

Song **And can it be**

*Prayers*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Children and young people return from their groups*

Song **This is amazing grace**

*Offering, Blessing and Dismissal*

We are called and loved by God the Father  
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.  
Mercy, peace and love be ours in abundance,  
from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Christ's coming*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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**St Michael's Church, Highworth**  
10.15am Service - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*Welcome Greeting*

*Opening Prayer*

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.

*Silence is kept*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship him together.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your love.**  
Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**  
Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing and peace.**

*Silence is kept*

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Song **One thing remains**

*Introduction to the theme*

*Church Family News*

*Children and young people leave for their groups*

*Confession*

The word of God is living and active.  
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him  
to whom we give account.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people,  
we acknowledge and confess  
the grievous sins and wickedness  
which we have so often committed  
by thought, word and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your anger  
and indignation against us.**

**We earnestly repent,  
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;  
the memory of them weighs us down,  
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.**

**Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that from this time onwards  
we may always serve and please you  
in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who in his great mercy  
has promised forgiveness of sins  
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith  
turn to him:  
have mercy on *us*,  
pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,  
and bring *us* to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Song **Come now is the time to worship**

*1st Reading* - Romans 4: 13-end  
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

*2nd Reading* - Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26  
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

*Sermon*

Song **Only by Grace**

*Creed*

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.  
Amen**