



# I am the Way

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

St. Michael's Church Website: [www.aughtonstmichael.org.uk](http://www.aughtonstmichael.org.uk)  
Holy Trinity Church Website: [www.bickerstaffeholytrinity.co.uk](http://www.bickerstaffeholytrinity.co.uk)

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### Wednesday Fellowship Group

The group will next meet on  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at  
1.30pm in St. Michael's Church  
Hall. All welcome!

### 'Wednesday Group' meeting in Bickerstaffe

- This 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. The first meeting will be on  
6<sup>th</sup> May. Please invite friends,  
family and neighbours to join us. A  
sign-up sheet is at the back of  
church.

### Rogation Sunday

There will be a joint Rogation  
Service at the Barn on Hall Lane,  
Bickerstaffe. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at  
11am. Refreshments will be served  
following the service.

### Bible Study

The group will next meet on  
Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May in St. Michael's  
Church Hall at 1.30pm  
We will be studying Paul's letters to  
Timothy. Everyone welcome.

### Pentecost Service

There will be a joint Pentecost  
Service at St Michael's on Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.

### Funerals

#### Greenacres, Rainford Park

The late Daniel Robinson  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm

#### St Michael's

The late Valerie Barnes  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is an important annual  
gathering where church members review the past year and plan for the  
future. Everyone is encouraged to attend, if able.

**Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday,  
5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm followed by a meeting of the PCC.**

**St. Michael's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday,  
7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm followed by a meeting of the PCC.**

There is still a vacancy for a Church Warden and there are four  
members of PCC retiring this May so we are looking for **four**  
replacements.

Members of PCC serve for three years and attend about four PCC  
meetings a year to discuss the running and finances of the Church. It  
is not onerous but important and interesting for the governance of  
St Michael's.

The Deanery Synod reps are also due for re-election this year. At  
present these are myself, Jeff Smith and Graham Williams.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please speak to myself,  
Andrew or Pam. Again, there are only a few meetings a year and for a  
fixed term.

Also, Sidespersons to meet and greet the congregation each Sunday  
are sought, to work alongside the existing volunteers. As a welcoming  
Church, Sidespersons attend Church in advance of the service, greet  
the congregation and visitors and give out the service sheets. They  
also tidy away after the services and If you think you can help, please  
speak to myself, or Pam. Thank you.

If you wish to lend your support and help, please add your name to the  
relevant form at the back of church. Thank you.

James Parsons (PCC Secretary)

### Abba Concert



**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe

**'Save our Spire Project'**

**Tickets £10**

Includes strawberries and a glass  
of Prosecco. Raffle available.

Entertainment provided by  
Lucy Wareing

### The Good Book Club

The Good Book Club will meet on  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** in  
St Michael's Church Hall. We will  
discuss the Old Testament Book of  
Job. Please read the book before  
the meeting.

Everyone welcome to join in.

|  | St Michael, Aughton  | Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe    |
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>White<br>1 Peter 2.2-10<br>Psalm 31.1-5,15-16<br>Acts 7.55-60<br>John 14.1-14 | 8.15am Andrew<br>Holy Communion<br>9.30am Andrew<br>Holy Communion             | 11am Andrew<br>Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May  | 4.00pm Evening Prayer  |                               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Rogation Sunday<br>White<br>1 Peter 3.13-22<br>Acts 17.22-31<br>John 14.15-21                                    | 8.15am Judith<br>Holy Communion<br>12.45am Andrew<br>Baptism                   | 11am Mark<br>Rogation Service |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May   | 4.00pm Evening Prayer  |                               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>White<br>1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11<br>Acts 1.6-14<br>John 17.1-11              | 8.15am Andrew<br>9.30am Margaret and Pam<br>Family Service                     | 11am Ann<br>Café Church       |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May   | 4.00pm Evening Prayer  |                               |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Pentecost<br>Red<br>Acts 2.1-21<br>1 Corinthians 12.3b-13<br>John 20.19-23                                       | 8.15am Andrew<br>11am Andrew<br>Pentecost Service<br>12.30pm Andrew<br>Baptism |                               |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May   | 4.00pm Evening Prayer  |                               |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May   | 11.15am Judith<br>Holy Communion   |                               |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May<br>Trinity Sunday<br>White<br>Acts 2.1-21<br>1 Corinthians 12.3b-13<br>John 20.19-23                                | 8.15am Andrew<br>9.30am Andrew<br>Holy Communion                               | 11am Mark<br>Morning Praise   |

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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.**

### **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.

### **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.

### **Home Communions and Pastoral Calls**

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

### **Follow us on Instagram**

**stmichaelschurch\_aughton\_**

**holytrinity\_bickerstaffe**

### **Bickerstaffe Church Walking**

**Group's** next walk will be on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May starting from The Plough Pub in Lathom at 11am.

For more details see Page 3 of this bulletin.

### **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

**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.

## **Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group**

### **May Walk**

#### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Meet at 11am at The Plough Pub in Lathom.

The walk will be just over 2.18 miles.

We will visit parts of Lathom with some great views.

Start at the Plough  
Walk on to Spa Lane and then Plough Lane.  
Through the fields near the old railway line and back on to Firwood Road.  
Walk back on to Spa Lane and back to the pub.

If you would like to eat there we can book a table, please let Kath know.

As usual, all walks done at your own risk and please wear appropriate footwear.

It would be great to see new faces join the group.

Any questions ask  
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**If you would like to help  
St. Michael's Church  
financially -**

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regular donation.**

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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.