

Our 10.15am Service today

Welcome

Introduction to the theme

Action Song

Children and young people activities

Confession

Absolution

Collect for Baptism

Hymn Blessed Assurance

Readings

Sermon

Hymn Jesus Christ I think upon your sacrifice

Baptism

Affirmation of Faith

Hymn Yet not I but through Christ in me

Prayer over the Water

Prayers of Intercessions

Hymn Lord of the Years

Welcome into the church

Giving the lighted Candle

Blessing

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

Luke 12: 32-40

Online Services:

www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth or YouTube by searching for St Michael's Church Highworth

Sermon Summary con'd

His book contains some of the most famous passages of prophecy, especially the ones foretelling the coming of Messiah, e.g. chapter 9:1-7, ch.11, ch.42:1-9, ch.53.

In today's reading from Isaiah 1, verses 16-20 contain the nub of the prophetic message: 'Stop doing wrong, learn to do right. Seek justice, encourage the oppressed, defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

The prophets were called by the Lord (Isaiah chapter 6), though they were often reluctant to obey. They used vivid images and poetic language, visions and parables. They are unique in world history; the most astonishing phenomenon in the entire history of Israel.

What do they say to us today?

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Sunday 7th August 2022

What do you think about the state of the world? That's a sure way to start an argument! Opinions differ so widely. Our views are mainly formed by our upbringing and the media. But in the ancient world, the world of the Bible, long before printing and mass communication, the spoken word was champion.

The Old Testament prophets delivered powerful spoken messages from the Lord to Israel and Judah and the surrounding nations, which were then written down for posterity. They were mainly messages of judgement on idolatry, injustice and oppression, with shafts of light and hope of salvation breaking through as well.

Isaiah was the prince of the prophets. His name means 'The Lord saves'. He lived in Jerusalem and was active between about 740 and 690 BC. Chapters 1-39 of the book of Isaiah are usually assigned to this period, when Assyria was the great threat; while chapters 40-66 are often considered to belong to the return from the Exile 200 years later.

John Martin

This week and upcoming

Sunday 7th August:

8.45am Holy Communion Service (BCP)

10.15am Morning Worship

Monday 8th August:

8pm Prayer Hour in the Church Room

Tuesday 9th August:

9.30am Tuesday Prayers

Wednesday 10th August:

2-5pm Prospect Pop-In at 4 Oak Drive

Thursday 11th August:

5-6.30pm Thursday Kitchen

7.30pm Bellingring

Friday 12th August:

9.15am Friday Blessings

Saturday 13th August:

10am-12pm Coffee Morning in Church Room

Sunday 14th August:

10.15am Holy Communion Service

Monday 15th August:

7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting

in Church Room

Wednesday 17th August:

11am Midweek Church

Coffee and cake served from

10.15am prior to Service

Sunday Services are held in church
and streamed live.

1st, 3rd, 5th - Morning Worship

2nd, 4th - Holy Communion

Prayers

The post communion prayer set for today is one
we could use every day :

*Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have
taken holy things;*

*may the ears which have heard your word be
deaf to clamour and dispute;*

*may the tongues which have sung your praise be
free from deceit;*

*may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your
love shine with the light of hope;*

*and may the bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the fullness of your*

life;

glory to you for ever. Amen

Pray for the worldwide **Anglican**

Communion following the Lambeth Conference
- for harmony and honesty even where there are
differences.

... for **local churches** working together in
Highworth, and for the process of appointing
our **new Vicar**.

Pray for **all who suffer** in body, mind or spirit.

... remember those who live in Oak Drive &
Orange Close.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

**The Church is open daily for
individual private prayer.**

News and Events

Full Immersion Baptisms:

On 18th September we will be holding full
immersion baptisms for anyone wishing to be
Baptised. Please contact the office or Emily if you
wish to be Baptised.

Thursday Kitchen at St Michael's:

We have extended the time for serving to
5-6.30pm for the duration of August.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the
sessions please just turn up on the day, any time
from 3.30pm.

Many people have asked about helping with food
donations, please do contact the office and we
will be able to provide further details on what we
need now we have an idea of how it will work and
menus planned.

Email office@stmichaelshighworth.co.uk or
telephone 01793 762702.

Highworth Poppy Project:

We have just begun to collect the poppies that
various groups and individuals are making for us
to display in the church in November. There is a
collection box in church and another in
Highworth Information Centre and we have
already collected over 600 poppies in 2 weeks
which is wonderful. Please do continue to make
poppies, we will be collecting until October.
Thank you all. St Michael's Flower Guild. Please
call Anne on 762753 for any further information.

Diocesan Environmental Adviser Job:

For further details of this maternity cover role
please follow the link:

[https://www.bristol.anglican.org/aboutus/
vacancies-xdb/diocesan-and-support-services-
staff-vacancies/environmental-adviser--1-year-
maternity-cover.php](https://www.bristol.anglican.org/aboutus/vacancies-xdb/diocesan-and-support-services-staff-vacancies/environmental-adviser--1-year-maternity-cover.php)