

Our 10.15am Sunday Service

Welcome

Gathering Prayer

Song Good Good Father

Introduction to the Theme

Confession

Collect

Song How deep the Father's love

Children and Young People leave for their groups

Reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Gospel Reading: John 14: 1-14

Talk

Responsive Nicene Creed

Song Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King

What has God been doing this week?

Prayers

Children and Young People return from their groups

The Peace

Offertory Hymn Love Divine all Love's Excelling

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Church Family News

Song The Story of the Cross

Closing Prayers

Blessing

Dismissal

Services:

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

This week and upcoming

Sunday 10th May

10.15am Holy Communion

Monday 11th May

10-11.30am Toddler Group in Church

7-9.30pm HCS Rehearsal in Church

7.30pm Prayer Hour in Church Room

Tuesday 12th May

9.30am Morning Prayers in Church

6.30pm Regency Dancing in Church Room

7-8.30pm Youth Group in Church

Wednesday 13th May

2-4pm Prospect Pop In in Church Room

Thursday 14th May

7pm Ascension Day Service in Church

NO Bellingring Practice

Friday 15th May

9.15am Friday Blessings

10am PAT Testing in Church and Church Room

Sunday 17th May

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.15am Morning Worship

Monday 18th May

4pm Margaret Hutton Wake in Church

Wednesday 20th May

11am Midweek Church

*Coffee and cake served from 10.15am
prior to the service*

Thursday 28th May

2-4pm Half Term Activity Session in Church

7.30pm Leaders and Preachers Meeting
in Church Room



Sunday 10th May 2026

Jerusalem was all stirred up.
It was time for a great festival
and there were crowds in the
streets.

That was enough to stir up the crowds, but there was something else that was exciting people. A new leader had emerged, Jesus of Nazareth. Was He about to put things straight by kicking out the Romans?

These foreigners had taken over the country about 25 years earlier and NOW was the time to do something about it!

In an upper room near the city centre Jesus was eating with His friends and talking to them. In the course of these conversations, He told them many things that they simply couldn't understand, but three elements stand out. These elements were true then and are still true now.

We are never alone. Jesus is with us

We are under orders: to love one another

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is here with each one of us

Charles Kirke

Join us for Prayer

Prayer Hour:

The next prayer hour is on Monday 11th May 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 9.30am.

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.

Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

For Prayer

Lord Jesus,
you have promised to be with us for ever;
teach us to rejoice in your presence,
free us from all anxiety,
help us to know you are always at hand,
that we may work with you and to your glory,
Jesus our Lord, who with the Father and
the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever.

Amen.

May God bless those who live in
Hammond Close including Cobbett Court
and Styles Court

Eco Tip

Buy loose fruit and veg

A simple way to cut down on single-use plastic in your weekly shop, is to opt for loose fruit and veg instead of bagged produce.

Take your own reusable produce bags with you if you find this more manageable.

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

Electoral Roll - IMPORTANT

The electoral roll is now open for revision and closes on 15th May.

Please check the roll (in church or contact the office) and if you are not on it and would like to be, please complete a form by 15th May.

If you have any queries please contact Julie in the office.

Margaret Hutton Funeral

There will be a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Margaret at the Methodist Church on Monday 18th May at 3pm. All welcome to attend.

Half Term Activity Session

We will be holding a half term activity session church between 2-4pm on Thursday 28th May. If you can help set up/clear down, host a table or help with refreshments please let Ali or Jo know. Any cake donations very welcome too.

Prayers and Readers

We are in need of more volunteers to read at the 10.15am service and for people to lead prayers (we have a team who can help with putting the prayers together if you aren't sure what to do) too. If you would like to help or find out more please speak to Phil or the office.

Office Closure Dates

The office is closed on Thursday 14th May.

Curates Corner (Rev'd Andy Bissex)

The beach

John 21.1-19

During our recent short break in Cornwall we visited a couple of our favourite beaches. One of them is Godrevy, with its golden sand, dramatic cliffs, lighthouse and a really nice Cafe which does the most awesome pastries! (That's the real reason we go there!).
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/godrevy

In one of the readings for today's services, we find Jesus appearing again to his disciples, this time on a beach. There are some of his disciples present, including John (who identifies himself as the 'disciple who Jesus loved'), Thomas, Peter and others. Yet again, we read that they did not recognise him.

Throughout the Easter narratives, we find Jesus' followers not recognising him.

Mary in the garden, with the reminder that sometimes our deep sorrow can prevent us from knowing God's presence with us. The two on the road to Emmaus, with the reminder that disillusionment can prevent us from appreciating God's presence, then here on the beach. We see Peter, who had let Jesus down really badly and who thought it was all over for him - wanting to go back to his old life (I'm going fishing... v.3). It didn't work out.

Peter does not recognise that, despite the failures of the past, he is still loved by Jesus. Jesus, gently and wonderfully restores Peter in the latter part of the chapter and simply calls him to 'follow me'. Leaving the past behind and moving forward, knowing that he is loved and calling him to service (John 21. 15-19).

Despite the twists and turns, the ups and downs, the failures and sometimes the stark deliberate denial of Jesus in our thoughts, words and actions - Jesus can restore and forgive us. We can know that despite everything, we are still loved and called to follow him.

'Follow, follow. I will follow Jesus. Everywhere, anywhere, I will follow on.'

Keep following.