



The Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Yeovil

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

Sunday 1st March 2026, Second Sunday of Lent

This Sunday, 10am Eucharist Service,
Presiding, Fr Chris, Preaching, Revd Phil, Intercessions, Sam



Next Sunday 8th March, The Third Sunday of Lent. 10am Eucharist, with Revd Sarah Presiding & Revd Alison Preaching.



For your prayers, We celebrate with those who have a birthday this week; 2nd Barbara James & 5th Elaine Anderson.



For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit; Maisie Perry, June Hayter, Sandra Woodward, David Copeland-Eccles, Tony Langdon, Edith Clarke, Nick Woodman, Bernice Curtis & Sue Ementon.



For those who've recently died: we give thanks for the lives of Karl Farrant and Emrys Evans, *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.* We pray for their grieving families and friends including Caroline, Steve, Mel, Wayne and Holly. We remember at their years mind ; 4th Wilfred Holland & 7th Colin Lloyd Evans. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*



Life Events, please pray for the families and individuals coming to mark important life events in the presence of God in St Michael's soon: Funeral Karl Farrant 20th March 12 noon; Weddings Tim & Amelia 28th March 3.30pm, David & Kim 5th Sept; Baptisms Maddy Lister 12 noon 26th April, Olivia Cairncross 10th May 1pm



For our Parish Lord of mercy and compassion, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, draw our parish family closer to you and to one another. Help us to walk in humility, to fast from selfishness, and to feast on kindness and love. May our prayers rise like incense, and our hearts be renewed by your grace. Strengthen our faith, heal our wounds, and guide us to the joy of Easter morning. Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**



Foodbank need, Cereal Bars - Easter Eggs - Packets of Dried Pasta - Packets of Cereal - Packets of Rice - Tinned Carrots - Tinned Soup - Tinned Tuna. *If you can help, please bring items for the Lord's Larder basket. **Many thanks.***



Church Cleaning, Please come to help if you can on Mon 2nd March 10am. More details - Jacky Turner or June Swaine

Mid-week Communion Wednesday at 11am. A quiet service in the Lady Chapel. Coffee to follow. *All warmly welcome.*

Small Groups - Lent: our small groups are exploring 'being disciples' with Rowan Williams' little book of same name. Wed eves & Thurs afternoons. Please let Rev Sarah know if you'd like to join a small group now, or after Easter when they'll begin afresh.

Mothering Sunday, Sunday 15th March all age service with flowers - please spread the word & invite families and children

Archdeacon's Benefice Visit March 15th & 16th - every 2 years each benefice in Bath & Wells Diocese has a special 2 day visit by one of our Archdeacons/Bishops. We're blessed to welcome Archdeacon Anne (before she retires from her role in May) to preside & preach for us on Mothering Sunday 15th March, and to spend the day & eve on 16th visiting school, care home, PCC team, boxing and more! If you would like to donate something of Yeovil/St Michael's/home made/other for our leaving-thank you hamper for Anne, please bring to St Michael's by 10th March.

Stainer's Crucifixion - come and sing! If you'd like to join singers from other choirs across Somerset & Dorset to sing on Good Friday evening, please contact Francis Burroughes francis.burroughes@gmail.com 07730526166. Rehearsals 7-8.30pm on Friday 20th & 27th March and 4.30pm Good Friday 3rd April



Holy Week & Easter at St Michael's: please see poster on noticeboard & website.

10am Palm Sunday including dramatic reading of the Passion. Maundy Thursday 6pm come for simple soup supper together in church, 7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper (with incense) ending with the chance to stay for the Watch. Good Friday 12 noon said Stations of the Cross, and for devotional meditation this year 7pm Stainer's The Crucifixion including congregational hymns. (Saturday) Easter Eve 8pm Easter Vigil Eucharist (with incense). Easter Sunday 10am Easter Festival Communion all ages service ending with Easter Egg hunt.

Birchfield Community Lunch, Tuesdays 11.30-13.15 at Birchfield Community Centre. Just drop in to enjoy a free soup lunch.

New weekly St Michael's Parent & Toddler Group at Birchfield community centre. Thursdays 08.45 – 10.30.

If you'd like to join the volunteer team, serve refreshments, or other help, please let Rev Sarah or Rev Shirley know.

Yeovil & District Christian Aid Group Lunches, Yeovil Methodist Church, Quedam. 20th March & 3rd April (Good Friday frugal lunch)



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Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 12.1–4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world Romans .-, – did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Gospel

John 3.1–17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, John .- 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; .through Jesus Christ our Lord.