

### Collect Contemporary

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of  
Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole  
human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your  
presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Old Testament Reading

#### 1 Samuel 1.20-end

<sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'<sup>23</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.'  
She left him there for the LORD.

### Gospel Reading

#### Luke 2.33-35

<sup>33</sup>The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'



## 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 who will soon be Baptised***

James Gillett, William, George and Bonnie Camacho

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

Mark Berry, Dottie Collins, Sam Bassett

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

Jamie, Jenny, Dorothy Clayton, Alison Cox-Toplis, Margaret Fellows, Sadie Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill and Dot Hill, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Peter Salt, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings

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

## Post Communion Contemporary

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

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

## SERVICE DETAILS

**31<sup>st</sup> March**

## Mothering Sunday

### ST MICHAEL

**8:00am**

**Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Stephen Barton

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**10:00am**

**Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd. Ruth Bull

**Deacon:** Phil Clayton

**Preacher:** Revd Stephen Barton

**Hymns**

Processional	704
Gradual	136
Offertory	138
Communion	449
Recessional	137

### Intercessions

God our parent:

**Supply our needs.**