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7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

31st July 2022

ST MICHAEL'S HYMNS

Entrance

6 All creatures of our God and King

Before the Gospel

575 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Offertory

309 In bread we bring you Lord

Communion

333 Jesu, lover of my soul

Final

684 To God be the glory



COLLECT

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Diana, Doreen, Jacob, Andrew, Janet and those who are recovering from illness.

ONLINE GIVING THANKS

Many thanks to everyone giving to St Michael's online—we appreciate it! If you don't currently give in this way but would like to find out more, talk to Donna or Sybil.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We'll be holding confirmation classes from the 2nd Sunday of September after the August break, immediately after the service. The deanery confirmation service will be in November. Parents should send their children's names to Rev'd Ifeanyi Chukuka (contact details on the front of this sheet).



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

From **Friday 5 August**, the parish office will be closed for annual leave. The administrator returns to work **Monday 22 August**. Hope you all have a good summer!



OUTREACH GROUP

From August onwards on the **second Saturday** of every month, Yemi will be leading the outreach group which will first meet in church for prayer before going into the community. You're very welcome to join.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 1 August

Church: all day - Homework club
Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Tuesday 2 August

Church: all day - Homework club
Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group
Hall: 18:30 - 20:00— Pilates

Wednesday 3 August

Church: all day - Homework club

Thursday 4 August

Church: all day - Homework club

Friday 5 August

Parish Office closed

Saturday 6 August

Hall: 09:00-17:00—7th Day Adventists

Sunday 7 August

Church 10:00 - Holy Communion and All-age service
Hall 13:00-17:00 - I AM Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 14 August

Church - Outreach group

Sunday 11 September

Church 10:00 - Sunday School

SERVICE INFORMATION

- Our service on the **first Sunday** of every month is lead by our children and young people.
- Sunday School is on the **second and fourth Sundays** of the month.

OT: Hosea 11: 1—11 (NLT)

¹ “When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and I called my son out of Egypt.
² But the more I called to him,
the farther he moved from me,^[a]
offering sacrifices to the images of Baal
and burning incense to idols.
³ I myself taught Israel^[b] how to walk,
leading him along by the hand.
But he doesn’t know or even care
that it was I who took care of him.
⁴ I led Israel along
with my ropes of kindness and love.
I lifted the yoke from his neck,
and I myself stooped to feed him.
⁵ “But since my people refuse to return
to me,
they will return to Egypt
and will be forced to serve Assyria.
⁶ War will swirl through their cities;
their enemies will crash through their
gates.
They will destroy them,
trapping them in their own evil plans.
⁷ For my people are determined to
desert me.
They call me the Most High,
but they don’t truly honour me.
⁸ “Oh, how can I give you up, Israel?
How can I let you go?
How can I destroy you like Admah
or demolish you like Zeboiim?
My heart is torn within me,
and my compassion overflows.
⁹ No, I will not unleash my fierce anger.

I will not completely destroy
Israel,
for I am God and not a mere mortal.
I am the Holy One living among
you,
and I will not come to destroy.
¹⁰ For someday the people will follow
me.
I, the LORD, will roar like a lion.
And when I roar,
my people will return trembling
from the west.
¹¹ Like a flock of birds, they will come
from Egypt.
Trembling like doves, they will
return from Assyria.
And I will bring them home again,”
says the LORD.



GOSPEL: Luke 12: 13—21 (NLT)

¹³ Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” ¹⁵ Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

¹⁶ Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!””

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’

²¹ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

