

### 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]

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

much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet 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. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, 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'

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For 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. <sup>12</sup>Now 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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.

<sup>14</sup>Those 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.

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

<sup>16</sup>For 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: <sup>13</sup>You 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.



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

<sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the

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

<sup>16</sup>In 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.

<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. <sup>18</sup>For 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.  
<sup>19</sup>Therefore, 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. <sup>20</sup>For 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**  
**9<sup>th</sup> February**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

<b>Hymns</b>	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

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

<b>Hymns</b>	Processional	514
	Gradual	73
	Offertory	282
	Recessional	142