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8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

7th August 2022

ST MICHAEL'S HYMNS

Entrance

359 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

Before the Gospel

245 Hallelu, hallelu, halllu, halleluia

Offertory

510 One more step along the world I go

Communion

72 Bind us together, Lord

Final

726 When I needed a neighbour



COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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 **Sunday 18 September** immediately after the service. The deanery confirmation service will be in November. Parents should send their children's names to Rev'd Ifeanyi Chukuka.



FREE HEALTH CHECKS & INFO

On **Saturday 13 August** 13:30—17:30 there will be a free health drop in in the hall: get some simple checks done by a qualified professional, who can also give advice and information on your health concerns.



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

ALL WEEK

Parish Office closed

Monday 8 August

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

Tuesday 9 August

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

Wednesday 10 August

Church: all day - Homework club

Thursday 11 August

Church: all day - Homework club

Saturday 13 August

Hall: 09:00-17:00—7th Day Adventists

Hall: 13:30-17:30—Community Health Outreach

Church - Outreach group

Sunday 14 August

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 10 September

Church - Outreach group

Sunday 11 September

Church 10:00 - Sunday School

OT: Isaiah 1: 1, 10—20 (NLT)

These are the visions that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. He saw these visions during the years when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Listen to the LORD, you leaders of “Sodom.”

Listen to the law of our God, people of “Gomorraah.”

¹¹ “What makes you think I want all your sacrifices?”

says the LORD.

“I am sick of your burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fattened cattle.

I get no pleasure from the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

¹² When you come to worship me, who asked you to parade through my courts with all your ceremony?

¹³ Stop bringing me your meaningless gifts;

the incense of your offerings disgusts me!

As for your celebrations of the new moon and the Sabbath

and your special days for fasting—they are all sinful and false.

I want no more of your pious meetings.

¹⁴ I hate your new moon celebrations and your annual festivals.

They are a burden to me. I cannot stand them!

¹⁵ When you lift up your hands in prayer, I

will not look.

Though you offer many prayers, I will not listen,

for your hands are covered with the blood of innocent victims.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves and be clean!

Get your sins out of my sight.

Give up your evil ways.

¹⁷ Learn to do good.

Seek justice.

Help the oppressed.

Defend the cause of orphans.

Fight for the rights of widows.

¹⁸ “Come now, let’s settle this,”

says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,

I will make them as white as snow.

Though they are red like crimson,

I will make them as white as wool.

¹⁹ If you will only obey me,

you will have plenty to eat.

²⁰ But if you turn away and refuse to listen,

you will be devoured by the sword of your enemies.

I, the LORD, have spoken!”



GOSPEL: Luke 12: 32—40 (NLT)

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’