

St Michael and All Angels with St Mark Preston

6th Sunday after Trinity 12th July 2026

Holy Communion 10.00am



Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer:

Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness, generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to St Michael's Church

Large print newsletters and service leaflets are available, please ask the Welcome Group if there is anything you need or let them know if you require a gluten free wafer. Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

You are invited to stand for the hymns and some other parts of the service if you are able, but if standing is difficult or uncomfortable for you, just remain seated, no one will mind.

Hymns:

Opening: 810 Thou whose almighty word
Gradual: 387 Rise and hear
Offertory: 545 Morning has broken
Final: 507 We have a gospel to proclaim

First reading: *Romans 8.1-11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Services:

Weekday Communion: Thursday at 10.30am

Holy Communion: Sunday 19th July at 10.00am

BCP Communion: Sunday 2nd August at 8.30am

All Angels: Sunday 6th September at 10.00am

Junior Church: Sunday 20th September at 10.00am

PCC: There will be a special PCC meeting on Thursday 30th July at 7.00pm to start planning our Parish Profile. You should have received an email last week with details about this meeting.

Diocesan Centenary Celebration Weekend: 11th to 13th September. Thank you to those who attended our first planning meeting last Sunday. Everyone, please get involved to help make this a special event in the life of St Michael's church.

Centenary Service of Celebration: Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm at the cathedral.

Regular Events:

Farmers' Market: the next market will be on Saturday 18th July 9.00am to 12.30pm

Cupboard Love: the next session will be on Saturday 25th July 9.30am to 10.30am

Coffee Morning: the next coffee morning will be on Saturday 1st August 10.00am to 12.00pm

Bible Study: the next meeting will be on Friday 7th August at 7.00pm in the MPR. All are welcome.

Prayer Chain: Are you aware that we have a prayer chain at St Michael's? Each week 15 people receive an email and spend some time praying for the people/situations that require our prayers. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please see Jane Bagwell.

Supporting St Michael's: We welcome your donations to St Michael's. We are self-supporting and our costs are high. Many people make a monthly donation through the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask Stephen Davies for details. Alternatively, there is a collection plate for cash donations, along with a card reader, at the back of church. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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