

Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

Bulletin for March 2026

Our Church Motto

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love
But the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 1.13)

Our Services for March

Sunday services start at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments.

1st March - Own Arrangement, led by the Stewards

8th March - Morning Worship led by Joseph Musungu

15th March - Mothering Sunday. Holy Communion led by Rev Ian

22nd March - Morning Worship led by Rev Ian

29th March - Palm Sunday. Morning Worship led by Adam Longhurst

Afternoon Communion Service

Our next afternoon Communion service will be on Tuesday March 3rd 2pm led by Rev Ian.

The Church Diary

Zoom Prayer meetings Please note the new time. These are each **Monday** at **9.30am** They last for only 30 mins. We pray for our church, the fellowship and other needs. Please join us either on zoom or at home, praying by yourself.

Every **Friday** morning in term time 9.30am **JaM club** for parents/carers and toddlers.

Saturdays 10.30am to 12 noon, **Coffee Morning** and Table Tennis.

Tuesday 3rd & 17th March **Craft Group**, 10am to 1pm.

Wednesday 3Cs will be on **March 4th**

Friday Blessings are organised by Churches Together in Highworth. They are held at St. Michaels on a Friday morning at 9.15am for 30 minutes. Please do come and join others to pray for Highworth.

Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee mornings are held each Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Table tennis is also available in the Ball room.

Coffee Mornings held in February

7th February - HMC £

14th February - HMC £149

21st February - Bumps to Babies

28th February - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Coffee Mornings in March

7th March - Highworth Scouts

14th March - MIND

21st March - HMC

28th March - Uplands Enterprise Trust

Our granddaughter Malaika is running the London Marathon approximately 25 miles on 26th April. Her chosen charity she has decided to support is MIND (National Association for Mental Health). Malaika is holding a coffee morning, with the help of her sister Amelia at church on Saturday 14th March between 10 - 12

Please come and meet Malaika, and support this well worth charity I am sure you will give her a warm welcome, and you can ask how she is training for the big day.

Many thanks Malcolm & Sylvia

Lent Studies

Rev Ian will lead our Lent Studies, entitled "Spiritual Essentials for Real Life" at Highworth Methodist Church.

Mon 23rd Feb 2.30 - 4.15pm Compass: Finding direction

Mon 2nd Mar 2.30 - 4.15 pm Nourishment: Keeping going

Mon 9th Mar 2.30 - 4.15 pm Light: Gaining wisdom

Mon 16th Mar 2.30 - 4.15 pm Shelter: Finding security

Mon 23rd Mar 2.30 - 4.15 pm Water: Finding refreshment

For those who can't make Monday afternoons there is also a programme using the same material at Shrivenham Methodist Church on Sunday evenings beginning at 5pm

Lent Lunches

These will start on Ash Wednesday, 18th March, in St Michaels. They will continue on each Wednesday throughout Lent, from 12 noon to 1.30pm

Finance and Fundraising

The Leadership agreed we will have a Gift Day on Saturday 28th March. Lynnes' financial report to the February Church Council indicated that so far this financial year, we have spent nearly £7000 more than our income. (This does not include the expenditure on the heating project which is separate) Our Gift Aid income will help to reduce this deficit, but we will still be significantly "in the red". Please consider what you can do to help financially.

Treasurer. Lynne has been serving as treasurer for a number of years. She stood down with effect from the Church Council meeting on 12th February. We cannot operate as a church without a treasurer.

Can you help? The role can be split to make it less onerous. One person could bank the offerings and lettings money each week or fortnight. A second person could then do the bookkeeping and a third person be the actual treasurer. Lynne has prepared a job description for the role. If anyone is interested, then this can be shared with you. Please speak to one of the Leadership team if you can help in any way.

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Fund Raising A fund Raising group is being set up. Several people have expressed interest and are discussing ideas. Do you have any ideas to raise money and can help with carrying them out?

One idea is "**Easy Fund Raising**", this costs you nothing, but if you shop online, you can use this site to buy your items. For example, you just;- log in to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/highworth-methodist-church/> then you can continue to your website of choice through their portal and carry on shopping as normal - that's it !

"A day in the life of a Benedictine"

Come and learn more about the Benedictine tradition with Rev Ian and Sister Jessica on Saturday afternoon, 7th March. This will start at 12.30 after the coffee morning and will finish at 4pm.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Church Heating

The heating is now fully installed on schedule and working.
Several minor issues remain to be resolved and items which were moved now need to be reinstated.

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches will be held in St. Michaels' church from 12 noon - 1.30pm every Wednesday during Lent. HMC has been asked to provide lunch on **25th March**. We need a team of volunteers to make and bring a vegetable soup to St Michaels' , to help serve and tidy up on 25th March. Please let us know if you are able to help.

Thank you. Helen Curtis & Val McAuley

Future Dates

Lent Lunches: Every Wednesday during Lent at St Michaels' 12noon

Lent Studies: Monday 23rd February 2.30 pm

Circuit Maundy Thursday Service at RWB 7.30

Saturday afternoon 7th March Reflective Service

Saturday 28th March Gift Day

General Church Meeting Tuesday 19th May 7.30pm

Church Council. Thursday 18th June 7.30pm

The Bulletin. The April bulletin will be published on the weekend 28th March. Please send items for inclusion to dianabores96@gmail.com by the 25th March

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