



The Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Yeovil

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

This Sunday 5th April 2026, EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Festival Communion All Ages Service – ending with Easter Egg hunt

Presiding & Preaching Revd Sarah, **Intercessions:** Reader:

Next Sunday 12th April: 10am Eucharist **Presiding:** Fr Chris **Preaching:** Revd Shirley



Special Holy Week & Easter Services at St Michael's – you and all are invited of course, as we walk with Jesus and come closer to Jesus in our own lives through these days of his passion and resurrection.

Maundy Thursday – come along for **6pm simple soup supper** together in church, **7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper** (with incense) ending with the chance to stay for as long/short as you wish in silence as 'the Watch'.

Good Friday – **12 noon said Stations of the Cross**, and **7pm The Crucifixion (Stainer)** with soloists and gathered choir, Francis Burroughes conducting and Jonathan Delbridge organ. Includes congregational hymns. Come and reflect with this beautiful devotional music on Good Friday, and invite neighbours and friends

Easter Eve (Holy Saturday) – 8pm Easter Vigil Eucharist (a longer formal service, with incense) – beginning with the Easter fire, including vigil readings, renewal of baptism vows, and the first Eucharist of Easter

Easter Sunday **10am Easter Festival Communion for all ages** – shorter more informal great celebration service with Holy Communion, ending with an Easter Egg hunt.



For your prayers - We celebrate with those whose birthday falls this week, including; 7th Maurice Tomlin.

Please pray for those ill in body, mind or spirit; June Hayter, Sandra Woodward, David Copeland-Eccles, Edith Clarke, Nick Woodman, Bernice Curtis.



For those recently died: we give thanks for the life Emrys Evans & Maisie Perry, And at their years mind we remember 7th Kath Webber, Marjorie Miell & Stephen Window, *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: Weddings David & Kim; Baptisms Maddy Lister, Olivia Cairncross



Yeovil Lord's Larder Foodbank, 80 Teabags - Easter Eggs - Pasta - Tinned Fruit - Tinned Macaroni Cheese - Tinned Spaghetti - Tinned Sweetcorn - Tinned Tomatoes. *Please bring items for Lord's Larder basket at back of church. thanks.*

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Mid-week Quiet Holy Communion: Every Wednesday 11am in the Lady Chapel. Coffee to follow. *All warmly welcome.*

St Michael's Small Groups: our small fellowship groups will be starting up again in a few weeks. Please get in touch if you'd like to join a small group when they begin afresh.

Great News - New Birchfield Community Lunch for All – St Michael's and Birchfield Primary School are partnering to start the new 'Community Lunch for All' on Tuesdays during term-time 12-1pm in Birchfield Community Centre, with school catering preparing the hot food, and St Michael's leading the lunchtime with local volunteers. We've just been awarded £1,000 grant by Yeovil Town Council who are supporting us & helping cover the cost of the lunch food. Please come along & invite others - Tues April 23rd onwards. Thanks to Revd Phil and Pat W for being wonderful lead volunteers.

Birchfield Parent, Baby & Toddler Group will startup again on Thurs April 23rd 8.45–10.30am at Birchfield Community Centre. Please invite young families. If you'd like to volunteer some weeks please see Rev Sarah, Revd Shirley or Laura.

Great News – St Michael's have been approved to be able to run **Bubble Church!** *Bubble Church* is a short, action, puppet, story, song, refreshment packed service for young families which we hope to launch for Sunday late afternoons in the Autumn. If you'd like to join the small St Michael's group for the 1 day Bubble Church national training on June 13th, please chat to Rev Sarah. It would be wonderful if you, or others you know, might join to help in whatever way in our bubble team!

A Thank You message from our Archdeacon Anne: Dear lovely people of St Michael's, It was a real delight to come and spend some time with you all on Mothering Sunday and the following Monday. I very much enjoyed worshipping with you - for a second Mothering Sunday! It was then very good to spend some time over lunch with the PCC and to hear from them. Lovely faithful and committed colleagues, and that was shown further in my meeting the next day with the wonderful ministry team. It was encouraging to visit the community centre and to hear a bit about the new toddler group and how that is taking off, and then visit Birchfield School and hear of such care for the education and wellbeing of all the children there and of all that the wonderful staff contribute to their lives. I enjoyed too meeting some of the residents and staff of Potter House. I've never been to a boxing club before, so that was a new experience and interesting - and what a great relationship you have with the leader. I was so touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity in presenting me with such a lovely basket of Yeovil/Somerset goodies when I was with you on Mothering Sunday. So many real treats and all with a local connection. I felt very spoiled indeed. My 17 month old grandson already loves tractors, so he very much enjoyed the card! I have been privileged to be your archdeacon over the years I've been in Bath and Wells and it has always been good to come down to be with you but I'm especially pleased that I can leave my post knowing that St Michael's is in such good hands with Sarah with you. With my very best wishes - and prayers that the rest of Holy Week would be a time of blessing and Easter a wonderful and joyful celebration. *Anne*



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An Easter Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father, On this radiant Easter Sunday, we gather as one family in Christ, rejoicing in the victory of your Son over sin and death. The stone has been rolled away, the tomb is empty, and hope has risen for all the world. We thank you for the gift of resurrection life, a life that renews our faith, restores our joy, and reminds us that nothing is impossible with you Lord. As we celebrate today, fill our parish with the light of Christ so that every word we speak and every act we do reflects his love. Bless our priests, deacons, and all who serve in this parish. Strengthen the bonds of our community so that we may be a living witness to the Gospel, welcoming the stranger, comforting the brokenhearted, and standing together in faith. Lord Jesus, risen and alive, walk with us in the days ahead. May the power of your resurrection inspire us to live courageously, forgive generously, and serve humbly. Let the joy of Easter overflow from our hearts into our homes, our neighbourhoods, and our world. We pray this in the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Thursday 2nd April 2026, Maundy Thursday

Collect

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading, 1 Corinthians 11.23–26

Gospel Reading, John 13.1–17, 31b–35

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Friday 3rd April 2026, Good Friday.

Collect

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings, Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12 & Hebrews 10.16–25

Passion Reading, John 18.1 – 19.42

Saturday 4th April 2026, Easter Eve.

Collect

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings, Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Reading, Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday 5th April 2026, Easter Day.

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Readings, Acts 10.34–43 & Colossians 3.1–4

Gospel Reading, John 20.1–18

Post Communion - God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.