

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray :

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

SONG O let the Son of God enfold you

*Children return
Family News and Notices*

SONG Great is the darkness... Come Lord Jesus!

The offertory is brought forward.

PRAYER

**Lord, give to us and to all your people
in times of anxiety, serenity;
in times of hardship, courage;
in times of uncertainty, patience;
and at all times,
a quiet trust in your faithful love.
Amen**

BLESSING



St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am Service - Sunday 18th October 2026

WELCOME

Verses from Psalm 147 :

**Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
How pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

**He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.**

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
His understanding has no limit.**

**Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
Make music to our God.**

HYMN Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord!

PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, we thank you
for calling us into the world-wide
family of the Church
and for making us your children.
Help us to show our love and thanks to you
by our care and concern for one another.
So may we together reveal your love and life
to the world around us. Amen**

Who's who?!

The children leave for their groups.

O.T. READING Isaiah 55 : 1 - 13

at the end This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come to you in sorrow,
aware of our shortcomings and weaknesses.
Thank you for the promises of mercy in your word.

Lord forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

When we are self-satisfied, you expose our failures :
Lord, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

When we are self-opinionated, you challenge our pride :
Lord, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

When we are self-indulgent, you condemn our greed :
Lord, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

When we are self-righteous, you reveal our lack of humility :
Lord, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Peter wrote echoing words of Isaiah :
“Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might die to sins and live for righteousness”

**Heavenly Father,
grant us a new vision of your holiness.
Help us to receive your forgiveness,
and strengthen us to serve you well;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

SONG **Be still for the presence of the Lord**

N.T. READING Acts 16 : 6 – 12

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN **When peace like a river attendeth my way**

CREED

We say together words from Philippians ch.2 :

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Collect for St Luke's Day :

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power 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