

St Katharine, Blackrod - Sunday 25th January 2026



## EPIPHANY 3

### THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today

#### READINGS AND PRAYERS

##### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Isaiah 9. Verses 1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

##### PSALM 27. 1, Verses 4-12

**Response:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

**Response:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me; Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**Response:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me. My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure. You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**Response:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

##### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Has Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did



baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

##### GOSPEL READING Matthew 4. Verses 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

##### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### CONTACTS

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# What's on .....

## 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:

**David Nightingale, Joan Whitehead**

**Margaret Pomfret**

*(Funeral on Tuesday 27th January at 1pm)*

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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

### Candles for Ukraine

The collection of tins and candles for Ukraine is pausing for a while. Please do not bring any more until notified it is starting again. Thank you to everyone who has supported this scheme and thank you to Beth for organising. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.

## 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



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

## PREVENTION AGAINST INFECTION

Please remember to use to hand sanitiser at the front door to help with prevention of infection. Thank you.

## Fire Action



**Raise the alarm**



**Leave the building by the nearest exit**



**Report to assembly point**

**CAR PARK**

**St Katharine's Church**  
Registered Charity No: 1144084

## SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

**Monday 9.00am Wiggle Worship**  
**Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion**  
**1.00pm Funeral: Margaret Pomfret**

### Sunday 1st February 2026 - Candlemas

**11.00am The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School**  
**6.00pm Taize for Candlemas**

## CANDLEMAS



### SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

**6pm Taize Service**

**All Welcome**

## Today's Hymns - Sunday 25th January

**827 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**  
**805 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own son**  
**451 Just as I am, without one plea**  
**330 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you**  
**545 Morning has broken, like the first morning**  
**612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning**

Our new Mondays in term time -  
Wiggle Worship combines with Baby Rhyme Time to become



**One session from 9am - 11.15 am with  
Wiggle story time at 10am**



**Crafts and stories  
Nursery Rhymes and songs**

## Messy Church

**Saturday 31st January  
3.45-6pm**

**Fun, Crafts, Food**

**All welcome. All free!**

Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.



## FLOWER CLUB at St Katharine's

Next meeting will be a Demonstration with Lesley Etchells on Friday 6th February at 2pm. Come along and find out more.  
£3 entry with light refreshments. Raffle.

