

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen Cf *Ephesians 3*

Reading Psalm 36: 5-10

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

Reading John 2: 1-11

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Song **Water you turned into wine**

Talk

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us so we pray:

**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 in to temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

Ending with song **Lord I come to you**

Children and youth return from their groups

Church Family News

Blessing

May Jesus Christ,

changer of water into wine, taker of the ordinary in our lives,
transform us for his glory, and make us extraordinary for his sake.

Let us go out from herewith God's miraculous grace brimming up inside us,
taking with us that abundance of love and power,
and sharing it with everyone we meet.

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. Amen

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St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am service — Sunday 19th January 2025

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Creator God, abundant giver, at a wedding in Cana

you turned the ordinary into the extraordinary.

We come to you, ready for you to turn our ordinariness
into something extraordinary for you today.

Amen.

God is spirit.

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

The Lord is with us.

Let us praise his name together.

Song **1000 hallelujahs**

Introduction to the theme

Children and youth leave for their groups

Confession

Lord God, we confess that the daily grind often consumes us.

We struggle to see beyond the needs of day-to-day life
and fail to lift our eyes to heaven for inspiration, let alone
miracle.

When we find ourselves chained to purely earthly demands
and lack the faith and imagination that you long to give;

Forgive us, Lord,

When we fail and find it hard to open our minds to the miracles
of living; **Forgive us, Lord,**

Open our eyes, change our thinking and understanding.

Come, Lord, by your Spirit transform our way of being;

make us vessels wherein the ordinary becomes

extraordinary,

for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lord God, we thank you for forgiving us when we forget;
when, in the midst of cares and worries, we forget what you
can do. Thank you for surprising us at such times,

by forgiving us when we've forgotten what it is to go astray
in our thoughts and attitudes as well as our deeds.

When our anxious minds are taken up about our needs and
wants, you surprise us with a reminder of your presence,

generous in your bounty— just like Jesus at the wedding in Cana.

Lord, who transforms water into wine,

thank you for your transforming power in our lives. Amen.

Song **I am who you say I am**