

## Our 10.15am Sunday Service

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Song** 1000 Hallelujahs

Introduction to the theme

**Song** Who breaks the power

Children and young people leave for their groups

Confession

Absolution

Affirmation of Faith

**Song** Living hope

Reading Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Gospel Reading Luke 19: 28-40

Talk

What has God been doing?

**Song** What a beautiful name

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Children and young people return from their groups

The Peace of Christ

Eucharistic Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Church Family News

**Song** I cast my mind to Calvary (O Praise the Name)

Northumbria Community Blessing

### Online Services:

Follow on YouTube by searching for St Michael's Church Highworth

## This week and upcoming

### Sunday 13th April

10.15am Holy Communion

1.30pm Baptism in Church

### Monday 14th April

NO Toddler Group (half term)

7.30pm Prayer Hour in Church Room

### Tuesday 15th April

9am Morning Prayers

NO Youth Group (half term)

6.30pm Regency Dancing in Church Room

### Wednesday 16th April

11am Midweek Church

Coffee and cake served from 10.15am

prior to the Service

12-2pm Lent Lunches in Church

### Thursday 17th April

7pm Maundy Thursday Service in Church

NO Bellingring Practice

7pm Bellringers AGM in Church Room

### Friday 18th April

9.15am Friday Blessings in Church

12pm Good Friday Reflection

**at the Methodist Church**

### Saturday 19th April

NO Coffee Morning in the Church Room

### Sunday 20th April

8.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Easter Day Holy Communion

### Tuesday 29th April

Meet Eat Greet has moved to the last Tuesday for this month only

10.30am Meet Greet Eat

**Please let the office know if you will be attending**



**Sunday 13th  
April 2025**

**P**alm Sunday is a difficult Sunday to preach. Sermons regularly crack under the dissonance of a text that rings with celebratory “Hosannas,” even as it heads toward the horrors of state-sponsored execution. It doesn’t help matters that, for many congregations, watching children wave palms in a bewildered pre-Easter procession is the whole point.

The preacher’s job is to illumine something more, especially when preaching from Luke’s gospel - because in Luke 19, there are no children or palms. In Luke 19, there are not even “Hosannas.”

But as Psalm 118 puts it “The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone” contrasting the Royal pageant of Palm Sunday and the peoples swift rejection with God’s constant love and grace.

*Phil Goodey*

## Join us for Prayer

### **Tuesday Prayers:**

Prayers are held in church every Tuesday morning from 9am. We come together to pray for the week ahead.

### **Friday Blessings:**

Blessings are held in church every Friday morning from 9.15-9.45am. It is a time for everyone to come together to bless the Town.

### **Prayer Hour:**

The next prayer hour is on Monday 28th April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Please do consider joining us.

It is vital that we join together to pray for our church, our community and the wider world.

### **Eco Eden - thank you**

A big thank you to the mystery gardener who has been tidying up the paving around the bug house. A great job and much appreciated.

## Get in touch

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## Prayers for Palm Sunday

### **Palm Sunday Collect**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him  
who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

As we near the end of our journey through Lent,  
we **P.R.A.Y** together

We **Pause** to reflect...

... Jesus the King on a donkey

... on those who serve us unseen:

dustmen, street cleaners, shop assistants

... the people we share our life with.

We **Rejoice** with...

... all who worship together today

... Those who are reunited with loved ones

... Those recovering from illness

We **Ask** God for..

... people to serve on the PCC this year

... for a resolution of the conflicts across the globe

... for a calming of the economies of the world

We **Yield** ourselves to God...

**Father** help me to live this day to the full

Being true to you in every way

**Jesus** help me to give myself away to others

Being kind to everyone I meet

**Spirit** help me to love the lost

Proclaiming Christ in all I do and say **Amen**

## News and Events

### **CAP Job Club**

The start of CAP Job club has now been delayed until further notice.

### **Christian Aid 70 Kaying!**

Christian Aid are encouraging support for their 70K Challenge again this year.

Get sponsored for activities such as 70km cycling, running, walking. 70 lengths of the pool, 70 hours of praying, or bible reading. 70 hours in the garden or even a neighbours garden.

There are sponsorship forms at the back of the church. I hope you can support and enjoy this one. Patricia Croton.

### **Lent Lunches - Christian Aid**

16th April is the last in our series of Lent Lunches, we will be raising funds for Christian Aid Week Appeal, which this year is focusing on Guatemala projects.

We have need for one more soup and some help on the day with setting up, serving and clearing away. The Lent Lunches have all been well supported to date and we hope this last one will be as well. Peter and Patricia Croton.

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### **May Day Refreshments**

The May Day celebrations are on Saturday 3rd May and we hope to provide refreshments throughout the day. Pop the date in your diary and your name on the sign up sheets by the main door.

### **APCM**

The APCM will be held in church on Sunday 11th May after the 10.15am service so get the date in the diary.