

## Our 10.15am Sunday Service

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Welcome

Acclamation

Opening Prayer

**Hymn** You laid aside your majesty

*Confession, Absolution*

*Collect for Transfiguration*

*Introduction to theme*

*The children and youth leave for their groups*

*Creed*

Reading 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

**Hymn** Face Down (*Matt Redman*) (*Reflection*)

Gospel Reading Mark 9: 2-9

*Sermon*

**Hymn** The splendour of the King

*Prayers and Intercessions*

*The Peace*

**Offertory Hymn** Christ whose Glory fills the skies

*Prayer at the preparation of the table*

*The children and youth return from their groups*

*Eucharistic Prayer G*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Prayer of Humble Access*

*Distribution of Communion*

*Post Communion Prayer*

*Prayer of thanksgiving*

*Church family news including Banns of marriage*

**Closing Hymn** To God be the Glory

*Blessing and Dismissal*

### Online Services:

www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth or YouTube by searching for St Michael's Church Highworth

## This week and upcoming

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### Sunday 11th February

10.15am Holy Communion

### Monday 12th February

NO Toddler Group (half term)

8pm Prayer Hour in the Church Room

### Tuesday 13th February

NO Tuesday Prayers

10am Funeral of the late Norman Thomas

6-7.30pm Pancake Café in Church

NO Youth Group

### Wednesday 14th February

12-1.30pm Lent Lunch in Church

2-4pm Prospect Pop-In in Church Room

6.30pm Ash Wednesday Service in Church

### Thursday 15th February

3-5pm Half Term Craft Session in Church

5.30-6.30pm Thursday Kitchen in Church

7.30pm Bellringing

### Friday 16th February

9.45am Friday Blessings

### Saturday 17th February

10am-12pm Coffee Morning in Church Room

### Sunday 18th February

10.15am Morning Worship

### Monday 19th February

10-11.30am Toddler Group

### Tuesday 20th February

9am Morning Prayers

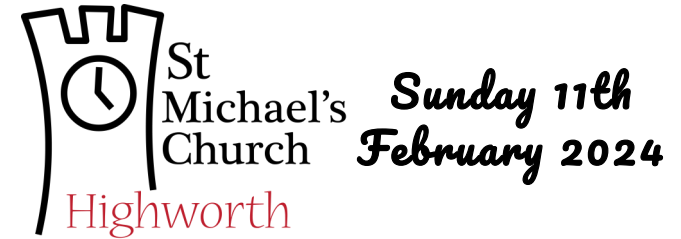
7pm Youth Group

### Wednesday 21st February

11am Midweek Church

*Coffee and cake served from*

*10.15am prior to Service*



### Mark 9: 2-9

### The Transfiguration of Christ

As we exploring the meta narrative of the Jesus' impact on our world we have seen him at the wedding in Cana, revealing his glory to his disciples who then believed in him. Last Sunday in John Gospel he reveals that Jesus the Light of the world has brought life not just to the disciples but to all people and here in Marks Gospel six days after he's taught them about his mission, three of Jesus' disciples are given a glimpse of his past and future glory. The word used to describe the complete change that comes over Jesus is the word from which we get metamorphosis. The words recall Daniel 7:9, indicating that Jesus is glorious indeed revealing Jesus divine nature.

This is not a time for resting, and reliving the past - it is a time to move forward trusting that the revealed Glory of God in Jesus is enough for the Past the Present and the Future.

**Phil Goodey**

## Join us for Prayer

### Prayer Hour:

The next prayer hour is on Monday 12th February at 8pm 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:

#### No Prayers in Church on 13th February

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.

## Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

## For Prayer

This week sees the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

"Lent is a time for taking our bearings on the journey, so that we can continue our way less frustrated and more at peace, less grumpy and more content, less downcast and more joyful.

The purpose of Lent is .. to enable us to live more fully and to discover the joy of God which Christ promised to give to his followers." Gerard Hughes (*from "Oh God, why? A Journey through Lent for bruised pilgrims"*)

*'As the deer yearns for running streams, so I yearn for you, my God'. Ps 42 : 1*

**So we pray that we might make the most of Lent** leading to Holy Week and Easter :

- setting aside time for prayer; using a special Lent study book;
- or some other way to focus our minds on Christ's journey to the Cross.

We **pray for those who are struggling** for whatever reason at this time

- from anxiety, bereavement, illness, or any other issue that robs them of peace.

We **pray for our church family, community and town**

- remembering those living in Bute Close and Bydemill Gardens.

*'May the Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord turn his face towards us and give us peace' as from Numbers 6 :24, 26*

## News and Events

### Tuesday Prayers Cancelled:

Prayers in Church on 13th February have been cancelled for this week only.

### Lent Lunches:

St Michael's are kicking off Lent Lunches this Wednesday, 14th, and are in need of helpers so please let Julie in the office know if you can help. Serving between 12-1.30pm.

More soup would be welcome too.

### Thanks:

Gwen Metcalfe (Methodist Church) and John Martin wish to thank everyone who contributed to the generous gift we were able to give to Malcolm and Val Swift when the Lighthouse Bookshop finally closed on January 31st. The total given was £2,000 - a splendid expression of our appreciation for all their years of service to the local Church and community.

### APCM Date:

The APCM will be held on Sunday 26th May 2024 after the morning service.

### Church Vision Day:

We will be having an 'away day at home' on Saturday 13th April followed by a wrap up on Sunday 14th April so get the dates in your diary.

### Eco Church Recycling Update:

As part of our Eco Church mission we have been reviewing the recycling in the kitchen and are pleased to announce we have some snazzy new racks, made by Highworth Community Shed, in the kitchen to help make recycling easier. Do pop your head around the door and have a look.