

Our 10.15am Service today

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn All my days - Beautiful Saviour

Church Family News

Why Water?

Confession

Absolution

The children and youth leave for their groups

Hymn How deep the Father's love

Reading, Gospel Reading

Sermon

Affirmation of faith

Intercessions

Hymn You alone can rescue

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Post Communion

Hymn Men of faith rise up and sing

Blessing

Today's Reading:

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Online Services:

www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth or
www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk

Online Prayer Hour:

Email zoomstmichaels@gmail.com for an invite

Sermon Summary con'd

God's One and Only Son has come to earth as a human being, as human as you and me. This particular human being is going to pay the price to bring us forgiveness for all that is wrong in our lives. He will do this by giving up His life. And then He is going to rise from death as Saviour and the Way to eternal life.

Pull the other one, it's got bells on!!

And it happened.

He did it for each of us. None are beyond His forgiveness.

All things are possible with God. Praise Him!
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This week and upcoming

Sunday 9th January:

10.15am Holy Communion Service

3pm The 3 Family Service

Monday 10th January:

10am - 11.30am Toddler Group

8pm Online Prayer Hour

Tuesday 11th January:

9.30am Morning Prayers

7-8.30pm Youth Groups

Friday 14th January:

9.15am Friday Blessings

Saturday 15th January:

10am - 12pm Coffee morning in the Church Room

Sunday 16th January:

10.15am Morning Worship Service



Sunday 9th January 2022

Sermon Summary

Nothing is impossible for God

I do not know the Ancient Hebrew for 'Pull the other one, it's got bells on!' but the Hebrews to whom Isaiah chapter 43 verses 1-7 was addressed could be forgiven for wanting to say just that. Isaiah promised the Exiles in Babylon a return to Israel and protection on the way. With the situation as it was, this was simply impossible! Someone is pulling their leg.

And then it happened.

Come forward just under 600 years, to a scene by the River Jordan. Here are John the Baptist and his followers baptizing people in the wild country outside Jerusalem. A man comes forward, and as He is baptized there is a voice from Heaven and a dove flies down to Him. What is going on? What on earth is going on?

Charles Kirke

Open for Prayer

The Church is open daily for individual private prayer.

Following government guidelines face masks must be worn in Church, unless exempt.

Hand sanitizer is provided in the South porch for use when entering and exiting Church.

Services Update

The 10.15am service will continue to be live streamed and if you are able to take a lateral flow test prior to the service it would be appreciated.

Social distancing will be implemented where possible.

Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 9am Friday

Prayers

Today we remember the baptism of Jesus - and our own:

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus

revealed him to be your Son,

anointing him with the Holy Spirit :

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,

that we may be faithful to our calling as your

adopted children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

Give thanks for our baptism and godparents, pray for our godchildren;

... and families of children recently baptised in St Michael's.

Pray for The 3 Family Service and for the Toddler group;

... the youth groups starting again this week;

... and the new school term, for health and well-being of all.

Remember those who are unwell, unhappy, or who feel unloved.

Give thanks for our town, for local businesses; pray for all who live in Barra Close and Beech Grove.

Lord, in your mercy : Hear our prayer. Amen.

Prayer Chain

To commit to join the prayer chain or if you have something for which you would like specific or urgent prayer, please email smprayerchain@yahoo.com All requests are confidential and only shared with those on the prayer chain. Prayer updates are welcomed.

News and Events

Monday Prayer Hour:

The next online prayer hour is on Monday 10th January, 8-9pm, on Zoom.

Please email zoomstmichaels@gmail.com if you would like an invite. **Geoff Sowden**

Vision and budget for 2022:

Reminder please for all response forms to be returned to the church office this week. We plan to give thanks for all our giving in next week's service and the PCC will then review the 2022 plan in the light of our response on Monday 17th January.

Leaving Collection for Revd Geoff Sowden:

If you would like to contribute:

Cash or cheque – to Phil Sapwell, Pam Linfield, Ann Crowley or church wall safe. In an envelope marked Gift for Geoff.

Bank transfer – St Michaels Church PCC, Highworth, sort code 30.13.35, account no. 01527399 reference Gift for Geoff.

Card machine – Sunday 9th, 16th or 23rd (note we pay a fee for each transaction).

Contributions can also be made via the Church Office but please telephone to check if anyone is there on 01793 762702. Please do not put them in the Church Office post box.

As Geoff's last service with us will be 10.15am Sunday 30th January 2022. Please let us have your contribution by Wednesday 26th January 2022 at the latest.

Thank you.