

Our 10.15am Sunday Service

Welcome

Greeting

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn Joy to the world (Phil Wickham)

Confession

Absolution

Collect for Epiphany

Introduction to the theme

Song Like a candle flame

Creed

Ministry of the Word

Reading Ephesians 3: 1-12

Gradual Hymn You are the king of Glory

Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon

What has God been doing?

Prayers and Intercessions

Closing Hymn In Christ alone

Blessing - Northumbrian Community Blessing

After the service please join us for refreshments, and remember there are people willing to pray with you in confidence.

Online Services:

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

This week and upcoming.....

Sunday 5th January

8.45am Holy Communion

10.15am Morning Worship

Monday 6th January

10-11.30am Toddler Group in Church

Tuesday 7th January

9am Tuesday Prayers

NO Youth Group

NO Regency Dancing

Wednesday 8th January

2-4pm Prospect Pop-In in Church Room

Thursday 9th January

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Friday 10th January

9.15am Friday Blessings

Saturday 11th January

10am-12pm Saturday Drop-In in Church

No Uganda Sewing Group, back in February

Sunday 12th January

10.15am Holy Communion

1.30pm Baptism in Church

Monday 13th January

7.30pm Prayer Hour in Church Room

Tuesday 14th January

9am Tuesday Prayers

6.30pm Regency Dancing in Church Room

7pm Youth Group

Wednesday 15th January

11am Midweek Church

Coffee and cake served from 10.15am prior to the Service

Monday 20th January

7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church Room



**Sunday 5th
January 2025**

‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?’ It’s a naive question from the visitors, and to Herod it must have seemed ridiculous.

Did they not know that the Jews already had a king, who was a grown man?

And how could they think that a child could be a king?

Today is the idea of a king outdated, and anachronistic, if so how do we understand;

- Jesus “King of the Jews”,
- Jesus “King of Kings”

Phil Goodey
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Join us for Prayer

Tuesday Prayers:

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.

Prayer Hour:

The next prayer hour is on Monday 13th January 2025 2024 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.

Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

Prayer for the New Year

**Lord, for the years your love
has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided :
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.**

We pray for God's strength for our congregation -

.... for faithfulness as we seek to serve others;
... for those in leadership positions, the PCC;
... our work with children and young people;
.... our care for the elderly, those in need;
... and for persistence in prayer.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for our community -

.... giving thanks for all who serve us,
.... those who clean the streets
and take our rubbish;
.... those who tend the churchyard and cemetery;
.... police, medical staff, nurses and carers.

We pray for those who live in the Archers
and Arran Way.

**Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
Father God, may we know
your presence and your peace,
in good times and in difficult times,
through this coming year. Amen**

News and Events

Christmas Coffee Morning

We were able to send £83.70 to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal for refugee families in the Sudan. So thank you to everyone who supported us on Saturday 21st December.

We are hoping to continue raising money for St Michaels DEC fund in 2025 at our Christian Aid coffee mornings, currently the last Saturday of the month in the Church Room. Please do come along to support us, we look forward to seeing you.
Peter and Patricia Croton

Wiltshire Ride and Stride

Many thanks to John Martin for raising £320 in September for which St Michael's received £160. The remainder goes to the County Historic Churches Trust.

Eco Tip

In the kitchen

Never put warm or hot food into the fridge or freezer as this will make the fridge work extra hard to try and keep it cold; always allow food to cool down first.

Volunteering

As we begin the new year we are looking for more people to help out across all areas of church. You don't have to commit to a group every week so if you find you might have some spare time, please do speak with the Wardens, Pam and Phil or pop in the office and chat to Julie.

If you are interested in finding out what the role of Church Warden, Deputy Church Warden or Treasurer entails please do speak to Pam, Phil and Stephen.