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**15th March, 2026 Benefice Bulletin
Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton
and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe**

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Mothering Sunday Services

Sunday 15th March.
At both churches, flowers will be given to all ladies who attend.

St Michael's 9.30am

Holy Trinity 11am

St Michael's Teams Meeting

There will be a meeting of all our church groups on **Friday 20th March at 2pm** in St. Michael's Church Hall. Could groups please send a representative. The meeting will be an opportunity for a 'catch up'.

Funerals at St Michael's

The late Richard Wade
Thursday 26th March at 12pm

The late Margaret Joan Maud
Friday 27th March 12pm

Lent Reflections at Bickerstaffe School

The annual Lent Reflections followed by breakfast continue on Wednesday mornings at 8am. All Welcome!

Lent Group

The fifth session of the Lent Group continues on Thursday, **19th March** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Wednesday Fellowship Group

The group will next meet on Wednesday, 18th March at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. The topic will be 'The book I am reading'. All welcome!

Wednesday Communion

25th March at 11.15am in St. Michael's Church Hall.
A sandwich lunch will follow the service. (£3) All welcome!

Bible Study Group will next meet on Thursday, 19th March at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall.. This will be the last meeting before the Easter break and we shall start again on 16th April.
All are welcome.

Thank you! To the Year 6 girls from St. Michael's School who came to the World Day of Prayer Service and helped with the collection and danced. It was lovely to have them participate.



**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

**The Friends of St Michael's
Bridge Afternoon**

Thank you to the committee who once again organised a wonderful afternoon and thank you to those who supported the event.

**New 'Wednesday Group'
meeting in Bickerstaffe**

Starting in May, a new group will meet in the North Aisle of Bickerstaffe Church on the **first Wednesday of each month** from 1pm. We will meet for a bowl of soup followed by a speaker or activity. Please invite friends, family and neighbours to join us. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

	St Michael's Aughton	Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe
15 th March Mothering Sunday Purple 1 Samuel 16.1-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Mothering Sunday	11am Andrew Mothering Sunday
22 nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent Purple Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion 11.30am Andrew Baptism	11am Mark Morning Praise
Wednesday 25th March	11.15am Judith Holy Communion	
29 th March Palm Sunday Red Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 21.1-11	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion	11am Andrew Palm Sunday Service

Palm Sunday

As in previous years, we will meet at Hall Farm in Bickerstaffe at 10.45am and process to Holy Trinity for the service at 11am. There will be no 9.30am service at St Michael's.

Evening Prayer at St Michael's

Join us **each Tuesday at 4pm** 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

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.

Home Communions and Pastoral Calls

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

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.

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.

Benefice Bulletin

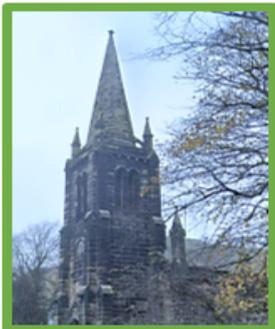
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Foodbank - Please help if you can. Items can be left anytime in the porch at St. Michael's Church. Many thanks.

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Save the date for an

'Abba Concert'

Saturday 9th May 2026 at 7:30pm

Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe
To raise funds for the

Save our Spire Project

£10 including strawberries and a glass of Prosecco

Raffle available

Entertainment provided by the lovely Lucy Wareing



Sign Up sheet in Church to show your interest
or contact Edward westlancsedward@btinternet.com

Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group

March Walk

The next walk will be on Saturday 21st March starting at 11am.

Meet in the car park at The Royal Oak Pub on A59 / Northway, Aughton at 11am. The walk will be just over 2.24m.

As usual, all walks done at your own risk and please wear appropriate footwear.

Any questions ask Edward McCarthy
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- Start at The Royal Oak Pub
- Walk on the pavement up to Gaw Hill Lane.
- Up Gaw Hill Lane and follow the road to the Nature Reserve and then on to the path which leads to the reservoirs.
- Keep on the path until the cottages.
- Take the footpath which leads back on the A59/ Holborn Hill and back to the Royal Oak Pub.
- A short drive to the Dog and Gun Pub on Long Lane, Aughton where we will eat.

If you want to eat we can book a table at the pub. Please let Kath know.

It would be nice to see some new faces, why not come along.



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

Please consider a one-off or regular donation.

<https://bit.ly/StMichaelsPGS>



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.

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Any questions about either of the above, email -

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or speak to Anthony in church.