

**St Michael's Church Blundellsands  
Morning Service for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

**Women and Ministry**

**Read through the service and click on the links for the hymns and talk.**

**Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus Name**

<https://youtu.be/etpoarqDbSA>

**Welcome and Introduction**

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

**Absolution**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reading: Genesis 3v1-8**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup> “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Talk by Lucy and Neil**

<https://youtu.be/dkXJSLVVx9k>

## **Prayers**

A prayer for women in ministry.

Everlasting God, whose Son offered himself on the cross for us and our salvation, we give you thanks for the women in every generation who offer themselves to serve in your Church. We think today especially of Helen Hunter, Lucy Faulkner and Janice Hill who have all served you here at St Michael's. Strengthen them in your service that they may have grace to tell afresh the story of your love and lead your flock in the steps of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

A prayer for each one of us as we offer ourselves to be used by God.

Living God, draw us deeper into your love;  
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;  
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.  
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us  
to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage;  
for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus,

**Amen**

## **A Prayer for St Michael's**

God our Father, we ask you to bless our Church.  
May it be a place where the sorrowing find comfort,  
and the tempted find strength.  
May it be a place where the lonely find fellowship,

and sinners find forgiveness.  
May it be a place where the faithful find grace,  
and the weary find hope:  
in the name of Jesus our Lord  
**Amen**

We say together the Lord's Prayer:

**Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,**  
**For ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Hymn: How Sweet the name**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWvzmbbgGLU&list=PLSkYeXnWwUAut949v01UZPCUYOmQjtevF&index=15>

### **Communion**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children**  
**and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect  
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit  
that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

#### **Prayer after communion**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you  
met us in your son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your  
love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring  
life to others;**

**We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children  
shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn : Now thank we all our God**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s99dNPKYtHk>

**Blessing**

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,  
give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,  
so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**