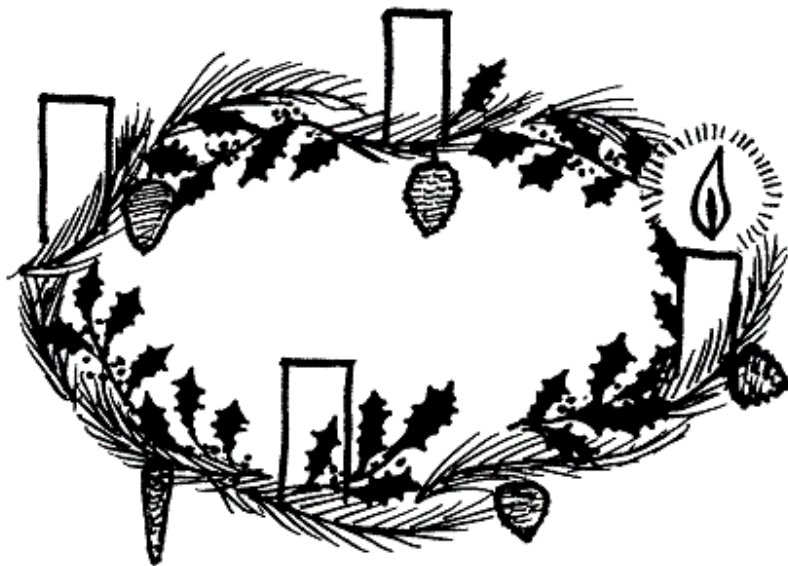


A very warm Welcome to
St Michael's Church



Advent Sunday
30th November 2025
10.30am

Opening Sentence

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Hymn: Lo he comes with clouds descending

Blessing of Advent Crown & Lighting of First Candle

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of *Hope* in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

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

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

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Sit)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'
He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: Come thou long expected Jesus

2nd Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew,(24:37-44)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon (Sit)

Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
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.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for 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

Priest: Christ is our peace he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace!

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

Offertory Hymn: O come O come Emmanuel

Offertory Prayers

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

People: **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 holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer over the Gifts

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,
gathered from among your gifts to us,
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you,
and with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts,
we lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.....*The Eucharist prayer continues*

The Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he humbled himself to come among us as a man,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the day,
hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory
and join in our unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

The priest continues

**For the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever**

Breaking of the Bread:

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **Though we are many we are one body, because we all
share in the one bread.**

Preparation for Communion:

All: **With this bread...**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All: **With this wine...**

We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed by the side's people

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Communion Hymn: Such love, pure as the whitest snow

Love divine

Concluding rite: Blessing & Dismissal

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated,
profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.

Through 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.

Notices – Please sit

Blessing & Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.....

You believe that the Son of God once came to us;
you look for him to come again.
May his coming bring you the light of his holiness
and free you with his blessing. **Amen.**

May God make you steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope, and untiring in love
all the days of your life. **Amen.**

You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man. When he
comes again in glory,
may he reward you with endless life. **Amen.**

May Almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, Go in the peace of Christ **Thanks be to God!**

Final Hymn: Our God Reigns

The Angelus- as I kneel before you

Notices

A Reading for Advent

People of God be glad! Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save.
You are God's children

A Prayer for Advent

Lord God, may we be obedient to your call and be ready
and watchful to receive Jesus, a lamp to our feet and a light
to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.
Make us one in the love of Christ
this day and for ever more. Amen

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

Sr Pat, Androulla, Ceva Clements, Perry Wells, Olive, Fanny Metu
Denise Clarke, Ann Hammond, Frances, Sarah, Katie Kirkland, Bet,
George Brown, Zarina, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley
Watson, Lurleen, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, Jean Bjork, Shirley & Leslie
Angus, Christopher John, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, Androulla, Fannos
jiordani, Ray and Pam Bennett , Emmanuel Kuye, 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 Clements, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, Dorren Norine, Shola
Adebowale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge,
James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley,
Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Joe Donkor, Dorothy,
Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Evelyn Baker, Gabriel, Anna and Louis,
Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone, Susan Joy, Mai Lee, Freddie Jones, Ester
Thompson, Heather and Sarah, Luke and John Burke, Nabawanda
Matlida, Donald, Lorraine, Pat Stephenson, Alice Mitchell, Sue Mallett,
Janet Syson, Anthony, Austin, Owen, Rose Gallagher, Ryan Ayoki

for those who have died recently

Jane Sanders, Neville Blake, Mick Laming

And for all whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

30th November	Darris Williams
1st December	Vincent Venson
5th December	Lucy Bunker

St Michael's candle: is burning in loving memory of
Darris Williams

The Blessed Sacrament candle: is burning in loving memory of
Marcel Ng YuTin

The Blessed Virgin Mary: is burning in loving memory of
Stephen Robert White

The flowers at St Michael's statue are given in loving memory of

