



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 17th May 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Service of The Word

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT for the 7th Sunday after Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1. Verses 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

PSALM 68. Verses 1-10

Response: Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those that hate him flee before him. As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them make merry with gladness. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds.

Response: Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

Response: Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary. Your people came to dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

Response: Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5. 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen

GOSPEL READING John 17. Verses 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

CONTACTS

Vicar: The Revd Angela Wynne

Please note: Revd Angela is on Sabbatical leave until July. There may be changes to services and we welcome visiting clergy during this time.

Please contact PCC Lay Chair, Chris Skinner, for any queries - Tel: 01204 691097.

Today's Hymns - Sunday 17th May

- 453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
- 713 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
- 227 Crown him with many crowns
- 753 O praise ye the Lord!

St Katharine's Church
Registered Charity No: 1144084

What's on

PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

**Rachel Lowe, Pat Morris, Brian Inglis
Damian McCabe, David Ratcliffe,
Andrew Stott**

Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.

For those who have died:

Joan Harrison

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Smith, Derek Ball

Let us know? If anyone is aware of someone sick or in hospital, wishing to be included on the Prayer List, please notify the Vicar, or the Churchwardens.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person, or their family, before asking for their name to be added.

Please Pray for Ukraine

Home Communion If you are unable to get to a service at St Katharine's and would like to receive communion at home, please get in touch with Revd Angela, or the churchwardens.

And please get in touch if you would like a visit from either the clergy or one of our team of licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday: 9.00am Wiggle Worship Baby & Toddler group (Until 11am)

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May: PENTECOST

11.00am The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

6.00pm Taize Service



THY KINGDOM COME

Wave of Prayer

14th to 24th May 2026

God with us

Fire Action



Raise the alarm



Leave the building by the nearest exit



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK



**Christian Aid Week
10th – 16th May 2026**

The theme for Christian Aid Week 2026 is
"Faithful Action"....

... focusing on God's faithfulness and how it inspires actions to overcome poverty and climate-driven hunger.

The plan for Blackrod's fund raising this year is:

1) Deliver only gift envelopes, will be delivered round the village, with various drop off points identified on the back of the on the envelopes.

Look out for the little red envelope coming through your letterbox.

2) Car boot sales.

Please give generously if you can.

Thank you.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Wednesday 20th May 2026

At The Owls, Standish, 12 noon

If you wish to join in please contact Jean on 01204 691575 to book a place. There will also be a men's table.

If you wish to make a donation to support St Katharine's, you can use this QR code. Thank you.



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May Blossoms!
Plant Sale
Saturday 23rd May 2026
10am to 1pm
At St Katharine's Church Blackrod
Hanging Baskets & Bedding Plants
All nursery grown
Refreshments available
Prize Raffle
Supporting St Katharine's Church

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