

St Michael and All Angels with St Mark Preston,
4th Sunday of Lent 15th March 2026
Mothering Sunday: All Angels 10.00am



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.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer:

Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves
and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your
Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to St Michael's Church

Large print newsletters and service leaflets are available, please ask
the Welcome Group if there is anything you need or let them
know if you require a gluten free wafer. Everyone is warmly invited
to stay for refreshments after the service.

*You are invited to stand for the hymns and some other parts of the
service if you are able, but if standing is difficult or uncomfortable for
you, just remain seated, no one will mind.*

First reading: Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite
woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw
that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she
could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and
plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and
placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood
at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while
her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among
the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she
saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must
be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to
Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the
Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter
said to her, 'Yes.' So, the girl went and called the child's mother.
Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me,
and I will give you your wages.' So, the woman took the child and
nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's
daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses,
'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2.33-35*

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Services:**Weekday Communion:** Thursday at 10.30am**Holy Communion:** Sunday 22nd March at 10.00am**BCP Communion:** Sunday 5th April at 8.30am**Junior Church:** Sunday 19th April at 10.00am**All Angels:** Sunday 3rd May at 10.00am**Lent and Easter Services:****Lenten Eucharist:** Each Wednesday in Lent at 7.00pm**Palm Sunday:** Blessing of the palm crosses at 10.00am on 29th March. The congregation from Ashton Methodists will be joining us for this service.**Maundy Thursday:** Passover Meal at 7.00pm on 2nd April.**Good Friday:** Ecumenical Walking Stations of the Cross at 12.00pm (starting and ending at St Michael's with Hot Cross buns) Please could we ask for donations of Hot Cross Buns for this special occasion. The Last Hour service at 2.00pm on 3rd April.**Easter Sunday:** Dawn Light Service at 6.30am in the church grounds and Family Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt at 10.00am on 5th April.**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2026:**

Our annual meeting will be on Low Sunday, 12th April after the service. We encourage everyone who comes to St Michael's to sign up for the electoral roll, to come to the meeting and to think about playing a bigger part in running our church and its mission. If you are interested in joining the PCC, please see Jacquie Crosby for further information. Electoral roll forms are available at the back of church.

Regular Events:**Farmers' Market:** The next market will be on Saturday 21st March 9.00am to 12.30pm**Cupboard Love:** the next session of Cupboard love will be on Saturday 21st March 9.30am - 10.30am**Bible Study:** the next meeting will be on Friday 10th April at 7.00pm. All are welcome.**Coffee Morning:** the next coffee morning will be on Saturday 4th April 10.00am – 12.00pm**Prayer Chain:** Did you know that we have a prayer chain?

15 people pray at home 3 times each week for organisations and situations that we want to bring before God. We also pray for the growth of our own church community. If you'd like to join, please give your email address to the Welcome Team.

Blackburn Diocese Centenary: The diocese is organising several events for the centenary year. Here is advance notice of the main ones, more details to follow in due course.**The Big Day Out in Blackpool:** Saturday 16th May. For further details and to book, visit www.bit.ly/4r1QInF**Centenary Mission Weekends:** 11th to 13th September**Centenary Service of Celebration:** Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm**Supporting St Michael's:** We welcome your donations to St Michael's. We are self-supporting and our costs are high. Many people make a monthly donation through the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask Stephen Davies for details. Alternatively, there is a collection plate for cash donations, along with a card reader, at the back of church. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you**Facebook:** search St Michael and All Angels with St Mark's Preston.**Instagram:** search [St_michaels_church_preston](#)**Website:** www.stmichaelswithstmarkpreston.co.uk**Vicar:** The Revd David Roscoe Tel. 07506 552784 e-mail: d.roscoe@sky.com