



# 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 Benefice Bulletin

## Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

St. Michael's Church Website: [www.aughtonstmichael.org.uk](http://www.aughtonstmichael.org.uk)  
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### **Benefice Epiphany Service**

St Michael's  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 11am

### **Evening Prayer at St Michael's**

Each 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*

### **Church Decorations**

Thank you to all who helped decorate both St Michael's and Holy Trinity this year, both churches looked beautiful. If you are able to help take down the decorations, please speak to the Church Wardens. All help appreciated!

***Anyone from St. Michael's who is able to give help, we shall meet at 9.30am Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January.***

### **Lent Group**

"The Commandments" is the third book in the Pilgrim Course, a six-session course focusing on Jesus' interpretation of the Ten Commandments to guide Christian living, covering topics like love, priorities, reverence, rest, respect, righteousness, and reliability. We will meet in St Michael's Church Hall each Thursday from 7.30pm, starting 19<sup>th</sup> February. A list is at the back of both churches, please sign up if you'd like to attend the course and order a book.

### **Funerals:**

#### **St Michael's Aughton**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm followed by West Lancs Crematorium at 3pm

*June Price*

#### **West Lancashire Crematorium**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm

*Gillian Mary Clark*

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 11am

*Joan Hodge*

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm

*Brenda Winstanley*

### **Leading Our Church into Growth Prayer for our churches of St. Michael's and Holy Trinity**

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

### **When Christmas Is Over**

By *Vickie Munton*

The string of lights are removed.  
The tree comes down.  
And - just like that....  
Christmas is over.

*Only it's not. Don't you see?*

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2*

*This baby? This Jesus?  
It was only the beginning*



**Look back and thank God.  
Look forward and trust God.  
Look around and serve God.  
Look up and seek God.**

	<b>St Michael, Aughton</b>	<b>Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b> Christmas 2 White Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 11am Andrew Benefice Service	
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	4pm Evening Prayer	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> Baptism of Christ White Isaiah 42.1-9; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Judith Holy Communion 9.30am Margaret, Pam, Andrew Messy Church	11am Judith Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	4pm Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> Epiphany 2 White Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Family Service	10.30am for 11am Café Church
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	4pm Evening Prayer	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> Epiphany 3 White Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion 11.30am Andrew Baptism	11am Mark Morning Praise
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	4pm Evening Prayer	
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	11.15am Judith Holy Communion	

**Foodbank** - Please help if you can. Items can be left anytime in the porch at St. Michael's Church. Many thanks.

**Urgently needed items**

- Tinned tomatoes
- Custard
- Small packets of tea bags
- Jams / Spreads
- Tinned potatoes
- Sugar
- Chocolate / sweets
- Hair shampoo
- Deodorants (male and female)

**Please also 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.

**Follow us on Instagram**

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**holytrinity\_bickerstaffe**

**If you would like to help  
St. Michael's Church  
financially -**

**Please consider a one-off  
or regular donation.**

<https://bit.ly/StMichaelsPGS>



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**Also,** please consider  
registering with easyfundraising  
to raise free donations every  
time you shop online – from your  
weekly shop to your annual  
holiday – you could be raising  
free donations for St Michael's.

<https://bit.ly/StMichaelsEasyfundraising>



**Any questions about either of  
the above, email -**

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or speak to Anthony in church.