

Christmas Services across the Benefice

Christingle Services

Sunday 1st December:

4pm St Leonard, Blunsdon

Friday 20th December:

4pm St Michael's Highworth

Carol Services

Saturday 14th December:

2pm St John the Baptist, Inglesham

Sunday 15th December:

6pm St Michael's, Highworth

Wednesday 18th December:

7pm St James, Sevenhampton

Sunday 22nd December:

4pm St John the Baptist, Hannington

6pm St Leonard, Blunsdon

Crib Services

Tuesday 24th December:

3pm St Leonard, Blunsdon

4pm St Michael's, Highworth

Midnight Holy Communion

Tuesday 24th December at 11.15pm

St Leonard, Blunsdon and St Michael's Highworth

Christmas Day Holy Communion

8.45am St Michael's Highworth

9am St James, Sevenhampton

10am St Leonard, Blunsdon

10.15am St Michael's Highworth

10.30am St John the Baptist, Hannington



St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am service — Sunday 17th November 2024

Welcome greeting and opening prayer

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.

To God be glory and kingship for ever and ever.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Song **Indescribable**

Introduction to theme

Song **Oceans**

The children and youth leave for their groups

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive *us our* sins,
open *our* eyes to God's truth,
strengthen *us* to do God's will
and give *us* the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

May God our Father forgive *us our* sins
and bring *us* to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

Reading - Daniel 12: 1-3

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reading - Mark 13: 1-8

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Song **Blessed Assurance**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Song **At the name of Jesus**

The children and youth return from their groups

Church family news and where has God been working this week?

Song **Cornerstone**

Offertory and Closing Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty:
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom
and you are exalted as head over all.

Amen

Blessing

And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all
evermore. **Amen.**

After the service please join us for
refreshments, and remember there are
people willing to pray with you in confidence.