

St Michael and All Angels, South Westoe

28 September 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

8am – Mass (BCP)

11am – Sung Mass

Hymns 635, 379 (t 496), 823, 692, 645

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor: so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

12.45pm – Holy Baptism

1. The next Parish Office will be on Mondays 6, 13, and 20 October.
2. Monday 29 September – Michaelmas: Patronal Festival: Solemn Mass at 7.30pm. All Welcome followed by Supper.
3. Tuesday 30 September at 7pm at Sunderland Minster: Installation of Canon Katherine Bagnall as Archdeacon of Sunderland.
4. Saturday 4 October: Concert given by the Bede Chorus and Band at 7pm at St Hilda's. Tickets: £8.
5. Monday 6 October: Bazaar Planning meeting at 7pm. | Tuesday 7 October: Magazine Committee meeting at 6.30pm.
6. Sunday 12 October – Harvest Thanksgiving: Songs of Praise at 5pm followed by Harvest Supper.
7. Saturday 18 October: Concert given by Westoe Brass Band at 7pm at St Hilda's.
8. Save the Date: The Bishop of Beverley will visit the Benefice to induct Father Mark as Vicar on Saturday 22 November. There will be Mass at St Hilda's for St Cecilia's Day at 12 noon and Evensong and Benediction at St Michael's at 3pm on the Eve of Christ the Universal King.

This week's scripture readings at Mass

Revelation 12.7-12 | Hebrews 1.5-14 |

John 1.47-51

Zechariah 8.20-23 | Luke 9.51-56

Nehemiah 2.1-8 | Luke 9.57-62

Nehemiah 8.1-12 | Luke 10.1-12

Baruch 1.15-end | Luke 10.13-16

Baruch 4.5-12, 27-29 | Luke 10.17-24

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This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Hilda's Church]

Monday 29 September

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Intention: Our Parish and People

7.30pm Solemn High Mass

Preacher: Father Nicholas Johnson SSC

Tuesday 30 September

St Jerome

Intention: Gideons International

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 1 October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Intention: Schools and Nurseries

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 2 October

Holy Guardian Angels

Intention: Parents and Godparents

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 3 October

Feria

Intention: Those in need

Saturday 4 October

St Francis of Assisi

Intention: Care for Creation

10.00am Mass

Sunday 5 October

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

Mass (BCP) at 8.00am

Sung Mass at 11.00am

Holy Baptism at 12.45pm

Evensong and Solemn Benediction at 5pm

Churchwardens: Mrs M Thompson (456-3828)

Mr M Baxter (07792-458751)

Cheques payable to 'St Michael's PCC'

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COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

FIRST READING Amos 6.1a, 4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

PSALM Verses from Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord.

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore: and throughout all generations.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6.6-19

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL Luke 16.19-31

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.