

Our 10.15am Sunday Service

Welcome

Gathering Prayer

Song King of Kings (Hillsong)

Prayer of adoration

Introduction of the Theme “The Promises of God”

A Prayer of Confession

Absolution

Collect

Reading Luke 2: 22-40

We listen to Simeon’s Song by Tommy Walker

Affirmation of Faith

What is God Doing?

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Song Light of the world (Tim Hughes)

Sermon

Song Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

(Chris Tomlin)

Covenant Prayer

Song Christ be our Light (Bernadette Farrell)

Closing Prayer and Blessing

The Dismissal

After the service please join us for refreshments, and remember there are people willing to pray with you in confidence.

Online Services:

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

This week and upcoming.....

Sunday 2nd February

8.30am Holy Communion

Please note new earlier start time

10.15am Morning Worship

2pm Civic Service in Church

Monday 3rd February

10-11.30am Toddler Group in Church

Tuesday 4th February

9am Tuesday Prayers

6.30pm Regency Dancing in Church Room

7pm Youth Group

Thursday 6th February

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Friday 7th February

9.15am Friday Blessings

Saturday 8th February

10am-12pm Saturday Drop-In in Church

NO Uganda Sewing Group

Sunday 9th February

10.15am Holy Communion

1.30pm Baptism in Church

Monday 10th February

7.30pm Prayer Hour in Church Room

Wednesday 12th February

2-4pm Prospect Pop-In in Church Room

Thursday 13th February

12pm Church Kitchen Inspection

Monday 17th February

7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting
in Church Room

Wednesday 19th February

11am Midweek Church

Coffee and cake served from 10.15am
prior to the Service



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February 2025

Waiting is something that many of us are not very good at. This last week, we had the return of the dreaded 4-way traffic lights at the Fox Roundabout. As you walk pass the traffic queues, you can almost feel the frustration pouring out of the vehicles.

Today’s scriptures ponder on three groups of people who had long waits. **The Jews** had been promised that not only a Messiah was going to come, but there would be a messenger who would come before him to “prepare the way of the Lord”. It was around 450 years my from the time of the prophesy in Malachi to the arrival of John the Baptist.

In Luke, we read of the many years that **Simeon** had to wait for the arrival of the promised One – Jesus. He was able to carry out the vital act of blessing Jesus.

Shortly afterwards Simeon passed away but not before He was able to open people’s eyes to the fact that this Jesus was coming not just for the Jews, but all nations.

Anna, the prophetess had almost a walk on part in this story. She had waited daily in the Temple for around 60 years following the death of her husband. On seeing Jesus, she could not help tell people of the coming of “the Redemption of Israel.

In the end, the wait has been worthwhile! Are we patient about waiting? Are we ready to act when the waiting is over?

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 10th February 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.

Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

For Prayer

May **God inspire us** in our worship,
... filling our hearts with gratitude and joy!

May **God strengthen us** to serve others
... using our God-given gifts and resources!

May **God comfort all in trouble** or need...
.... with his compassion and peace.

May **God bless us** in our community:
... those who live in Bute Close
and Bydemill Gardens,
... and the Mayor's Civic Service today.

**May God give us light to guide us,
courage to support us,
And love to unite us,
now and evermore.
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.

News and Events

Early Holy Communion

The early Holy Communion service on the first and third Sunday has moved to the new start time of 8.30am.

Uganda Sewing Group

The next meeting will be on Saturday 8th March (not February) during the Saturday morning drop-in, 10am-12pm.

Coffee Morning Volunteers

To enable the Saturday coffee mornings to continue in the church room we need more volunteers on the first and third Saturday. If you are able to host on the odd Saturday please let Julie know.

Annual Kitchen Clean

We will be meeting in the kitchen from 11.45am this Monday, 3rd February to give the kitchen a good clean. If you can spare 30 minutes to come and help us please do.

Civic Service

Everyone is invited to the Mayor, Julie Murphy's service at St Michael's from 2pm, 2nd February.

Eco Tip

In the kitchen

Eat less meat, particularly red meat; producing 1kg of beef produces the equivalent CO₂ to you driving a 300mile round trip while leaving all your lights on at home.