

Children and young people return from their groups

Church Family News

Song **Be thou my vision**

Sending Out / Blessing

We are called and loved by God the Father
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.

May mercy, peace and love be ours in abundance
through the Holy Spirit that dwells in us
as we go out into the coming week

Amen.

The Grace

The grace *(one palm up)*

of our Lord Jesus Christ

(other palm up)

and the love of God

(arms crossed over upper body)

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, *(join hands with neighbours)*

be with us all evermore.

Amen *(raise joined hands)*



St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am Service - Sunday 5th July 2026

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Jesus says: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls.'

Let us come to the Lord Jesus.

Let us come just as we are

Song **Come all you vagabonds**

Setting the scene

Children and young people leave for their groups

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Confession

For the times when we overcomplicate our lives
and miss you in the small, simple things

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

When we try to cope in our own strength
with the burdens of life and the baggage we carry

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

When we forget that you love us, no matter what
and that we can come to you just as we are

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Our Father is a God of love and wisdom.
All our wrongdoings, have been forgiven
through the gift of Jesus on the cross.
Through his blood, God's own Son
has paid all our debts, past, present and future.
We are loved and forgiven.
All thanks be to our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Song **I heard the voice of Jesus say**

1st Reading - Romans 7: 15-25a

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

2nd Reading - Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

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Talk

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

What have you seen God doing this week?

Song **Give thanks with a grateful heart**

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.