



The Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Yeovil


'To serve God, to serve one another, to serve our local community'.

Sunday 14th December 2025, 3rd Sunday of Advent




This Sunday, 10am Service, with Rev Phil


Collect God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.


 **Readings;** by Sue Ementon; Isaiah 35.1–10 & James 5.7–10, Gospel *Matthew 11.2–11*. **Intercessions;** John Kreilis


Post Communion We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Next Sunday, Sunday 21st December 2025, 4th Sunday of Advent. 10am Service, with Rev Shirley.

 **For your prayers,** For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit; Maisie Perry, June Hayter, Barbara James, Sandra Woodward, David Copeland-Eccles & Dave Turner.

 On the anniversary of their death, we remember; 15th Trevor Farmiloe, 19th Robert Swaine and Jack Thorp.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

 **For our Parish** Loving God, As we gather in this holy season of waiting, we open our hearts to your light. Bless our parish with unity, kindness and courage. May be a beacon of hope in this place. In the quiet of Advent, teach us to listen, to welcome the stranger, to comfort the weary, and to share the joy of your coming. May our worship, service and love prepare the way for Christ, so that when Christmas dawns, our hearts will be ready to receive him with joy. Amen.


 **Foodbank, In need of the following items,** Carrier Bags - Children's Sweets - Christmas Cake - Christmas Puddings - Packets of Rice - Tins of Chili - Tins of Carrots - Tins of Soup

*If you are able to help, please bring your items and pop them in the Lord's Larder basket. **Many thanks.***

New Website for St Michael's, can be found at www.stmichaelsyeovil.org.uk Please take a look and let Rev Sarah know your suggestions, pictures, info etc for inclusion. Please promote website too if you can.


St Michael's Small Groups, have begun, with two small groups running through Advent. Please contact Rev Sarah if you'd like to hear more or join a small group as they start afresh in the new year.

Birchfield Community Lunch, Tuesdays 11.30-13.15 at Birchfield Community Centre. Just drop in to enjoy a free soup lunch with other locals. If you'd like to volunteer sometimes to serve or wash-up, please chat to Rev Sarah.

 **Church Cleaning, 19th December at 10.00.** If you are able to help please see Jacky Turner or June Swaine.

19th December, Yeovil & District Christian Aid Group. 12.00–13.30 at Yeovil Methodist Church in the Quedam.

20th December, 10.00-12.00, Christmas Crafts & Activities for Primary School families, at Methodist Church, Chelston Ave.


 **CHRISTMAS AT ST.MICHAEL'S; Tuesday 23rd December at 10.00 Christingle making** - Come and join the team to put together Christingles for Christmas Eve Come and enjoy decorating St Michael's for Christmas;

Tuesday 23rd December at 10.00, Nativity rehearsal - a very short nativity rehearsal for those taking part this year on Christmas Eve, will also be 10.00 on Tuesday 23rd if you can make it (Mon if not?)

Carol service readers and Nativity characters (no speaking needed!) - to volunteer for either/both please see Rev Sarah.

Welcoming our schools & families for Christmas Services: We're blessed to welcome our schools to St. Michael's; Wednesday 10th at 13.30, Penn Mill - Thursday 18th at 10.00, St Michael's Academy - Thursday 18th at 14.00, Fairmead - Friday 19th at 14.00, Birchfield. Fiveways, we will join with the school at Fiveways.


Volunteers welcoming, refreshments & Mince Pies: For St Michael's Carol Service on 21st at 17.00 and/or Christingle on 24th at 16.00 service - please contact Jacky or June if you can help.

 **Mince pie donations** for after the service on 21st, please see June or Jacky if you can help.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES; Sunday 21st December at 17.00 - Nine Lessons & Carols (with refreshments),

Wednesday 24th December at 16.00 - Christingle All ages service, **At 23.30** – Midnight Mass,

Thursday 25th December at 10.00 – Festival Christmas Communion (all ages).

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Collect

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Readings

Isaiah 35.1–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

James 5.7–10

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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Gospel

Matthew 11.2–11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Post Communion

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