

St Michael & All Angels, Stokenham

11 am Holy Communion

Worship Leader and Preacher: Reverend Mark Neave

If you are joining us for the first time please introduce yourself. You are very welcome!
Please join us for tea/coffee after the service.

THIS WEEK WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

...The departed and those who mourn that they may be comforted and consoled, and those whose anniversaries we keep at this time - Roy Arnum, Brad Woodman and Mabel Goodman...

Notices:

'Teas by the Seas' Every Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm and every Bank Holiday Monday from 11 am to 4 pm into September. Enjoy tea/coffee and cake at St Andrew's Church Beesands, helping to support many charities. If you can assist by baking cakes or serving please contact Ann Foss 07970 702537.

Bible Study meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. The next Bible Study will be on 11th May 2026 2.30 pm in the Old Exchange. All are welcome.

Saturday, 30th May 2026 10 am refreshments, talk to start at 10.30 am, St Michael's Church. Neil Martin will be talking about Stokenham, a brief history and the growth and beauty of St. Michael & All Angels Church. Refreshments will be served.

Dates for your diary - further information to follow:

Saturday, 20th June - Art Exhibition 12pm - 4pm - Refreshments

Friday - Sunday 3rd -5th July Flower Festival in St Michael's Church - Refreshments

Saturday, 11th July 12 pm to 4 pm Stokenham Village Fete

Forthcoming Services: Please note some changes to the usual schedule

Sunday 10th May	Holy Communion	St Michael's	11 am
Sunday 10th May	Evensong	St Martin's	6 pm
Wednesday 13th May	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10 am
Sunday 17th May	Benefice Holy Communion	Chivelstone	10.30 am
Wednesday 20th May	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10 am
Sunday 24th May	Holy Communion - Pentecost	St Michael's	11 am
Sunday 24th May	Holy Communion	St Martin's	11 am
Sunday 24th May	Evening Prayer	St Andrew's	5 pm
Wednesday 27th May	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10 am
Sunday 31st May	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Michael's	8 am
Sunday 31st May	Morning Praise -Lay Led	St Michael's	11 am
Sunday 31st May	Village Service - Lay Led	St Martin's	11 am

Sunday 10 May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be used
as either the first or second reading.*

Either **Acts 17:22-31**

*A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.*

Then Paul stood in front of the
Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see
how extremely religious you are in
every way. For as I went through the
city and looked carefully at the objects
of your worship, I found among them
an altar with the inscription, 'To an
unknown god.' What therefore you
worship as unknown, this I proclaim
to you. The God who made the world
and everything in it, he who is Lord
of heaven and earth, does not live in
shrines made by human hands, nor is
he served by human hands, as though
he needed anything, since he himself
gives to all mortals life and breath
and all things. From one ancestor he
made all nations to inhabit the whole
earth, and he allotted the times of
their existence and the boundaries
of the places where they would live,
so that they would search for God
and perhaps grope for him and find
him – though indeed he is not far
from each one of us. For 'In him we
live and move and have our being';
as even some of your own poets have
said, 'For we too are his offspring.'
Since we are God's offspring, we
ought not to think that the deity is
like gold, or silver, or stone, an image
formed by the art and imagination of
mortals. While God has overlooked
the times of human ignorance, now he
commands all people everywhere to
repent, because he has fixed a day on
which he will have the world judged in
righteousness by a man whom he has
appointed, and of this he has given

assurance to all by raising him from
the dead."

Or **Genesis 8:20 – 9:17**

PSALM Psalm 66:7-end

R *[Bless our God, you peoples;]
let the sound of his praise be heard.*

Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be
heard.

Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip. **R**

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment. **R**

I will enter your house with burnt-
offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was
in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. **R**

Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done
for me.

I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me; **R**

But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my
prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 3:13-end**

*A reading from the first letter of
Peter.*

Who will harm you if you are eager to
do what is good? But even if you do
suffer for doing what is right, you are
blessed. Do not fear what they fear,
and do not be intimidated, but in your
hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always
be ready to make your defence to
anyone who demands from you an
account of the hope that is in you; yet
do it with gentleness and reverence.
Keep your conscience clear, so that,
when you are maligned, those who

abuse you for your good conduct in
Christ may be put to shame. For it
is better to suffer for doing good, if
suffering should be God's will, than
to suffer for doing evil. For Christ
also suffered for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous, in
order to bring you to God. He was
put to death in the flesh, but made
alive in the spirit, in which also he
went and made a proclamation to
the spirits in prison, who in former
times did not obey, when God waited
patiently in the days of Noah, during
the building of the ark, in which a
few, that is, eight persons, were saved
through water. And baptism, which
this prefigured, now saves you – not
as a removal of dirt from the body,
but as an appeal to God for a good
conscience, through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ, who has gone into
heaven and is at the right hand of
God, with angels, authorities, and
powers made subject to him.

Or **Acts 17:22-31**

GOSPEL John 14:15-21

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love
me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will
give you another Advocate, to be
with you for ever. This is the Spirit of
truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor
knows him. You know him, because
he abides with you, and he will be in
you. I will not leave you orphaned; I
am coming to you. In a little while the
world will no longer see me, but you
will see me; because I live, you also
will live. On that day you will know
that I am in my Father, and you in
me, and I in you. They who have my
commandments and keep them are
those who love me; and those who
love me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love them and reveal myself
to them."

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.