

St Michael and All Angels with St Mark Preston
Pentecost 24th May 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am



God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer:

Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.

Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness, generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to St Michael's Church

Large print newsletters and service leaflets are available, please ask the Welcome Group if there is anything you need or let them know if you require a gluten free wafer. Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

You are invited to stand for the hymns and some other parts of the service if you are able, but if standing is difficult or uncomfortable for you, just remain seated, no one will mind.

Hymns:

Opening: 589 Angel voices, ever singing
Gradual: 255 O Holy Spirit
Offertory: 245 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost
Final: 630 Father, Lord of all creation
Communion: 236 and 389

First reading: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men

shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel Reading: *John 20.19-23*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Services:

Weekday Communion: Thursday at 10.30am

Holy Communion: Sunday 31st May at 10.00am

BCP Communion: Sunday 7th June at 8.30am

All Angels: Sunday 7th June at 10.00am

Junior Church: Sunday 21st June at 10.00am

Regular Events:

Bible Study: the next meeting will be on Friday 5th June at 7.00pm in the MPR. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning: the next coffee morning will be on Saturday 6th June 10.00am – 12.00pm

Cupboard Love: the next session will be on Saturday 13th June 9.30am - 10.30am

Farmers' Market: The next market will be on Saturday 20th June 9.00am to 12.30pm

Ashton Open Gardens: On the last weekend in June, 8 Ashton gardens will be open to visitors to raise money for our church. Tickets cost £10 and are on sale in church and from jmc_stmichaels@outlook.com. The ticket price includes entry to all gardens and refreshments in the church hall on Sunday afternoon.

Blackburn Diocese Centenary Celebration Weekend: We will be organising our own activities for the weekend, 11th to 13th September. We will be requesting your help soon!

Centenary Service of Celebration: Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm at the cathedral.

Mothers' Union banner: Although we no longer have a MU branch at St Michael's we have been invited to display our banner in Blackburn cathedral in August as part of an exhibition to celebrate 150 years of the Mothers Union. If anyone knows anything about our banner, who made it, when it was dedicated etc please let Jacquie Crosby know: jmc_stmichaels@outlook.com

Supporting St Michael's: We welcome your donations to St Michael's. We are self-supporting and our costs are high. Many people make a monthly donation through the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask Stephen Davies for details. Alternatively, there is a collection plate for cash donations, along with a card reader, at the back of church. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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