

# St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

12 October 2025

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING TRINITY 17

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

9.30am – Sung Mass for Harvest Thanksgiving

*Gospel Acclamation:* Alleluia, alleluia! In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.

5.00pm – Harvest Songs of Praise at St Michael's

1. Tuesday 14 October: Bishop's Quiet Day at St John's, Seaham Harbour, 10am – 3pm.

2. Friday 17 October: Patronal Festival at St Ignatius', Hendon in Sunderland at 7pm. Principal Celebrant and Preacher: The Bishop of Beverley.

3. Saturday 18 October: Concert given by Westoe Brass Band at 7pm, here at St Hilda's.

4. Wednesday 5 November: Requiem Mass for All Souls' Day at 10am.

5. Saturday 22 November: The Bishop of Beverley will visit the Benefice to induct Father Mark as Vicar. 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*

Romans 1.1-7 | Luke 11.29-32

Romans 1.16-25 | Luke 11.37-41

Romans 2.1-11 | Luke 11.42-46

Romans 3.21-30 | Luke 11.47-end

Romans 4.1-8 | Luke 12.1-7

2 Timothy 4.10-17b | Luke 10.1-9

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.*

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This week's services and prayer intentions

*[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]*

Monday 13 October

St Edward the Confessor

*Intention: Westminster Abbey*

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 14 October

Feria

*Intention: Deanery Synod*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 15 October

St Teresa of Avila

*Intention: Spiritual Directors*

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 16 October

Feria

*Intention: Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament*

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch

*Intention: St Ignatius', Hendon*

Saturday 18 October

ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

*Intention: Evangelists*

10.00am Mass

Sunday 19 October

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER TRINITY**

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Evensong at 6pm

## **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

### **COLLECT**

O almighty and everlasting God, who has given us the fruits of the earth in their season; we give you humble and hearty thanks for this your bounty; and pray that you will give us grace to use all your gifts to your glory and the relief of all who are in need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

A reading from the book Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

### **PSALM Psalm 100**

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

## **SECOND READING** Revelation 14.14-18

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

## **GOSPEL** John 6.25-35

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

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**