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5th April, 2026 Benefice Bulletin

Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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Easter Morning

An original reflection inspired by St. Augustine and the early Christian tradition

The world does not wake on Easter to noise, but to wonder. Before the hymns are sung and the church fills with joyful voices, Easter begins in the quiet stillness of the garden — at the empty tomb, where sorrow first meets hope.

This is the heart of Easter:

Christ is risen.

He comes not first to the strong or certain, but to the grieving, the searching, and the weary-hearted.

He comes gently, bringing light into darkness and hope into places where we thought all was lost.

Easter does not deny the pain of Good Friday. The cross was real, and so too are the burdens we carry.

But Easter proclaims that suffering is not the end, sin is not the end, and even death is not the end.

Because Christ is risen, we are not abandoned.

Because Christ is risen, hope lives again.

Because Christ is risen, love has the final word.

May this Easter fill every heart with peace, joy, and renewed faith in the promise of new life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Wednesday Communion

8th April at 11.15am in St. Michael's Church Hall.
A sandwich lunch will follow the service. (£3) All welcome!

Wednesday Fellowship Group

The group will next meet on Wednesday, 15th April at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall.
All welcome!

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

Confirmation Service at St. John's Burscough

There will be a Confirmation Service at St John's on Sunday 26th April at 6pm. If you'd like to be Confirmed this year, please speak to Andrew.

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.

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

Funerals

Holy Trinity:

Maureen Frances Spencer
Wednesday 8th April at 1pm

St Michael's:

Evelyn Orrin
Thursday 9th April at 11.30am

The next Bickerstaffe Walking Group event is on Saturday, 18th April starting at the Saracens Head Pub at 11am. See Page 3 of this bulletin online for full details.

APRIL	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
2 nd April Maundy Thursday		7pm Andrew Symbolic Passover Meal with the Stripping of the Altar
3 rd April Good Friday	10am Andrew Good Friday Service	
5 th April Easter Sunday White Jeremiah 31.1-6 Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Easter Celebration	11am Andrew Easter Celebration
Tuesday 7 th April Psalm 136 Song of Solomon 2:8-end Luke 24:1-12	4pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 8 th April	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
12 th April Second Sunday of Easter White Acts 2.14a,22-32 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31	8.15am Andrew 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Margaret and Pam Messy Church	11am Andrew Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 th April Psalm 104 Deuteronomy 1:19-40 John 20:11-18	4pm Evening Prayer	
19 th April Third Sunday of Easter White Acts 2.14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35	8.15am Andrew 9.30am Andrew Family Service	11am Ann and Andrew Café Church
Tuesday 21 st April Psalm 71 Deuteronomy 5:22-end Ephesians 1:15-end	4pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22 nd April	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
26 th April Fourth Sunday of Easter White Acts 2.42-47; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion 11.30am Andrew Baptism	11am Mark Morning Praise
Tuesday 28 th April Psalm 116 Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5 Ephesians 4:17-end	4pm Evening Prayer	

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Home Communion and Pastoral Calls

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

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.

Follow us on Instagram

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

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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.

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.

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

Cystic Fibrosis the reason I run

3k FUN RUN

Sunday 26th April 2026
Edge Hill Sport
10.30AM

Enter Online...
bookitzone.com

QR code

Small photo: Come along and run, jog or pram push the 3k route and help us raise money and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust (Ormskirk & District Branch)

See Margaret Ellams for more details

Bickerstaffe Church

Walking Group

Meeting at 11am on Saturday
18th April at The Saracens Head
Pub (Car Park),
100 Summerwood Lane, Halsall,
Ormskirk Lancs L39 8RH



We will visit parts of Halsall and
Downholland

The walk will be just over
2.6 miles as we walk along the
Leeds-Liverpool Canal to The
Ship Inn, Downholland.
Then back through Halsall and
Downholland.

As always, the walks are at your
own risk, please wear suitable
footwear

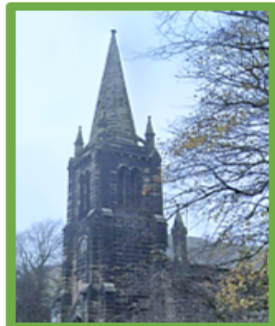
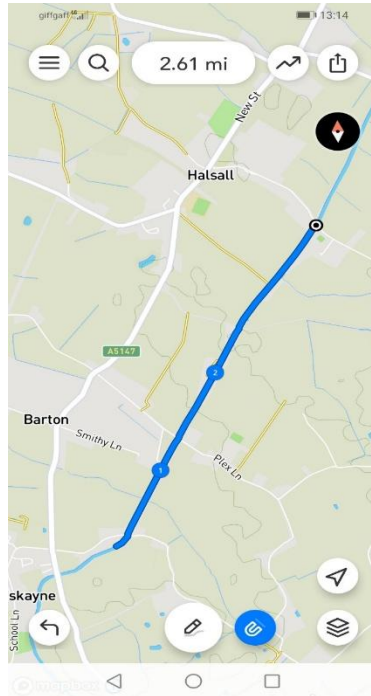
The group meets monthly

Any questions ask Edward
McCarthy

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Any problems ring 07971 299606
Edward McCarthy.

New walkers always welcome!



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

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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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.