



WELCOME

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8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

26th July 2026

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

665 This is the day

Before the Gospel

349 Jesus' love is very wonderful

Offertory

Holy forever

Communion

80 Broken for me

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Final

740 Will you come and follow me



WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,
Our blessings with one another.
That's why we are here.

COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of
heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair, that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet & Jason & Violet, Don, Trevor, Rebecca,
Uzoamaka; all who are unwell; for those who
have recently died and all who mourn them.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that
have taken holy things; may the ears which
have heard your word be deaf to clamour
and dispute; may the tongues which have
sung your praise be free from deceit; may
the eyes which have seen the tokens of
your love shine with the light of hope; and
may the bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the fullness of
your life; glory to you for ever.

ST MICHAEL'S PRAYER PROJECT

Meets for prayer on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 in church. We pray for the church, workers and members; families' and individuals' needs; for the sick and for our community. SMPP is also an opportunity to personally communicate our needs to God. SMPP welcomes everyone, even non-members of St. Michael's, because the Church is built on prayer, and God still answers prayers today.



CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We're so grateful for the presence of children in our worship. Our hybrid Lady Chapel is available as a sensory space for children with additional needs and can also be used by parents / carers with babies & toddlers. For school age children, a colouring table is provided at the back of church. They can also use the chapel before and after the service. To work well for everyone, parents/carers are asked to stay with their children in the chapel after the collect and return after intercessions, or keep an eye on their child at the colouring table, ensuring noise is a minimum especially during the sermon and intercessions. Thank you for your care and cooperation.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 27 July

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Tuesday 28 July

Hall: 18:30 – 20:00 – Pilates

Wednesday 29 July

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Online: 18:00 – Zoom Bible study

Friday 31 July

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 - Learning & Physical Disabilities Club

WhatsApp: 19:00 – Women's Ministry Meeting

Saturday 1 August

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

Sunday 2 August

Church: 10:00 - Holy Communion

Hall: 11:30 - 15:00 - Apostolic Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 5 August

Church: 10:00 - St Michael's Prayer Project

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Wednesday 26 August

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Friday 28 August

WhatsApp: 19:00 – Women's Ministry Meeting

*The Old Testament reading is from: **Genesis 29: 15 - 28***

¹⁵ Laban said to him, “You shouldn’t work for me without pay just because we are relatives. Tell me how much your wages should be.”

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters. The older daughter was named Leah, and the younger one was Rachel. ¹⁷ There was no sparkle in Leah’s eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face. ¹⁸ Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, “I’ll work for you for seven years if you’ll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife.”

¹⁹ “Agreed!” Laban replied. “I’d rather give her to you than to anyone else. Stay and work with me.” ²⁰ So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days.

²¹ Finally, the time came for him to marry her. “I have fulfilled my agreement,” Jacob said to Laban. “Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her.”

²² So Laban invited everyone in the neighbourhood and prepared a wedding feast.

²³ But that night, when it was dark, Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her.

²⁴ (Laban had given Leah a servant, Zilpah, to be her maid.)

²⁵ But when Jacob woke up in the morning—it was Leah! “What have you done to me?” Jacob raged at Laban. “I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?”

²⁶ “It’s not our custom here to marry off a younger daughter ahead of the firstborn,” Laban replied. ²⁷ “But wait until the bridal week is over; then we’ll give you Rachel, too—provided you promise to work another seven years for me.”

²⁸ So Jacob agreed to work seven more years. A week after Jacob had married Leah, Laban gave him Rachel, too.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel reading is from **Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew**.*

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.”

⁴⁴ “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. ⁴⁶ When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

⁴⁷ “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹ That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, ⁵⁰ throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ Do you understand all these things?”

“Yes,” they said, “we do.”

⁵² Then he added, “Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.