

## Our 10.15am Sunday Service

*Welcome*

*Opening Prayer*

**Song** Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

*Introduction to the theme*

*Children and youth leave for their groups*

**Song** O for a thousand tongues to sing

*Confession*

Reading Acts 9: 1-20

*Sermon*

**Song** And can it be

*Creed*

*Prayers*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Song** Mighty to save

*Children and youth return from their groups*

*Church Family News and Banns of Marriage*

*Where has God been working this week?*

**Song** Who you say I am

*Offertory*

*Closing Prayer*

*Blessing*

*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 4th May

NO 8.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Morning Worship

### Monday 5th May

NO Toddler Group (Bank Holiday)

7-10pm HCS Rehearsal in Church

### Tuesday 6th May

9am Morning Prayers

6.30pm Regency Dancing in Church Room

7pm Youth Group

### Thursday 8th May

6.30-8pm VE Day Bellringing

### Friday 9th May

9.15am Friday Blessings

10am-3pm Forget Me Not Activities in Church

### Saturday 10th May

10am-12pm Saturday Drop In in Church

1-10pm HCS Concert in Church

### Sunday 11th May

10.15am Holy Communion

*followed by APCM*

### Monday 12th May

10-11.30am Toddler Group

7.30pm Prayer Hour in Church Room

### Wednesday 14th May

11am Midweek Church

*Coffee and cake served from 10.15am*

*prior to the Service*

2-4pm Prospect Pop-In in Church Room

### Friday 16th May

2-4pm Forget Me Not Café Set Up in Church

### Saturday 17th May

1-5.30pm Forget Me Not Café Event in Church



**Sunday 4th  
May 2025**

## Flash Bang Wallop!

**S**aul, full of righteous indignation, is out to finish off the Christian church – to stop it spreading beyond the small area it currently occupies– or ‘pollutes’ in Saul’s understanding. Those wretched Christians are interfering with the way things are done in proper, Temple-based worship and tradition. He must stop them quickly and he has the contacts and means to do so. Even now he has useful letters from the High Priest in his pocket. Don’t be afraid of this man, you Christians ... be absolutely **TERRIFIED!!**

But what’s this? A flash of blinding light and the voice of Jesus Himself! What’s going on? And why is it so dark that he can’t see?

Why?

God has plans for him.

He has plans for you too.

***Charles Kirke***  
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# 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 12th May 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 Tip**

*In the utility room* - Irons use a lot of electricity to get hot – only iron clothes that really need it.

# Get in touch

Parish of Highworth with Sevenhampton & Inglesham

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Rev Phil Goodey (day off Friday)

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

# For Prayer

Lord, you came down to lift us up,

you became human that we

might share in the divine,

you died that we might

rise to life immortal.

Help us to live as those

who believe and trust in you,

and grant that we may live

to your praise and glory,

Christ our Lord, who rose for us and now

lives and reigns with the Father and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**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

## **8.30am Holy Communion**

Just a reminder there's no 8.30am Holy Communion this week, 4th May. Back on 18th May as usual.

## **APCM**

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

With the Church Wardens and Treasurer stepping down we are in need of replacements so if you feel either of these positions may be for you please do talk to Pam, Phil S, Stephen F, Phil G or pop in the office for more information.

## **Saturday Drop In**

Don't forget it's the monthly drop in on Saturday, 10th, from 10am—12pm. If you are free to help in the kitchen or with any of the children's activities please contact Jo or Bella.

## **Saturday Coffee Mornings**

We are in need of volunteers to run the coffee mornings in the church room on the 1st and 3rd Saturday. These will not be able to continue if we cannot find additional help. Please speak to Julie in the office if you would like to know more.

## **May Midweek Church**

Midweek Church is being held a week earlier this month and will be on Wednesday 14th May. Holy Communion service at 11am with coffee and cake served prior to the service from 10.15am.