

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**

¹⁷Every 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. ¹⁸In 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.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore 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.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But 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.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion 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

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

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

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

⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

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

⁵ 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

¹When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and 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.) ⁵So 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?' ⁶He 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;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as
doctrines."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All 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 29th August Trinity 13

ST MICHAEL

8:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Jeyan Anketell

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

ST JOHN

10:00am Holy Communion
President: Revd Ruth Bull

Hymns Processional 242
Gradual
Offertory
Recessional 334