

Our 10.15am Sunday Service

Welcome

Song O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder

All age engagement

Confession

The Collect

Reading James 3: 13—4: 3, 7-8a

Gospel Reading Mark 9: 30-37

Sermon

Prayer

Song From heaven you came helpless babe
(Servant King)

Affirmation of Faith

The Peace

Song Behold the Lamb - The Communion Hymn

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Church family news including Banns of Marriage

Song Great is Thy faithfulness

Closing Prayer

Blessing

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 22nd September

10.15am Holy Communion

1-5.30pm Flower Festival Public Viewing with refreshments throughout the afternoon

Monday 23rd September

Flower Festival Clear Down All Day

NO Toddler Group in Church

7.30pm Prayer Hour in the Church Room

Tuesday 24th September

9am Tuesday Prayers

10.30am Meet Eat Greet in Church

(Please book your lunch place through the office)

7pm Youth Group

Wednesday 25th September

7-9pm Highworth Historical Society in Church

Thursday 26th September

7.30pm Bellingring Practice

Friday 27th September

9.15am Friday Blessings

12.15pm Forget Me Not Choir in Church

Saturday 28th September

8.30am-3.30pm Big Highworth Craft Fair

Timings include set up and clear down

10am-12pm Coffee Morning in the Church Room

All donations in support of Christian Aid

Sunday 29th September

10.15am Morning Worship

1.30pm Baptism in Church

Monday 30th September

10-11.30am Toddler Group in Church

Monday 7th October

1pm Funeral of Wendy Pontin in Church

Tuesday 8th October

2.30pm Funeral of Jean Ashton in Church followed by wake



Sunday 22nd
September 2024

True Greatness

Jesus had made a special private time to be with His disciples. He was telling them about His coming death and resurrection through which He was going to save the world. He had previously shown His power through miracles, He had prepared the disciples through His teaching, and He had just demonstrated His glory through the Transfiguration. His timing was perfect.

But, even so the disciples missed the point. They had been arguing... about which of them was the 'greatest'.

Jesus then brought a small child into the group and told them that 'greatness' is defined in welcoming the weak and the powerless, in putting oneself last - not trying to be first.

What can we learn from this passage? I can think of four themes – can you think of more? Here are mine:

Don't be caught by worldly ambition
Find time to be quiet with Jesus, to enjoy His company, to listen
'Greatness' is not truly defined in earthly terms
'Greatness' is truly defined in serving others, in spite of what the world may think.

Who needs you now? Who needs me?

Charles Kinke

Join us for Prayer

Prayer Hour:

The next prayer hour is on Monday 23rd September 2024 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.

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.

Eco Tip

Keep it simple and manageable

Remember that small changes do add up. We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing what they can to live a less plastic life.

Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

For Prayer

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God" (Gerard Manley Hopkins)

The Flower Festival reminds us of the beauty of flowers, as well as the mellow colours of autumn.

So we give thanks for the beauty of creation!

- ... the variety of shapes and colours in nature;
- ... the seasons, the gift of sunshine, rain, blossom, crops and fruits;
- ... the drama of mountains, oceans, deserts and night skies;
- ... the freshness of the morning dew, the cool of the evening.

*"The heavens declare the glory of God,
the skies proclaim the work of his hands"*
(Psalm 19 : 1)

We pray that we will be good stewards of God's world...

- ... using resources carefully and for the good of all;
- ... always giving thanks to God our maker!

We bring to God all who need our prayers...

- ... those troubled in body, mind or spirit;
 - ... and especially those who grieve a loved one.
- We pray for those who live in Redlands Court and The Retreat.

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.

News and Events

Jean Ashton

Jean's Thanksgiving Service will be held in St Michael's Church on Tuesday 8th October at 2.30pm followed by the wake in Church. The service will also be live streamed.

Highworth Flower Festival 2024

St Michaels' Church, 20th -22nd September.

The Wonder of Words A literary journey of floral displays celebrating 60 years of Highworth Floral Art Society.

The last opportunity to view the wonderful displays is on Sunday from 1-5.30pm. Free admission with tea and coffee served throughout the afternoon.

Volunteer Expo

Following the success of last years Volunteer Expo, the next one is being held in St Michael's Church on Saturday 12th October with a service giving thanks for volunteers on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm.

We are looking for a team of volunteers to host a stall on behalf of St Michael's on the Saturday. If you are interested please speak with Phil Goodey.

New Appeal for Gaza

Nearly 2 million Palestinian people have been displaced from their homes and are facing hunger and disease. Christian Aid have launched a new appeal to provide medical relief, shelter and sanitation. If you would like to donate please visit caid.org.uk/gazacollection or give to the office or ourselves. Thank you. Tricia and Peter.