

St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

28 June 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

9.30am – Sung Mass

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord: to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia.

1. Thursday 2 July at 6.30pm: Wuppertal Town Choir and Customs Voices concert at St Michael's – tickets on the door for £4.00.
2. Saturday 18 July: Bishop of Beverley's Festival Mass at York Minster at 11am.
3. Sunday 19 July at 4.45pm: Meeting of the Parochial Church Council.
4. Prayers for Father Stephen Edmonds who was announced as the next Archdeacon of Auckland last Sunday. Father Stephen served his title at St Ignatius' in Sunderland and has been a visiting preacher here at St Hilda's.

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Friday is the Feast Day of St Thomas, our secondary Patron:

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

This week's Scripture readings at Mass

Acts 12.1-11 | 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17, 18 |
Matthew 16.13-19

Amos 3.1-8, 4.11-12 | Matthew 8.23-27

Amos 5.14-15, 21-24 | Matthew 8.28-34

Amos 7.10-end | Matthew 9.1-8

Ephesians 2.19-end | John 20.24-29

Amos 9.11-end | Matthew 9.14-17

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A Forward in Faith Parish in the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Beverley

This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]

Monday 29 June

SS PETER AND PAUL

Intention: Bishops

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

1.15pm Funeral Service

Eve McSheffrey RIP

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 30 June

Feria

Intention: Armed Forces

11.30am Funeral Service

Sandra Coulthard RIP

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 1 July

Feria

Intention: Samaritans

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 2 July

Feria

Intention: Care homes and their staff

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 3 July

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Intention: Those in need

Saturday 4 July

St Elizabeth of Portugal

Intention: Market Stall Holders

10.00am Mass

Sunday 5 July

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Evensong and Solemn

Benediction at 5pm at St Michael's

Churchwardens: Mrs J Mulley (456-7461)

Mr P Grainger (454-3955)

Mr W Marley Miss C Mulley

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COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 28.5-9*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.'

PSALM *Verses from Psalm 89*

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord : with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever : thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen : I have sworn unto David my servant; Thy seed will I stablish for ever : and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

For the Lord is our defence : the Holy One of Israel is our King.

SECOND READING *Romans 6.12-23*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 10.40-42

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

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**