

### **Collect Contemporary**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and  
wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before  
us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Collect Traditional**

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy  
power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and  
wickedness  
we are sore let and hindered  
in running the race that is set before  
us,  
thy bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through the satisfaction of thy Son our  
Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Old Testament Reading**

#### **Malachi 3.1-4**

Thus says the Lord God: <sup>1</sup>See, I am  
sending my messenger to prepare the  
way before me, and the Lord whom  
you seek will suddenly come to his  
temple. The messenger of the  
covenant in whom you delight –  
indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of  
hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of  
his coming, and who can stand when  
he appears? For he is like a refiner's  
fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as  
a refiner and purifier of silver, and he  
will purify the descendants of Levi and  
refine them like gold and silver, until  
they present offerings to the LORD in  
righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of  
Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing  
to the LORD as in the days of old and  
as in former years.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 3.1-6**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of  
Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate  
was governor of Judea, and Herod was  
ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip  
ruler of the region of Itureaea and  
Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of  
Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of  
Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God  
came to John son of Zechariah in the  
wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region  
around the Jordan, proclaiming a  
baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in  
the book of the words of the prophet  
Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out  
in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill  
shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made  
straight,  
and the rough ways made  
smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God."



## 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

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

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

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

### ST JOHN

#### ***Those who are ill and their carers:***

Nancy Hood, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

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

Tammy Leighton, John Linney

## Post Communion Contemporary

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:

give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Post Communion Traditional

Heavenly Father,  
who didst send thy Son to redeem the world  
and wilt send him again to be our judge:

give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that when he shall come again,  
we may be found ready to greet him  
with joyful love and steadfast faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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

## SERVICE DETAILS

9<sup>th</sup> December

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### ST MICHAEL

**8:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd. Linda Collins

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**10:00am**      **Family Praise**  
**President:**    Revd. Linda Collins  
**Deacon:**      Phil Clayton

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**6:00pm**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd. Christine Polhill  
**Preacher:**    Lesley Allen

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	46
	Gradual	319
	Offertory	721
	Recessional	748

#### **Intercessions**

Holy God:

**We want to know you better.**

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### ST JOHN

**10:00am**      **Holy Communion**  
**President:**    Revd Stephen Barton

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	401
	Gradual	78
	Offertory	321
	Recessional	372