

## Our 10.15am Service today

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Song** Creator God

Introduction to the theme

Church Family News

The children and youth leave for their groups

**Song** Everyone needs compassion

Reading

Sermon

**Song** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Confession

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Creed

**Song** Waymaker

The children and youth return from their groups

**Song** And can it be

Offertory and Closing Prayer

Blessing

**Today's Reading:**

1 Kings 19: 1-18

### Online Services:

[www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth](http://www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth) or YouTube by searching for St Michael's Church Highworth

### Online Prayer Hour:

Email [zoomstmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:zoomstmichaels@gmail.com) for an invite

## Sermon Summary con'd

He sent an angel to give him food and water and instructions to go yet further south, to Mount Horeb in Sinai, the very mountain on which Moses had received the Ten Commandments. There, as in today's Old Testament reading, God appeared to him and told him that he still had work to do, that all was not lost, that there were people in Israel who had never worshipped Baal and that He had plans for Israel of which Elijah was a part. So Elijah realized that he had not reached the end.

What lesson can we draw from this? Elijah had discovered that God was bigger than he thought, much bigger. Have you found that out yet?

## This week and upcoming

### Sunday 19th June:

10.15am Morning Worship Service

### Monday 20th June:

10-11.30am Toddler Group

7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting

### Tuesday 21st June:

9.30am Tuesday Prayers

5pm Youth Groups

### Thursday 23rd June:

6pm Wedding Rehearsal

7.30pm Bellringing

### Friday 24th June:

9.15am Friday Blessings

2pm Wedding

### Saturday 25th June:

10am-12pm Coffee Morning in the Church Room

### Sunday 26th June:

10.15am Holy Communion Service

2pm Event in Church



## Sunday 19th June 2022

**P**oor Elijah! He had just played a leading part in God's amazing victory over the false worship that was being carried on in Israel (the northern kingdom of the Hebrews). Ahab, King of Israel, had fallen under the spell of Jezebel his heathen wife and promoted the worship of Baal, the Canaanite god of fertility and rain, and Asherah the Canaanite mother goddess. At the same time, there was a long term drought that had left the land parched and dry. Under God's inspiration Elijah had set up a contest between the prophets of Baal and Asherah and himself, the one remaining prophet of the One True God. And he had won! In spectacular circumstances too. God sent fire down from heaven and a terrific amount of rain, showing that Baal and Asherah did not exist and that He did. Read about it in 1 Kings Chapter 18 and prepare to be excited!

But what happened then? Jezebel sent a threat to Elijah and it so scared him that he ran away. Believing that he had reached the end, he fled to the very south of Judah, the southern kingdom, and prepared to die. But God didn't let him die.

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**Charles Kirke**  
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## Open for Prayer

The Church is open daily for individual private prayer.

**In-line with latest guidance masks are no longer mandatory in church, for the time being we would encourage you to continue to wear one to protect those in our community who are vulnerable.**

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

### **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](mailto:smprayerchain@yahoo.com) All requests are confidential and only shared with those on the prayer chain. Prayer updates are welcomed.

## *Get in touch*

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

## Prayers

*Paul wrote: "I pray that according to the riches of God's glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit..." (Ephesians 3 : 16)*

Today's gospel concerns a man with serious mental illness, isolated from society; ... so we pray for all who suffer **mental health issues**, especially young people affected by the stress of Covid.

Give thanks for community psychiatric services and in-patients at nearby Sandalwood Court.

Pray for the residents and staff at Gloucester House.

Remember older people with **serious dementia**, cared for in Park View, Grove Hill and other care homes.

Pray for those we know weighed down by the **pain of bereavement**;  
... and others with debilitating illness.

Pray for the **well-being of our community**, local sports' and recreational clubs, and all support groups.

Remember those who live in Home Farm and Islay Crescent.

***"May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15 : 13)***

## News and Events

### **Prayer Chain update:**

The Prayer chain needs updating so it becomes compliant with GDPR regulations. Please email or ring the office ([office@stmichaelshighworth.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelshighworth.org.uk) 762702) to give your expressed permission to remain on the prayer chain email or telephone list or to be added if you aren't already on it. The prayer chain is a great resource to ensure people are praying for you or your loved ones in times of need. By signing up to the prayer chain you are agreeing to pray for people in strict confidentiality.

### **Boxes of Hope:**

We are going to be putting together Boxes of Hope again for the end of term. If you would like to donate £45 will give a family the food to make 5 healthy meals, ingredients to make something sweet, a game, some craft materials and some useful people to contact if they need help. You can give through your bank, the office or the card reader after church. Please help us to give some hope this summer.

### **BBQ:**

BBQ fellowship and fun on the 9th July. Come along to get to know your church family better, eat lovely food, play some games and to say a last farewell to Geoff and Muriel.

### **Tuesday Meet Greet Eat:**

Don't forget to book your lunch for Tuesday 28th June by contacting the office. 01793 762702 or [office@stmichaelshighworth.co.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelshighworth.co.uk)