



8th February, 2026 Benefice Bulletin
Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton
and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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Wednesday Communion

11th February at 11.15am in St. Michael's Church Hall. A sandwich lunch will be served after the service. (Cost £3). All welcome.

Ash Wednesday

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service (18th February) with ashing in St Michael's Church Hall at 11.15am followed by sandwiches.

Lent Reflections at Bickerstaffe School

The annual Lent Reflections followed by breakfast will start on Wednesday 25th February at 8am. All Welcome!

Wednesday Fellowship Group

The group will next meet on Wednesday, 18th February at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. All welcome!

Bible Study Group will next meet on Thursday, 19th February at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. We will be studying Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. All are welcome.

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. We will meet in St Michael's Church Hall each Thursday from 7.30pm, starting **19th 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 or contact Andrew.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer worship service has a special annual theme which is developed by women of a different country each year. A national committee then prepares an order of service on that theme.

This year it is Nigeria's turn.

'I will give you rest, come'

As we (St Michael's) are hosting the World Day of Prayer this year, please have a chat with Margaret Ellams if you are able to help as a 'welcomer' on the day. Also, if anyone is able to make some homemade cakes, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



The **February and March 9.30am** services helpers list for welcomers, sacristans, chalice bearers etc at St. Michael's is now available at the back of church. Please sign up with your preferred date(s). Thank you.



Funerals:

West Lancashire Crematorium

Monday 16th February at 1pm
Jacqueline Wickstead

St. Michael's Church

Tuesday 17th February at 10am
Paul James Jackson

Leading Your Church Into Growth - Robin Gamble,

Matt Woodcock, Sweetline Burnell and Neil Short are offering a one day Evangelism training day for lay and clergy leaders.

Saturday 7th March 9am – 4pm at Christ Church Aughton. If you would like to attend, please speak to Andrew.

Booking via Eventbrite (Link below) **£10** - Bring your own lunch
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evangelism-north-tickets-1979853913351?aff=oddttdcreator>

Rotary Clocktower Senior Tea Party

will be held on Saturday 21st February from 2.00 - 4.15 pm. At Christ Church Ministry Centre.

Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to go.

Home Communion and Pastoral Calls

If you would like a Home Communion or Pastoral Call please contact Andrew.

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
Sunday 1 st February Epiphany 4 White Micah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; Matthew 5.1-12	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion	11am Andrew Benefice Candlemas Service
Tuesday 3 rd February	4pm Evening Prayer	
Sunday 8 th February 2nd before Lent Green Isaiah 58.1-9a,(9b-12); 1 Corinthians 2.1-12,(13-16); Matthew 5.13-20	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Judith Holy Communion 9.30am Margaret, Pam, Andrew Messy Church	11am Judith Holy Communion
Tuesday 10 th February	4pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 11 th February	11.15am Judith Holy Communion	
Sunday 15 th February Next before Lent Green Exodus 24.12-18; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Family Service	10.30am for 11am Café Church
Tuesday 17 th February	4pm Evening Prayer	
Sunday 22 nd February Lent 1 Purple White Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion 11.30am Andrew Baptisms	11am Mark Morning Praise
Tuesday 24 th February	4pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 25 th February	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	

Rugby Six Nations

As in previous years we'll be watching the Six Nations rugby matches in St Michael's Church Hall. During half time, pies will be sold for £5. **Please sign up at the back of church or contact Andrew.** Bring your own drinks.

Scotland v England

Saturday, 14th Feb - KO 16.40)

England v Ireland

Saturday, 21st - KO 14.10)

Italy v England

Saturday 7th March - KO 16.40)

France v England

Saturday, 14th March - KO 20.10
(No Pies, bring your own nibbles)

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

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

Let's Grow God's Love!

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

Lifts to Church - Some members of our churches would at times like a lift to church, if you are able to help then please let Andrew or Pam know.

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

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.

Prayer Book

Please add the names of those who are ill or who have been bereaved in the prayer book at the back of both Holy Trinity and St Michael's. If you would like their name read out as part of the intercessions, please put a tick next to their name(s), but make sure you have their permission.

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

BARN DANCE

&
HOT POT SUPPER



28th February 2026
7.30pm
Aughton Village Hall L39 5DH

Cost: £16 per ticket

All proceeds to **Cystic Fibrosis** Ormskirk & District branch

Please see Margaret Ellams for tickets.

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**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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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.

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

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or speak to Anthony in church.