

## Our 10.15am Sunday Service

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Song** Come all you vagabonds

Setting the scene

Children and young people leave for their groups

Collect

Confession

Absolution

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

Reading: Romans 7: 15-25a

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

Talk

Affirmation of Faith

What have you seen God doing this week?

**Song** Give thanks with a grateful heart

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Children and young people return from their groups

Church Family News

**Song** Be thou my vision

Sending Out / Blessing

The Grace

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

### Services:

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

## This week and upcoming

### Sunday 5th July

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.15am Morning Worship

2-5pm Private Student Piano Concert in Church

### Monday 6th July

10-11.30am Toddler Group

6-7pm Youth Explore Group in Church

7-9.30am HCS Rehearsal in Church

### Tuesday 7th July

9.30am Morning Prayers in Church

6.30pm Regency Dancing in Church Room

6-8pm Youth Group BBQ

### Wednesday 8th July

2-4pm Prospect Pop In in Church Room

### Thursday 9th July

7.30-9pm Bellringing Practice at Hannington

### Friday 10th July

9.15am Friday Blessings

### Saturday 11th July

10am-12pm Saturday Drop in In Church

12.30-10pm Swindon Choral Society Concert in Church (*time includes set up/clear down*)

### Sunday 12th July

10.15am Holy Communion

2-5pm Private Student Piano Concert in Church

### Monday 13th July

7.30pm Prayer Hour in Church Room

### Wednesday 15th July

11am Midweek Church

*Coffee and cake served from 10.15am, prior to the service*

### Thursday 16th July

7.30pm Clinton's Meeting in Church Room

### Saturday 18th July

8am-3pm Big Highworth Craft Fair in Church



Sunday 5th  
July 2026

### “Any old excuse...”

**W**e are in Highworth's nicest large enclosed space, especially in this heatwave, with the sun streaming in light and airy on the lovely floor, super woodwork, stained glass, it uplifts making me feel good. Take time and 'wellbeing' seeps into body and soul, maybe God too! So with our stressed out, pressured lives, why aren't people queuing up to come in for some relief? I know they do for big community events: festivals; or key family celebrations, but Sundays...?

Jesus saw this problem too (Matthew 11), children in the market place playing weddings and funerals, but nobody joining-in no matter what they tried. “There's no pleasing some people” He as good as said! Then a real topsyturvy prayer thanking Father God that the wise 'know-alls' couldn't work it out, but children could see it, and receive Him. Jesus calls everyone who is finding life hard to “come to Me” (v28) A personal relationship to go through life in partnership with the Lord of Life: result “and you will find rest for your souls” (v29). What a gift!! So if someone you know has rejected 'church-ianity' (however nice the building) with “You don't have to go to church to be a Christian”, (though I can't find that in the Bible), perhaps you can help them find genuine 'Christianity', when they see Christ in you (which IS in the Bible: Colossians 1:27)?

Mike Dilly

# Join us for Prayer

## **Prayer Hour:**

The next prayer hour is on Monday 13th July  
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 9.30am.

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.

## **CAP Prayers:**

Tuesday 28th July from 2-3pm  
at the Bridge Centre

# Get in touch

Parish of Highworth with Sevenhampton & Inglesham

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Copy deadline is 12pm Thursday

# For Prayer

Come, Lord, come to us,  
that we may find rest and peace in you.

Come, Lord, come to us,  
that we may love you  
and proclaim your saving power,  
that we may live to your glory, Jesus Christ,  
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
is worshipped for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

May God bless those who live in  
Lismore Road and The Mews

## **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](mailto:smprayerchain@yahoo.com)  
All requests are confidential.

# News and Events

## **Christian Aid Week Results and Thanks.**

Thank you everyone who helped with, or  
contributed to, Christian Aid Week. You helped  
to raise £2760.47, including £243.52 in our  
on-line giving page. If you would like details ask  
us or see the notice in church. This is an increase  
on last year once again. The money you've raised  
will make an enormous difference to the lives of  
people living in poverty around the world.  
Please continue to pray for the most vulnerable  
people in the world. Tricia and Peter.

## **Office Closure**

The office will be closed from 12pm on  
Wednesday 1st July and reopen at 10am on  
Wednesday 8th July. Emails and telephone calls  
will be monitored during this time.

## **Eco Tip**

*Avoid palm oil*

Palm oil is found in a huge range of products,  
from bread to ice cream. But the way it's farmed  
has been linked to rainforest clearance. Make  
your voice heard on this issue by switching to  
palm oil-free products. Diana Ruiz, Greenpeace  
forest campaigner, explains why this will have  
more impact than buying products with  
sustainable palm oil logos: "If you want to take a  
stand on palm oil, don't be swayed by  
sustainability logos. These certification schemes  
have proved to be unreliable. You may be better  
off avoiding products with palm oil until your  
favourite brands can prove the palm oil hasn't  
contributed to deforestation or human rights  
abuses."