

Collect Contemporary

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New Testament Reading

Hebrews 2.10-end

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom
and through whom all things exist, in
bringing many children to glory, should
make the pioneer of their salvation
perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the
one who sanctifies and those who are
sanctified all have one Father. For this
reason Jesus is not ashamed to call
them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,
'I will proclaim your name to my
brothers and sisters,

in the midst of the congregation I
will praise you.'

¹³ And again,

'I will put my trust in him.'

And again,

'Here am I and the children whom God
has given me.'

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share
flesh and blood, he himself likewise
shared the same things, so that
through death he might destroy the
one who has the power of death, that
is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all
their lives were held in slavery by the
fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he
did not come to help angels, but the
descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore
he had to become like his brothers and
sisters in every respect, so that he
might be a merciful and faithful high
priest in the service of God, to make a
sacrifice of atonement for the sins of
the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was
tested by what he suffered, he is able
to help those who are being tested.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2.13-end

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of
the Lord appeared to Joseph in a
dream and said, 'Get up, take the child
and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and
remain there until I tell you; for Herod
is about to search for the child, to
destroy him.' ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up,
took the child
and his mother
by night, and
went to
Egypt, ¹⁵ and
remained
there until the
death of
Herod. This
was to fulfil
what had been

spoken by the Lord through the
prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called
my son.'¹⁶ When Herod saw that he
had been tricked by the wise men, he
was infuriated, and he sent and killed
all the children in and around
Bethlehem who were two years old or
under, according to the time that he
had learned from the wise
men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had
been spoken through the prophet
Jeremiah:

¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled,
because they are no more.'



¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

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
Those newly in need of prayer
 Paul Clarke, Sheila Vaughan, Felicity Woodfield

Those in continuing special need of prayer:
 Jamie, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Dorothy Clayton, Dottie Collins, Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, Queenie Jones, James Knight, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Renee Wellings

Those who have died
 Vincent Pickering

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ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:
 Margaret Russell, Christine Gilbert, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Post Communion Contemporary
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 whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
 help your Church to live as one family,
 united in love and obedience,
 and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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The United Benefice of St Michael on Greenhill, Lichfield with St John, Wall

SERVICE DETAILS
29th December
1st Sunday of Christmas

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8:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Preb Simon Baker

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Deacon: Alan Toplis

Hymns	Processional	89
	Gradual	88
	Offertory	59
	Communion	84
	Recessional	58

Intercessions
 Thank you, Lord God:
For coming to save us.