

Our 10.15am Sunday Service

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Song So will I (Hillsong)

Lighting the first Advent Candle

Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Song Soon and very soon

Confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Collect Advent 1

Reading Luke 21: 25-36 - *YouTube Video*

Song Restore O Lord

Sermon - 'Let's brace ourselves'

Profession of Faith

What has God been doing?

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn (Offertory)

Always (Chris Tomlin)

Blessing of the City

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 1st December

8.45am Holy Communion

10.15am Morning Worship

Monday 2nd December

10-11.30am Toddler Group in Church

7-9.45pm HCS Rehearsal in Church

Tuesday 3rd December

9am Tuesday Prayers

6.30pm Regency Dancing in Church Room

7pm Youth Group in Church

Wednesday 4th December

2.30-8pm CAP Christmas Event in Church, including set up/clear down

Thursday 5th December

7.30pm Bellingring Practice

Friday 6th December

9.15am Friday Blessings

Time tbc Westrop School Concert Rehearsal

Saturday 7th December

10am-12pm Coffee Morning in Church Room

Sunday 8th December

10.15am Holy Communion

21-9pm Highworth Choral Society Concert in Church, including set up/clear down

Monday 9th December

10-11.30am Toddler Group in Church

12-2.30pm Bumps to Babies Christmas Event in Church

Sunday 15th December

NO 8.45am Holy Communion



Sunday 1st
December 2024

Let's Brace Ourselves

Our reading, Luke Chapter 21, Verses 25 to 36, is about the end of the world. It is disturbing. Maybe it's just scaremongering? But we need to remember that Jesus means what He says everywhere else in the Bible so we can't just dismiss this passage. He said it, so He means it. This is real. It is a warning for us all.

Let's take this warning seriously: but what should we do about it? Here are some suggestions:

Listen to God: He might be telling us something right now.

Seek out the people we love and get prepared to tell them about Jesus if they don't know Him already.

Pray for them to realize the massive nature of God's love for them (Ephesians 3:18) Search for 'personal evangelism' on line to find a way to put across this message. My personal recommendation is '2 Ways 2 Live'. But there are plenty of others.

Trust in Jesus who died for the forgiveness of all the bad stuff in the world, ever.

Then let's DO IT. It is our heavenly duty.

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Charles Kirke
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Join us for Prayer

Prayer Hour:

The next prayer hour is on Monday 9th December 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.

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.

Get in touch

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

For Prayer

Advent : O come, O come Emmanuel!

We remember how Jesus' first coming
was prophesied ...

... and we wait for his return in power
and majesty.

We pray for all our Christmas preparations...

and ways to show God's love in Christ:

- ... Bags of Hope for local families,
- ... Christmas hampers for CAP clients
- ... Carols on the Podium;
- ... Nativity / crib services for children.

We pray for all who are especially busy ...

- ... teachers nearing the end of a long term;
- ... Julie in the church office, with
more responsibility;
- ... all who work in shops, markets,
delivery services;
- ... staff in care homes, surgeries, and the hospital.

May God bless our community,
remembering those who live in Vorda Road
and Vicarage Lane.

*O Lord our God, make us watchful and
keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your
Son our Lord;
that we may be active and joyful in
his service! 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.

News and Events

15th December Holy Communion

We won't be holding an 8.45am Holy
Communion service on 15th December. The
10.15am Morning Worship service will go ahead
as usual.

CAP Christmas Event

We are looking for two people to help with the
CAP Christmas Event between 6.30-8pm on
Wednesday 4th December. Please let the office
know if you can help out.

Christian Services

The Christmas services across the Benefice are
now on the website.
www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk

Christian Books needing a good home!

There are plenty of Christian books in church,
many from Jean Ashton's collection, needing a
good home!
Please help yourself! Read and enjoy!

Eco Tip

Christmas Decorations!

Avoid plastic, shop-bought decorations – try
making your own! Or go natural with pine cones
and holly sprigs.