

August, 2025 Benefice Bulletin
Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton
and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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Bickerstock Songs of Praise

Holy Trinity Church on Sunday
3rd August at 11am. As in
previous years, we'll be joined by
artists who perform at the festival.
There will be no 9.30am service
at St. Michael's.

Weddings

Holy Trinity:

Saturday 9th August at 12pm
Andrew Graham
Boardman &
Laura Katy Williamson

St. Michael's

Saturday 9th August at 3pm
Edmund Warriner &
Jill Harwood

Wednesday Communion

The next Holy Communion will be
on **Wednesday 13th August at**
11.15am in St. Michael's Church
Hall. A sandwich lunch will follow
– cost £3. All welcome!

Funeral

Ormskirk Parish Church
Monday 18th August at 1pm
Freddie Evans

Baptism

St Michael's

Sunday 24th August at 12.30pm
Eden Fox Thomas Foster

Foodbank - Please help if you
can, especially now it is school
holiday time. Items can be left
anytime in the porch at St.
Michael's Church. Many thanks.

Men's Breakfast in August

We will welcome Chris Lennie to
the breakfast in August, who will
talk about a number of pilgrimage
routes he has walked and will this
year walk the Via Francigena
to Rome.

Saturday, 30th August at 9.30am
St. Michael's Church Hall

**Sign-up sheet at the back of
church or let Andrew know if
you would like to be included.**

Volunteer Forms

Volunteer forms need to be
completed by volunteers who
have undertaken a role of any
sort in St. Michael's Church
since February, 2023 (this
includes new PCC members).
Please ask for a form. Completed
forms should be returned to
Andrew.

The Leading Our Church into
Growth Prayer for our
churches of St. Michael's and
Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to
your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in
numbers, In spiritual
commitment to you, and in
service to our local
community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

For Home Communion and
Pastoral calls, please call
Andrew to arrange.

Upcoming Services
and Events

United Benefice Service
Sunday 7th September

The United Benefice Service for
September will be at St Michael's
Church at 11am

Sunday 21st September
at 9.30am

Blessing of Pets Service at
St Michael's Church

To celebrate the gift of our furry,
scaly and feathered friends. To
say thank you to the animals
which add so much joy to our
lives. If you can't bring your pet
you could bring a photograph
instead.

Even if you don't have a pet to
bring, please come to this
service. This service is for **ALL**.

We are all part of God's
wonderful creation and we can
celebrate this together!

Saturday 27th September
11am – 3pm

St Michael's Heritage Day

Church Tours, display of archive
documents, children's activities
(including find the church mouse)
and refreshments and cake.

Sunday 28th September
at 9.30am

St. Michael's Patronal Service

Saturday 4th October
at 6pm

Harvest Hotpot followed by
Quiz at St Michael's

Sunday 5th October
at 11am

United Benefice Harvest
Service at Holy Trinity

Café Church at Bickerstaffe Church

The next Café Church will be on Sunday 21st September 10.30am for 11am. Join us for refreshments and pastries before the service.

Church Cleaning

We still need a couple more people to join the cleaning group at St. Michael's.

If you can spare half an hour on Thursday mornings at 9.00am to come and clean a small area of the church, we would love to see you. If you need any more information, see Peter Fogden or Pam O'Brien. Thank you!

St Michael's Churchyard Extension

For those who have yet to view the plans of the churchyard extension for a garden of remembrance, they can be viewed in St Michael's Church following any of the services.

Tuesday Evening Prayer

St. Michael's Church every Tuesday at 4pm.

Join us as we pray for the church, the world and the parishes of Aughton and Bickerstaffe.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" Philippians 4:6

Prayer List Book - Please add the names of those who are ill or who have been bereaved, in the prayer book at the back of both churches. If you would like their names read out as part of the intercessions, please put a tick next to their name, but please make sure you have their permission.

Bickerstaffe Pensioners' Social Fund – Charity

A Date for your Diary

The Charity organises a trip and a Christmas party each year. Our AGM is at Four Lane Ends Mission on the 23rd Oct at 2pm. to find out more contact Edward westlancedward@btinternet.com

