



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 3rd May 2026

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## The Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



### READINGS AND PRAYERS

**We welcome today, the Revd Malcolm Wearing, who will preside at this service.**

#### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### FIRST READING Acts 7. 55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

#### PSALM 31. 1-5

**Response: Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**Response: Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

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#### SECOND READING 1 Peter 2. 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion

a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### GOSPEL READING John 14. 1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Monday: Bank Holiday**

- No Wiggle Worship today

**Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion**

**Friday 6.30pm Friday Night Messy**

**Sunday 10th May: Easter 6**

**The Start of Christian Aid Week**

**9.30am All Age Worship Service**

**St Katharine's Church  
Registered Charity No: 1144084**

### CONTACTS

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# What's on .....

## Today's Hymns - Sunday 3rd May

- 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
- 810 Thou, whose almighty word
- 422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
- 460 O thou, who at they Eucharist didst pray
- 702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
- 650 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father



## Christian Aid Week

10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## ANNUAL MEETING - RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Church Meeting last Thursday. The results of the elections have been posted on the entrance door to church. Welcome to all new members of the PCC.

The first meeting of the new PCC will be held on Monday 11th May at 7pm. Items of "Any Other Business" should be forwarded to the Lay-Chair - Chris Skinner, or PCC Secretary - Mary Pryle, at least 24 hours before the meeting. Thank you.

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



## SAFEGUARDING

As part of the Manchester Diocese, St Katharine's Church follows the safeguarding guidelines, the national legal and procedural framework for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the Church of England policy and practice.

**Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hollick 07514041611**

# Fire Action



Raise the alarm



Leave the building by the nearest exit



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK

## PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

**Rachel Lowe, Pat Morris, Brian Inglis  
John Green, Damian McCabe, Margaret Martinez  
David Ratcliffe, Marlene Atherton, Andrew Stott**  
*Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.*

For those who have died:

**Betty Mather**

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Margaret Thorne**

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.

## 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.

## Ignite Youth: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at St John, Wingates

7pm to 8.30pm. The sessions are for Year 6 & up and will include activities, food and games.

RSVP [igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com](mailto:igniteyouthwesthoughton@gmail.com)

## Afternoon Matinee Showing: "Enchanted April"



Starring Joan Plowright, Josie Lawrence, Miranda Richardson, Polly Walker (1991)

**Wednesday 13th May**

Film starts at 1.30 pm (doors open at 1.00 pm)

Light refreshments - £3.00

No need to book - just come along