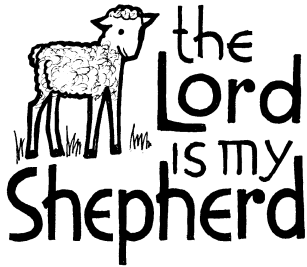


# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Jesus cares for us, who are his flock, as a good shepherd cares for his sheep. If we respond to his voice we shall live in the fullness of his love.

## Opening Sentence

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia!!

## Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leads me,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food from heaven feeds me.

Perverse and foolish I have strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with you, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread a table in my sight,  
of grace beyond all knowing:  
and, oh, the wonder and delight  
from your pure chalice flowing!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness fails me never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house for ever!

## **Greeting and Entrance**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Call to Confession**

My brothers and sisters,  
to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,  
let us first call to mind our sin.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring  
us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we  
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive  
our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you  
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

Let us pray  
that Christ our shepherd will lead us  
through the difficulties of this life.

Almighty and ever-living God,  
give us new strength

from the courage of Christ our shepherd,  
and lead us to join the saints in heaven.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading** (Sit)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14.36-41)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

## **Gradual Hymn:**

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter. (2:20-25)

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his

mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you, **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

This is the Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon** (Sit)

**The creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.**

**God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Intercessions (Sit)**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord!

Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace

### **Offertory Hymn**

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written  
Full clear on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness;  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade men rise,  
and hasten to share the great king's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,  
and all seemed sunk in night,  
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,  
thy chosen sons of light.  
On them and on thy people  
thy plenteous grace was poured,  
and this was still their message:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored:  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us  
the vict'ry shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels  
thy name shall be adored.  
And this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

## **Offertory Prayers**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. You called us into being and have now gathered us together. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may live to your glory and come to share the life of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord,  
restore us by these Easter mysteries.  
May the continuing work of our Redeemer  
bring us eternal joy.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Lift up your hearts,  
**we lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### **Preface**

Father, all powerful and ever living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.  
We praise you with greater joy than ever  
at this Easter season,  
when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

In him a new age has dawned,  
the long reign of sin is ended,  
a broken world has been renewed,  
and a man is once again made whole.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,  
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory your  
power and might  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven**



**Blessed, blessed is he who comes  
Blessed, blessed is he who comes  
Blessed is he, blessed is he,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
Who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying.  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying.

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,  
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the holy spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God,  
St Michael and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Communion**

### **Our Father**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever** **Breaking of the  
bread**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one Body,  
because we all share in one Bread.**

### **Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.  
Happy are those who are called to His supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

## **Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his  
sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, Alleluia.

*We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing when  
directed by the Sides people*

## **Communion Hymn**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father, eternal shepherd,  
watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of Christ  
and lead us to the promised land.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### *Concluding rite: Blessing & Dismissal*

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May you be enfolded in the love of God.  
May you feel the comfort of his presence.  
May you never doubt his compassionate care  
in all that you do and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit be among you,  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia!**

### **Final Hymn:**

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for men in all the earth;  
the gospel of a saviour's name:  
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim:  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those He came to save;  
in lonely suffering on the cross  
for all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for He was free;  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share His victory.  
Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
but all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him king:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth:  
this gospel message we proclaim:  
we sing His Glory, tell His worth.

### **Regina Coeli**

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven! Alleluia.  
He whom thou was meet to bear. Alleluia.  
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia.  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.  
**For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, who by the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to fill the world with joy, grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** – will take place on *Sunday 21st May* following the 10.30am Mass, at this meeting we shall give an account of ourselves as a Parish and look forward to the year ahead, please do all you can to attend.

**Bowes annual spring lunch - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May Tickets £15 adults, £7.50 children under 13 years, family of 4 ticket £30 tickets now**

**Kings coronation celebration** , Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May , we will be screening the Coronation in Church if you wish to attend please sign the list at the back of Church and bring a packed lunch.

## Dates for your diaries

**Adult Craft afternoon**– Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1pm onwards bring your own lunch. Bisi will lead a craft afternoon making items with beads. Cost £5. Please sign list at the back of Church if you are interested.

**Bowes hosting Caribbean evening**- On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm onwards. More details to follow

**Summer coach trip to Eastbourne**- Yvonne will be booking Coaches to leave from both Churches. More details to follow

**St Michael's day Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Cake and drinks after the service

**Sty Michael's International evening**- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**  
11am Mass St Michael at Bowes

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
12 noon Mass SMWG

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
7pm Holy Hour

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
5.30pm Mass SMWG

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Coronation of King Charles third**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
8.30am Mass                      10.30am Parish Mass

***We pray for all who are ill, that God may grant them health and peace:***

Bernice Kuye, Sunny, George Booth, Bet, George Brown, Zarina, Rosalyn Rowe, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa, Christopher John, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, Androulla & Fannos Hadjiordani, Ray and Pam Bennett, Emmanuel Kuye, Doreen Lelliot, Bob Wood, Krystyna Hammil, Cicely Blalock, Amy Harris, Jerry Moran, Daniel Sintin, Sally Sintin, Amie Samura, Marcus Cullen, Jennifer Douglas, Joshua Rattray, Victorine Clarke, Thomas Hewitt, Geri Thompson, Mary Thompson, Sarah Reggerie, Ian Lennon, Kathleen Wale, Serena Forni, Derek Ogden, Lawrence Barrett, Dominic Swift, Peter John Clements, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, Dorren Norine, Shola Adebawale, Una and Pat Murphy, Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Louiise, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Angela Whyte, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Anita Atherley, Evelyn Baker, Rita Thompson, Gabriel, Margaret, Carmel, Ann Hammond, Anna and Louis, Katie Kirkland, Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone, Susan Joy.

***for those who have died recently***

Bryan Gaul

***and for all whose anniversary of death falls at this time:***

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Pamela Gildersleeve
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Lily Lambert
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Amy Bernard
6 <sup>th</sup> May	George Proctor

**St Michael's Candle:** Is burning in loving memory of  
Marcel and Marlene Ng Yu Tin

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
John Economides and Louis Hadjiordani

**The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle:** is burning for  
Silencieux Apollon and Anite Jean Simon

**The flowers at St Michael's statue:** can be given in Loving memory  
cost £5 per week