



St Katharine, Blackrod - Sunday 7th December 2025

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



#### READINGS AND PRAYERS

##### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

**All:** Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love.

*Two candles are lit today*

**CANDLE SONG** (*To the tune of "Away in a Manger"*)

**All** A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

##### COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our manifold sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

##### FIRST READING Isaiah 11. Verses 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

##### PSALM 72. Verses 1-7

**Response: The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice**

Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king. Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice. May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people. May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

**Response: The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth. In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**Response: The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice**

##### SECOND READING Romans 15. Verses 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

##### GOSPEL READING Matthew 3. Verses 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

##### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**St Katharine's Church**

**Registered Charity No: 1144084**

# What's on this week.....

## SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b> (Come along at 3.30pm to make your Christingle)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Wiggle Worship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1.15pm</b>	<b>Funeral: Eileen Ainsworth</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Church School Carol Service (1)</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Church School Carol Service (2)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Funeral: John Wainwright</b>
<b>Sunday 14th December: ADVENT 3</b>		
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Age Worship Service</b>



**THE NATIVITY** will be performed during the Crib Service on Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) at 4pm.

If you wish, come dressed in suitable costumes - e.g. Angels, Shepherds, Kings.

## GRAVE POTS

The Flower Team will soon be making the pots for graves. The cost is £7.00 each. These are made to order and if you wish to order one please contact Joyce on 07938 180404. Please collect your orders on Saturday 13th December at the Coffee Morning, or Sunday 14th after the morning service.

## Today's Hymns - Sunday 7th December

- 810 Thou whose almighty word
- 36 Hark the glad sound!
- 46 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
- 38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
- 692 Jesus, good above all other
- 719 Lord, the light of your love is shining

## PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

**Sheila Edwards, Rachel Lowe, Josie Woods**  
**Pat Morris, Brian Inglis, Steven Hyatt,**  
**Annie Shaw, Lauren Reid, John Green**  
**Damian McCabe, Margaret Martinez**

Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.

For those who have died:

**Frank Wignall, Graham Moss**

**Eileen Ainsworth**  
(Funeral on Wednesday 10th December at 1.15pm)

**John Wainwright**  
(Funeral on Friday 12th December at 1.00pm)

**John Michael Dainty**  
(Funeral on Wednesday 17th December at 1.00pm)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Thomas Cornes, Remi Evans-Davies**  
**Brian Kellie**

Let us know? If anyone is aware of someone sick or in hospital, wishing to be included on the Prayer List, please notify the Vicar, or the Churchwardens.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person, or their family, before asking for their name to be added. Thank you.

## Please Pray for Ukraine

## CONTACTS

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If you wish to make a donation to support St Katharine's, you can use this QR code. Thank you.



## Rotary Club of Horwich

**Horwich & Blackrod Rotary Christmas Collections 2025**

**Starts at 6.15pm, must finish by 8.30pm**

Wednesday 10th Dec - Greenbarn Way to Scot Lane,  
Friday 12th Dec - St Katharine's Drive, Nightingale Rd,  
 Latham Rd, New Street, Manchester Road.

## CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 13th December 10am to 12 noon**  
**Coffee, tea, & toasted tea cakes!**  
**Books, Raffle, Jigsaws, warm welcome**

## CHRISTMAS POST

**The Postbox** will be in the church entrance hall. **£1 for 4 cards** in the Blackrod area, please put money in a bag with the cards and post in the post box. Please make sure all cards have the correct address on the envelope. Last collection on Sunday 20th December. Thank you.



## SAFEGUARDING

As part of the Manchester Diocese, St Katharine's Church follows the safeguarding guidelines, the national legal and procedural framework for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the Church of England policy and practice.

**Safeguarding Officer:** Janet Hollick 07514041611

## Fire Action



**Raise the alarm**



**Leave the building by the nearest exit**



**Report to assembly point**

**CAR PARK**



**Do not return to the building until authorised to do so**



**Do not take any risks**