

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear  
witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the  
world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of  
your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to  
you;  
through him who was lifted up on the  
cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **New Testament Reading** **James 1.17-end**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with  
every perfect gift, is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no variation or  
shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfilment  
of his own purpose he gave us birth by  
the word of truth, so that we would  
become a kind of first fruits of his  
creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my  
beloved: let everyone be quick to  
listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;  
<sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce  
God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid  
yourselves of all sordidness and rank  
growth of wickedness, and welcome  
with meekness the implanted word  
that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not  
merely hearers who deceive  
themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of  
the word and not doers, they are like  
those who look at themselves in a  
mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves  
and, on going away, immediately  
forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those  
who look into the perfect law, the law  
of liberty, and persevere, being not  
hearers who forget but doers who  
act – they will be blessed in their  
doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do  
not bridle their tongues but deceive  
their hearts, their religion is worthless.  
<sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled  
before God, the Father, is this: to care  
for orphans and widows in their  
distress, and to keep oneself unstained  
by the world.

### **Psalms 15**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**<sup>2</sup> Those who walk blamelessly, and  
do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their  
heart;**

<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their  
neighbours;

**<sup>4</sup> in whose eyes the wicked are  
despised,**

**but who honour those who fear  
the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to  
their hurt;**

<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the  
innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never  
be moved.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23**

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees and some of the  
scribes who had come from Jerusalem  
gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed  
that some of his disciples were eating  
with defiled hands, that is, without  
washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and  
all the Jews, do not eat unless they  
thoroughly wash their hands, thus  
observing the tradition of the elders;  
<sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the  
market unless they wash it; and there  
are also many other traditions that  
they observe, the washing of cups,  
pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the  
Pharisees and the scribes asked him,  
'Why do your disciples not live  
according to the tradition of the elders,  
but eat with defiled hands?' <sup>6</sup>He said to  
them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about  
you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as  
doctrines."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true  
manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through  
our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS ST MICHAEL**

### ***Baptism***

Lucy Miller, Emily Knight

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

Arthur Palin, Janet Broughall, Lyn Shiel, Viv Oliver, Marcus Davies-Friend

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

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

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

Graham Stevens

## **ST JOHN**

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

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

# **SERVICE SHEET 29<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 13**

## **ST MICHAEL**

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

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**10:00am Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd Chris Baker  
**Deacon:** Lesley Allen

**Hymns** Processional 99  
Gradual  
Offertory  
Communion  
Recessional 766

**Intercessions**  
Holy God, we believe  
**Help our unbelief.**

**12.30am Baptism**  
**Minister** Revd Ruth Bull

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## **ST JOHN**

**10:00am Holy Communion**  
**President:** Revd Ruth Bull

**Hymns** Processional 242  
Gradual  
Offertory  
Recessional 334