



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 15th March 2026

MOTHERING SUNDAY

THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1. 20–end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word.'

So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

PSALM 127. 1–4

Response: The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in.

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep. Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

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SECOND READING Colossians 3. 12–17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL READING John 19. 25b –27

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

Monday	9.00am	Wiggle Worship: - Baby & Toddler group
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10.30am	Lent Meditation
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	2.00pm	Lent Study group
Sunday 22nd March: Lent 5 - Passiontide begins		
11.00am	The Parish Eucharist & Sunday School With Holy Baptism	

CONTACTS

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What's on

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers: **Alice and Clara** admitted for communion today.

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, David Ratcliffe, Marlene Atherton**
Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.

For those who have died:

James Dickie, Dorothy Southern

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

PCC Next Meeting - Monday 23rd March at 7.00pm. Items of Any Other Business should be sent in at least 24 hours before the meeting. Thank you.

READERS WANTED FOR HOLY WEEK

Can you help! We need ten people to read in the Holy Week services at 7.30 each evening from Monday 30th March to Saturday 4th April. If you can spare a bit of time to do this it would be a big help. Just put your name against one of the dates on the list on the table at the back of church. Thank you.

Blackrod Art Group are running several coach trips this year. As always, visitors are welcome to book. The first is to The Harris Museum in Preston, on Tuesday, 24th March. Cost of the day trip is £15 which includes a driver's gratuity. Coach leaves from Blackrod Sports and Community Centre. Please contact Jean Spencer to book or find out more, 07767154895.

ELECTORAL ROLL OF ST KATHARINE'S CHURCH

What is the Electoral Roll? The electoral roll is the list of names and addresses of a church's membership. Every person listed on the Roll is eligible to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It means a person can vote at the APCM, or be on the PCC. The number of people on the Electoral Roll determines how many people we can have on our PCC and the number of Deanery Synod reps we can have. **It's a way of showing your support for this church.**

Everyone (over 16 years) is invited to fill out an application form. The forms are available at the back of church. Once completed please leave it in the box provided. Your details are held securely and will not be shared with any other party. Please fill in the form before 5th April as we have to update the Electoral Roll in time for the Annual Meeting on **Thursday 30th April.** Thank you. *Mary Pryle, Electoral Roll Officer*

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

Spring Fair



at St Katharine's Church
Blackrod

**On Saturday
21st March
10am - 12 noon**

PRIZE RAFFLE

Cakes - Books - Jigsaws
Bric-a-Brac - Jewellery
Chocolate Tombola - Gifts
Planters & Pots with Spring flowers
Stuart's handmade wood carvings
Face Painting! Tropic skin care

REFRESHMENTS

* Toasted tea-cakes!
Admission free

EVERYONE WELCOME



For the Spring Fair Can you help?

We need donations of **CAKES!**
And **Chocolate or Toffee** for the Tombola
Bric-a-brac and Jigsaws and Books
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

HELP for Wiggle Worship!

The Wiggle team are looking for more people to join in on Monday mornings 9.00am to 11.30am. Please get in touch if you can spare a bit of time. It doesn't have to be every week. Thank you.



Today's Hymns - Sunday 15th March

- 721 Love divine, all loves excelling**
- 692 Jesus, good above all other**
- 315 Sing we of the blessed Mother**
- 675 Immortal love for ever full**
- 649 God of mercy, God of grace**
- 753 O Praise ye the Lord!**

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

