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1st 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
Holy Trinity Church Website: www.bickerstaffeholytrinity.co.uk

Notices for the Benefice Bulletin can be sent to:
beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com

Baptism

St. Michael's Church:
Sunday 1st March at 12.30pm
Phoebe Ann Hunter-
Randles

Lent Reflections at Bickerstaffe School

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

Wednesday Fellowship Group

The group will next meet on Wednesday, 4th March at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. All welcome!

Bible Study Group will next meet on Thursday, 5th March at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. We shall continue to study Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. All are welcome.

Lent Group

The third session of the Lent Group looking at The Commandments continues on Thursday, 5th March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Funeral Holy Trinity

Friday 6th March 11am
Karen Newman
Followed by burial

Wednesday Communion

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

**St. Michael's Church at
10.00am**

ALL WELCOME!

Speak to Margaret Ellams if you are able to help as a 'welcomer'

Also, if anyone is able to make some homemade cakes - they would be very much appreciated.

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

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'.

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



The next Messy Church at St. Michael's we shall focus on

Nigeria

Join us as we celebrate Nigerian culture.

Enjoy crafts, games, songs and food

We shall learn about God's love for the whole world!

for all children and their parents/carers.

**Sunday, 8th March
9.30am in St. Michael's
Church Hall**

Four Lane Ends Mission

'Easter Bingo at the Mission'
With raffle

Friday 27th March at 7:30pm
Bring your own drinks and nibbles
Tea/coffee cakes are included

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

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
1 st 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 th 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 th March	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
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 25 th 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

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.

Home Communion and Pastoral Calls

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

Rugby Six Nations

The following Six Nations rugby matches will be shown on the 'big screen' 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.

Italy v England

Saturday 7th March - **KO 16.40**

France v England

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

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.

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.

Benefice Bulletin

If you would like to receive the Benefice Bulletin by email, please contact Andrew or Pam
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Spring is definitely on its way!

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[holytrinity_bickerstaffe](https://www.instagram.com/holytrinity_bickerstaffe)

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
07971 299606
westlancsedward@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>



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 -

treasurer@aughtonstmichael.org.uk
or speak to Anthony in church.