

St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

14 September 2025

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Intention: Our Parish and People

9.30am – Sung Mass

Celebrant Father Gareth Gladman

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you: because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.

1. Saturday 20 September at 12 noon: Canon Peter Brown celebrates fifty years of Priestly Ordination. Solemn Mass at St Ignatius', Hendon. Preacher: The Bishop of Blackburn. All welcome.
2. Sunday 21 September at 4.45pm: Meeting of the Parochial Church Council.
3. Tuesday 23 September: Deanery Standing Committee at 10am at St Michael's.
4. Saturday 27 September: North East Walsingham Festival at St Mary's, Horden. Mass at 12 noon.
5. Monday 29 September – Michaelmas: Patronal Festival at St Michael's at 7.30pm. Preacher: Father Nicholas Johnson SSC.
6. Saturday 4 October: Concert given by the Bede Chorus and Band at 7pm, here at St Hilda's. Tickets: £8.
7. Saturday 11 October: 10am-3pm Children's Ministry Course at Christ the King, Bowburn with the Bishop of Beverley.
8. Saturday 18 October: Concert given by Westoe Brass Band at 7pm, here at St Hilda's.
9. 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

1 Timothy 2.1-8 | John 19.25-27

1 Timothy 3.1-13 | Luke 7.11-17

1 Timothy 3.14-16 | Luke 7.31-35

1 Timothy 4.12-16 | Luke 7.36-50

1 Timothy 6.2-12 | Luke 8.1-3

1 Timothy 6.13-16 | Luke 8.4-15

This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]

Monday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

Intention: Bereaved

Tuesday 16 September

Edward Bouverie Pusey

Intention: Pusey House

6.00pm Mass

Celebrant: Father Beresford Skelton

Wednesday 17 September

St Hildegard of Bingen

Intention: Church Musicians

10.00am Mass

Celebrant: Father Leslie Barron

Thursday 18 September

Feria

Intention: Christian Aid

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 19 September

Feria

Intention: Those in need

11.30am Funeral Service

Gillian Jefferson RIP

Saturday 20 September

Ss Andrew Kim Taegön,

Paul Chông Hasang and companions

Intention: Church in Korea

10.00am Mass

Sunday 21 September

**SAINT MATTHEW,
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

Intention: Our Parish and People

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Evensong at 6.00pm

Churchwardens: Mrs J Mulley (456-7461)

Mr P Grainger (454-3955)

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COLLECT

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son, made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Numbers 21.4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM Verses from Psalm 22

R. All the nations shall worship before him.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him. **R.**

My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever. **R.**

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1. 18-24

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL John 3.13-17

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**