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
Sunday 3 rd August Seventh Sunday after Trinity Green Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion	11am Andrew Bickerstock Songs of Praise
Tuesday 5 th August	4pm Andrew Evening Prayer	
Sunday 10 th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity Green Genesis 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32-40	8.15am Andrew 9.30am Judith Holy Communion 9.30am Pam, Margaret, Andrew Messy Church	11am Judith Holy Communion
Tuesday 12 th August	4pm Andrew Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 13 th August	11.15am Judith Holy Communion	
Sunday 17 th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity Green Jeremiah 23.23-29; Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2; Luke 12.32-40	8.15am Andrew 9.30am Andrew Family Service	11am Andrew Family Service
Tuesday 19 th August	4pm Andrew Evening Prayer	
Sunday 24 th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity Green Isaiah 58.9b-14; Hebrews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17	8.15am Andrew 9.30am Andrew	11am Mark Morning Praise
Tuesday 26 th August	4pm Andrew Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 27 th August	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
Sunday 31 st August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Green Proverbs 25.6-7; Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14	8.15 Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion	11am Andrew Holy Communion

Please keep praying for our three focus areas at St Michael's and Holy Trinity and think if there is anything you can do to help with any of them.

Grow a sustainable ministry to the increasing number who are unable to attend church.

Develop the third Sunday of the month into an all-age service and grow the number of children and young families who attend it.

Increase the number of volunteers involved in the worship, ministry and maintenance of St Michael's and Holy Trinity so that it doesn't always fall onto the same few.

Salvation Army Bootle

Collections for the above charity include: **All unwanted gifts, good quality clothing (men's ladies & children's) bedding (only NEW duvet) shoes, household items (NOT furniture) bric-a-brac and Christmas decorations.**

NB: No electrical items, thanks

Please can Items be BAGGED and LABELLED and left at the back of St. Michael's Church or in the porch. Thank you.
Margaret

Benefice Bulletin

If you would like to receive the Benefice Bulletin by email, please contact Andrew or Pam.
beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com

Church Instagram Accounts

Both St Michael's and Holy Trinity have an Instagram account which will be used to show pictures of what we do and to advertise events and services. Please follow and invite friends and family to follow as well.

stmichaelschurch_aughton_
holytrinity_bickerstaffe

Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group

Saturday 23rd August

The walk will be just over an hour and will be 2.5 miles.

Meet at St Helen's Crematorium.
at 11.00am

We will visit parts of Windle and Crank and we end up back near The Abbey Pub on Hard Lane, St Helen's Merseyside WA10 6TL
Book yourself a table if you want to eat there.

Any questions ask

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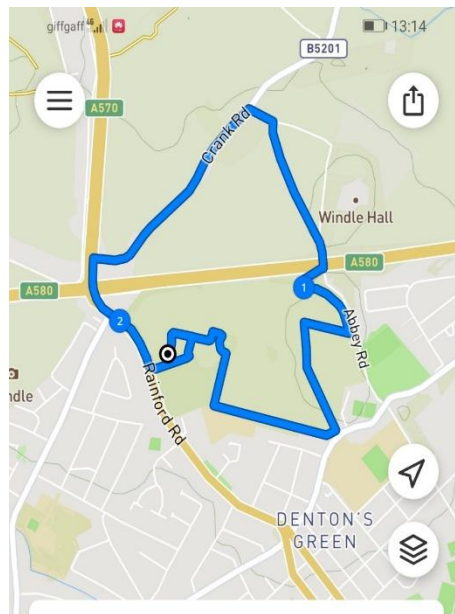


New walkers will be really welcome!

Link to the Walk:

1. We start at St Helen's Crematorium. We have time to look around /walk around to see the various graves, ruins and other points of interest.
2. We then go over the Abbey Rd bridge over the A580.
3. From here past Windle Hall, across the fields back to Crank Rd.
4. From Crank Rd back to the Rainford By Pass.
5. Crossing over the A570/ A580 junction we head back to the Crematorium

As usual, all walks at your own risk and please wear suitable footwear.



Regular Giving

St. Michael's:

The best way to support our share of the diocese clergy stipends and pensions, is through the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**.

The Parish Giving Scheme

(PGS) will:

- Dramatically reduce the time the treasurer needs to devote to administration
- Give you regular and speedy payments and returns from Gift Aid
- Offer an easy way to tackle static giving with the value of gifts being raised by inflation on an annual basis.

The Parish Giving Scheme allows all who currently give by standing order, envelopes or loose on the offering plate, to plan and manage their giving through Direct Debit.

To register online – [Aughton St Michael - Parish Giving Scheme](#) (or, if you prefer, by phone, call 0333 002 1271).

Our parish PGS code is 220622143. Everything you give comes to St. Michael's; **PGS does not deduct a fee from your gift.**

Holy Trinity:

To help with cash flow, if you haven't already, please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Raising funds for St. Michael's while shopping online

Whenever you buy anything elsewhere online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Michael's with easyFundraising. There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelschaughtonl396sb/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
 3. After you have checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Michael's Church at no extra cost to you.
- Thank you for your support.