St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

13 July 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

9.30am – Sung Mass

Celebrant: Father John Livesley

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

- 1. The General Synod is meeting in York until Tuesday. We are grateful to clergy covering services here and at St Michael's while Father Mark is in York.
- 2. There is also a meeting of the Durham Diocesan Clergy at the Raddison Hotel in Durham from Wednesday until Friday afternoon.
- 3. Tuesday 22 July: Feast of St Mary Magdalene: Patronal Festival at St Mary Magdalene's, Millfield at 7pm. All welcome.
- 4. Tuesday 5 August: Meeting of the Chapter of Our Lady and St Cuthbert at St Michael's: Mass at 10.00am | Midday Prayer and Benediction at 12 noon. Meeting postponed from July. All welcome.
- 5. Thursday 14 August: Eve of the Assumption: Solemn Sung Mass at 7pm at St Michael's.

Tuesday is St Swithun's Day, Bishop of Winchester, c.862. The Collect:

Almighty God, by whose grace we celebrate again the feast of your servant Swithun: grant that, as he governed with gentleness the people committed to his care, so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance, may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This week's scripture readings at Mass
Exodus 1.8-14, 22 | Matthew 10.34-11.1
Exodus 2.1-15 | Matthew 11.20-24
Exodus 3.1-6, 9-12 | Matthew 11.25-27
Exodus 3.13-20 | Matthew 11.28-30
Exodus 11.10-12.14 | Matthew 12.1-8
Exodus 12.37-42 | Matthew 12.14-21

This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]

Monday 14 July Feria Intention: Seafarers

Tuesday 15 July St Swithun Intention: Pusey Guild 6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 16 July St Osmund Intention: Durham Clergy Conference 10.00am Mass

Thursday 17 July
Feria
Intention: Retired Clergy
11.00am Mass (BCP)
Celebrant: Canon John Miller

Friday 18 July
Feria
Intention: Those in need

Saturday 19 July
Ss Gregory of Nyssa
and Macrina
Intention: Hospitality and Hope
10.00am Mass

Sunday 20 July

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People Sung Mass at 9.30am Evensong at 6.00pm

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30.9-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying, the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

PSALM Verses from Psalm 25

R. Remember, Lord, thy compassion and love.

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. **R.**

Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long. **R**.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. **R**.

SECOND READING Colossians 1.1-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the

Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL Luke 10.25-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.