

Collect Contemporary

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who wonderfully created us in your
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and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our
humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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who liveth and reigneth with thee,
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New Testament Reading.

Colossians 3.12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading.

Luke 2.41-end

⁴¹Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.



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

Baby Jack, Alison Cox-Toplis, Pam Towle

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Jamie, Jenny, Mary Bailey, Dorothy Clayton, Margaret Fellows, Sadie Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill and Dot Hill, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Peter Salt, John Tipper, Renee Wellings

Those who have died

Years Mind

Alan Mountford

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ST JOHN

Those who are ill and their carers:

Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

Those who have died

Post Communion Contemporary

Heavenly Father,
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.
Amen

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whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
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grant to thy Church grace to live as
one family,
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Amen

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

SERVICE DETAILS

30th December

1st Sunday of Christmas

ST MICHAEL

8:00am

Holy Communion

President:

The Venerable Simon Baker

10:00am

Holy Communion

President:

The Venerable Simon Baker

Deacon:

Alan Toplis

Preacher:

Lesley Allen

Hymns

Processional

78

Gradual

58

Offertory

65

Communion

60

Recessional

72

Intercessions

Incarnate God:

We love you and we need you.

ST JOHN

10:00am

Holy Communion

President:

Revd. Chris Baker

Preacher:

Trevor James

Hymns

Processional

554

Gradual

395

Offertory

253

Recessional

283