

### Contemporary Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to  
us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going  
before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen 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,  
who through thine only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ  
hast overcome death and opened unto  
us the gate of everlasting life:  
we humbly beseech thee that,  
as by thy grace preceding us  
thou dost put into our minds good  
desires,  
so by thy continual help  
we may bring the same to good effect;  
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 8.26 - end

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip,  
'Get up and go towards the south to  
the road that goes down from  
Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a

wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and  
went. Now there was an Ethiopian  
eunuch, a court official of the Candace,  
queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of  
her entire treasury. He had come to  
Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was  
returning home; seated in his chariot,  
he was reading the prophet Isaiah.  
<sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go  
over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup>So  
Philip ran up to it and heard him  
reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked,  
'Do you understand what you are  
reading?' <sup>31</sup>He replied, 'How can I,  
unless someone guides me?' And he  
invited Philip to get in and sit beside  
him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the  
scripture that he was reading was this:  
'Like a sheep he was led to the  
slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its  
shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied  
him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from  
the earth.'  
<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, 'About  
whom, may I ask you, does the  
prophet say this, about himself or  
about someone else?' <sup>35</sup>Then Philip  
began to speak, and starting with this  
scripture, he proclaimed to him the  
good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were  
going along the road, they came to  
some water; and the eunuch said,  
'Look, here is water! What is to  
prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup>He  
commanded the chariot to stop, and

both of them, Philip and the eunuch,  
went down into the water, and Philip  
baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up  
out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord  
snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw  
him no more, and went on his way  
rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at  
Azotus, and as he was passing through  
the region, he proclaimed the good  
news to all the towns until he came to  
Caesarea.

### Gospel Reading John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>1</sup>I am the  
true vine, and my Father is the vine-  
grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes  
every branch in me that  
bears no fruit. Every  
branch that bears fruit he  
prunes to make it bear  
more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have  
already been cleansed by  
the word that I have  
spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in  
me as I abide in you. Just as the  
branch cannot bear fruit by itself  
unless it abides in the vine, neither can  
you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the  
vine, you are the branches. Those who  
abide in me and I in them bear much  
fruit, because apart from me you can  
do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide  
in me is thrown away like a branch and  
withers; such branches are gathered,  
thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If  
you abide in me, and my words abide  
in you, ask for whatever you wish, and  
it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is  
glorified by this, that you bear much  
fruit and become my disciples.'



## 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 newly in need of prayer***

Mary Bailey, Sadie Hannon, Rev'd Michael Jefferson, Alison Knight, Hazel Ruffle, Nick Rutter, Gloria Spencer, Alison Cox-Toplis, Brian Vaughan, John Wragg

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

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

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

Dennis Sutton, Ann Keay, Margaret 'Peggy' Marshall (interment of ashes)

### ST JOHN

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

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

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

Rosemary Watson

### Post Communion Contemporary

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Traditional

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life:  
grant us grace to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

**Amen**

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

## SERVICE DETAILS

29th April – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## ST MICHAEL

**8.00 am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd. Linda Collins

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**10:00am**    **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd. Linda Collins  
**Deacon:**     Lesley Allen  
**Preacher:**    Revd. Ruth Bull

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	212
	Gradual	194
	Offertory	348
	Communion	432
	Recessional	453

**Intercessions:**  
Your Kingdom, let it come!  
**Your will, let it be done!**

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## ST JOHN

**10:00am**    **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    The Venerable Simon Baker

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	355
	Gradual	172
	Offertory	387
	Recessional	309