



St Katharine, Blackrod - Sunday 14th December 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE

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.

Three candles are lit today

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

All A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy,
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow,
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

THE COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your son; give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READING Isaiah 9. Verses 6-7

A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace! His royal power will continue to grow; his kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David's successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time. The Lord Almighty is determined to do all this.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11. Verses 2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison about the things that Christ was doing, he sent some of his disciples to him. "Tell us," they asked Jesus, "are you the one John said was going to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you are hearing and seeing: the blind can see, the lame can walk, those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are brought back to life, and the Good News is preached to the poor. How happy are those who have no doubts about me!"

While John's disciples were leaving, Jesus spoke about him to the crowds: "When you went out to John in the desert, what did you expect to see? A blade of grass bending in the wind? What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in fancy clothes? People who dress like that live in palaces! Tell me, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed, but you saw much more than a prophet. For John is the one of whom the scripture says: 'God said, I will send my messenger ahead of you to open the way for you.' I assure you that John the Baptist is greater than anyone who has ever lived. But the one who is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than John."



SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

Monday 9.00am Wiggle Worship
Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 1.00pm Funeral:

John Michael Dainty

Sunday 21st December: ADVENT 4

11.00am The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

3.00pm Carol Service.

Come and hear the Christmas story in readings and song. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

CONTACTS

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Today's Hymns -

Sunday 14th December

42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

43 Long ago, prophets knew

45 O come, O come, Emmanuel

719 Shine, Jesus, shine

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



St Katharine's Church
Registered Charity No: 1144084

What's on this week.....



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:

Eileen Ainsworth, John Wainwright

John Michael Dainty

(Funeral on Wednesday 17th December at 1.00pm)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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



MESSY CHURCH

SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER

3.45 to 6pm

Fun, food, crafts. All free!

Families welcome

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Free IT workshop

On Tuesday 16th Dec at 11am in Church.

Run by the Community Centre and Nima, this is to help people get on line and give them a bit of confidence in using the internet etc. Laptops and devices can be loaned from the Community Centre. Nima is happy to answer any questions or concerns you have about getting on-line.

CONNECT - Warm Welcome

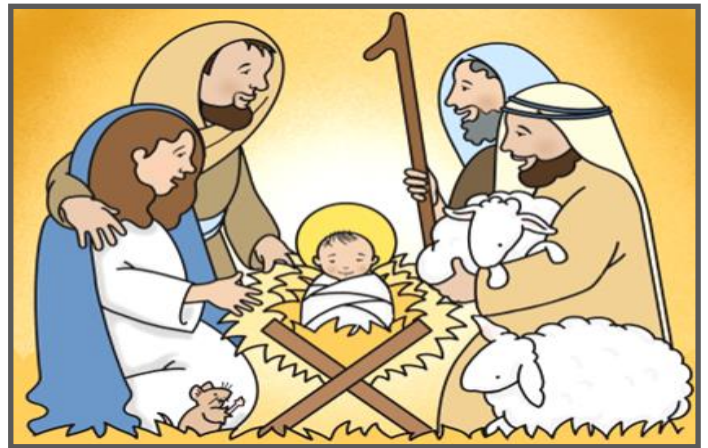
Tuesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm

Call in for a warm, and a brew and a snack!

Home Communion

If you are unable to get to a service at St Katharine's and would like to receive communion at home, please get in touch with Revd Angela, or the churchwardens.

And please get in touch if you would like a visit from either the clergy or one of our team of licensed Lay Eucharistic ministers.



THE NATIVITY will be performed during the Crib Service on Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) starting at 4pm. If you wish, come dressed in suitable costumes - e.g. Angels, Shepherds, Kings. All welcome.

GRAVE POTS

The Flower Team have been making the pots for graves. The cost is £7.00 each. Please collect your orders today after the morning service. Thank you to Joyce and all the Flower Team.

CHRISTMAS POST

The Postbox is 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 Sunday 21st December. Thank you.

"Advent Reflections" Team Worship Service

**Please join us on
Sunday 14th December at 6.00 pm**

at St John's Wingates Church

TODAY!

**An evening of worship, readings and
reflection led by
the Team Worship Band**

Refreshments will be served after the service

Fire Action



Raise the alarm



**Leave the building by
the nearest exit**



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK