone you name.

**Post Communion Contemporary**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son  
our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**SERVICE DETAILS  
28<sup>th</sup> November  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**ST MICHAEL**

**8:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd. Jeyan Anketell

**10:00am**    **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd Ruth Bull  
**Deacon:**     Trevor James  
**Preachers:**  Revd Stephen Barton

**Hymns**            Processional            30  
                          Gradual                    42  
                          Offertory                38  
                          Communion             45  
                          Recessional             41

**Intercessions**

Lord, show us how to live:

**And give us the courage to go forward.**

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

**6:00pm**      **Advent Carols on ZOOM**  
**Minister:**    Revd Chris Baker

**ST JOHN**

**10:00am**    **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd. Christine Polhill

**Hymns**            Processional            358  
                          Gradual                    519  
                          Offertory                197  
                          Recessional             193