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## 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 Benefice Bulletin Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

St. Michael's Church Website: [www.aughtonstmichael.org.uk](http://www.aughtonstmichael.org.uk)  
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**Holy Trinity Church Wardens:**  
Mike Emmott 07419 825818  
Albert Webster 07712 07406

**St. Michael's PCC will next meet on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45 pm in the Church Hall.**

### Lent Reflections at Bickerstaffe School

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

### Wednesday Communion

**11<sup>th</sup> March at 11.15am** in St. Michael's Church Hall.  
**NB** No sandwiches will be served due to the Bridge Afternoon taking place in the hall. All welcome!

### Lent Group

The fourth session of the Lent Group continues on Thursday, **12<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

### St Michael's Church Open for Prayer

St Michael's will be open for prayer and refreshments on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 1pm.

### Mothering Sunday Services

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

**St Michael's 9.30am**  
**Holy Trinity 11am**

### Wednesday Fellowship Group

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

**Bible Study Group** will next meet on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome.

### St Michael's Teams Meeting

There will be a meeting of all our church groups on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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'.

### Four Lane Ends Mission

'Easter Bingo at the Mission'  
With raffle  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm**  
Bring your own drinks and nibbles  
Tea/coffee cakes are included

### Rugby Six Nations

The last England Six Nations rugby match **France v England** will be shown on the 'big screen' in St Michael's Church Hall. Bring your own drinks.

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March - **KO 20.10**  
(**NB No Pies so bring your own nibbles**).

**Thank you!** A big thank you to those who came to the World Day of Prayer last Friday. It was a lovely service. Many thanks to Margaret Ellams for her hard work to help make the service a success. Grateful thanks to all those who helped on the day or made the delicious cakes – all so very much appreciated.

**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.

### Funerals at St Michael's

*The late Richard Wade*  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm  
*The late Margaret Joan Maud*  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 12pm

### 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

### Home Communion and Pastoral Calls

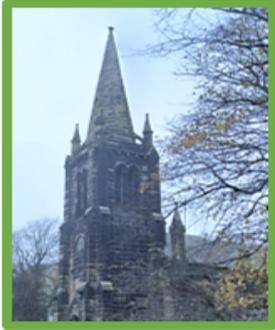
If you would like a Home Communion or Pastoral Call please contact Andrew.

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
1 <sup>st</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent Purple Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 11am Andrew Benefice Service 12.30pm Andrew Baptism	
8 <sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent Purple Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Judith Holy Communion 9.30am Pam, Andrew Messy Church	11am Judith Holy Communion
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 25 <sup>th</sup> March	11.15am Judith Holy Communion	
29 <sup>th</sup> 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

## 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*



### Save the date for an 'Abba Concert'

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 [westlancedward@btinternet.com](mailto:westlancedward@btinternet.com)



**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**

If you would like to receive the Benefice Bulletin by email, please contact Andrew or Pam  
[beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com](mailto:beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com)

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

**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.

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## **Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group**

### **March Walk**

The next walk will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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  
07971 299606  
[westlancedward@btinternet.com](mailto:westlancedward@btinternet.com)

- 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>



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**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.