

Collect Contemporary

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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**

Collect Traditional

O almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of the sinful: grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest and desire that which thou dost promise, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 2.1-12 [13-end]

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in

much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen,
nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared
for those who love him'

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually.

¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5.13-20

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: ¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.



¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the

bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth

pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.
¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

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
 Julian & Wendy, Gary, Raquel Ebbutt,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:
 Jamie, Gary and Denise Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Paul Clarke, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Hannon, Robert Harris, Bill Hill, James Knight, Graham Lewenden-Smith, Marielouise Oliver, Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield

Those who have died
 Stuart Butler

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST JOHN

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

Those who have died
 Margaret Russell

Post Communion Contemporary
 Merciful Father,
 who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
 that those who come to him should never hunger:
 draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
 that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
 where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Traditional
 Merciful Father,
 who didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
 to be for us the bread of life,
 that those who come to him should never hunger:
 draw us to him in faith and love,
 that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
 where he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.
Amen

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

SERVICE DETAILS
9th February
3rd Sunday before Lent

ST MICHAEL

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

10:00am **Family Praise**
Ministers: Revd Christine Polhill
 Phil Clayton

6:00pm **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Preb Simon Baker

Hymns	Processional	810
	Gradual	604
	Offertory	696
	Recessional	475

Intercessions
 Show us the way of life:
And help us to walk in it.

12:30pm **Baptism**
Minister: Revd Ruth Bull

ST JOHN

10:00am **Holy Communion**
President: Revd Chris Baker

Hymns	Processional	514
	Gradual	73
	Offertory	282
	Recessional	142