

Our 10.15am Service today

Welcome

Opening Prayer

All age engagement

Action Song This is the story of the cross

Prayer of confession

The children and youth leave for their groups

Reading

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Hymn The song of Kingdom come

Intercessions

Affirmation of Faith

Hymn We have a Gospel to proclaim

The Peace

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (video)

Prayer after Communion

Hymn The Lord's my shepherd

The children and youth return from their groups

Church family news including Banns

Hymn Over all the earth

Blessing

Today's Reading:

Acts 9: 36-end

John 10: 22-30

Online Services:

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

Online Prayer Hour:

Email zoomstmichaels@gmail.com for an invite

This week and upcoming

Sunday 8th May:

10.15am Holy Communion Service with Banns

3pm The 3

Monday 9th May:

10-11.30am Toddler Group

8-9pm Online Prayer Hour

Tuesday 10th May:

9.30am Tuesday Prayers

7-8.30pm Youth Groups

Wednesday 11th May:

2-4pm Prospect Hospice Pop-In in Church Room

Thursday 12th May:

7.30pm Bellringing

Friday 13th May:

9.15am Friday Blessings

Saturday 14th May:

10am-12pm Coffee Morning in the Church Room

Sunday 15th May:

10.15am Morning Worship Service
with APCM

Monday 16th May:

7.45pm PCC Meeting in Church Room

Wednesday 18th May:

11am Midweek Church

Coffee and cake served from

10.15am prior to Service

Sunday Services are held in church
and streamed live.

1st, 3rd, 5th - Morning Worship

2nd, 4th - Holy Communion



Sunday 8th May 2022

This week we are starting early with Christian Aid week.

Our reading from Acts 9:36-43 tells the story of Tabitha's healing.

- When Tabitha/Dorcas became ill and died, her body was washed in the customary way. This practice is also part of death rituals in Sierra Leone. During the Ebola outbreak in 2014-2016, it was very difficult for communities to stop ritual washing in order to prevent the spread of the disease.
- It was thanks to ministers such as the Rev Christiana Sutton-Koroma, who partnered with Christian Aid during the Ebola crisis, that the message to prevent the spread of disease by stopping ritual washing was heard. She was instrumental in leading safe and dignified burials for people who were killed by Ebola without the need for the ritual washing.

If you are able to help with delivering envelopes please let Peter Croton know as more volunteers would be wonderful.

--- Emily Swinerd ---

Open for Prayer

The Church is open daily for individual private prayer.

In-line with latest guidance masks are no longer mandatory in church, for the time being we would encourage you to continue to wear one to protect those in our community who are vulnerable.

Hand sanitizer is provided in the South porch for use when entering and exiting Church.

Christian Aid Week:

Christian Aid Week is next week. Today Yvonne Penne will be our speaker, telling us about the work of Christian Aid. If, after hearing her words, you would like to support Christian Aid please sign up to help. We want to deliver envelopes to every home in Highworth & are having a collection at the Co-op. There is a list on our display table for you to sign.

Thank you, Tricia & Peter. 762025.

Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

Prayers

Next Sunday, the Church's **Annual Meeting** follows the morning service - Pray for the PCC and churchwardens to be elected,

.. those giving reports, especially the financial overview, and

.. may there be a clear, shared vision for the year ahead.

May 15 - 21 is **Christian Aid Week:** so we pray ... for enough helpers, for a good response to the publicity.

We continue to pray for justice and peace for **Ukraine.**

May God help us to share his love in our own community

... including those who live in The Green and Grove Hill.

Let us pray for grateful hearts, for compassionate and generous hearts, eager to reach out to others in need.

May God's kingdom come, his will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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 and only shared with those on the prayer chain. Prayer updates are welcomed.

News and Events

News and updates from Emily:

- Baptism/ confirmation preparation is starting this Sunday at 6pm in the Church rooms. If you are interested in being baptised or confirmed please ring Emily 01793 764488.
- The 3 is on this afternoon and we would love for more people to join our team to put on these seeker friendly family services once a month.
- Boxes of Hope will be happening at the end of the summer term, not for May half term. If you would like to fund a box or to donate any sum of money please either contact the office or find someone after the service to help you use the card machine.
- Next week is our election of wardens and APCM. It will be during the morning service, please read the reports and come with any questions you may have. I am looking forward to sharing this exciting day with you. (children will be provided for). *Please note this is a change to the previously published start time of 11.30am.*
- Thanks to everyone who helped make May day a success! We are opening the church for the Queens Jubilee weekend so you have a month to recover and to get making more cakes and soups. Please do sign up to help again, we can't do this without you.