



# PENTECOST

St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 24th May 2026

## The Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



### READINGS AND PRAYERS

**We welcome today, Rector Carol Pharaoh, who will preside at this service.**

#### THE COLLECT for the Day of Pentecost

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. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING Acts 2. Verses 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.'"

#### PSALM 104. Verses 26–end

**Response: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great. There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep.

**Response: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good. When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their

breath, they die and return again to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

**Response: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works; He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being. So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

**Response: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

#### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

#### GOSPEL READING John 20. Verses 19-23

It was evening on 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.'

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 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, Christ Skinner, for any queries - Tel: 01204 691097.

# What's on .....

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

Come Holy Spirit.  
Fill us with the wonder  
of your presence.

## TAIZE SERVICE



### For Pentecost

Jesus beckons us to come to him  
for rest and refreshment.

**St Katharine's Church, Blackrod**  
**Sunday 24th May**  
**2026**



**At 6.00pm**  
**Everyone is welcome**

**Christian Aid Car Boot** Fundraising for Christian Aid Week will continue with car boot sales. If you have anything to donate please contact Barbara Miccoli on 0751 7341322 to arrange a collection. Thank you to Barbara and the team for all their work this year.

## PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

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

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

For those who have died:

**Joan Harrison, Sheila Edwards**

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Derek Ball, Stuart Smith**

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

Please ensure you have permission from 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.

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.

# Fire Action



**Raise the alarm**



**Leave the building by  
the nearest exit**



**Report to assembly point**

**CAR PARK**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Monday: Bank Holiday - No Wiggle Worship today**

**Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 31st May: TRINITY SUNDAY**

**11.00am The Parish Eucharist  
and Sunday School**

## Today's Hymns - Sunday 24th May

- 238** Come down, O Love divine
- 263** (*Sung twice*) Spirit of the loving God
- 261** Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness
- 260** Spirit divine, attend our prayers
- 262** Spirit of mercy, truth and love
- 258** O thou who camest from above

## MONDAY NIGHT READING CLUB

**Monday 25th May at 7.30pm**

**All welcome.**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to the sale and went home with plants yesterday. It was a great morning and everything was sold. We hope you enjoy all these flowers over the summer. Thank you for your support for St Katharine's.



## Messy Church

**Saturday 30th May - 3.45-6pm**

**Fun, Crafts, Food**

**All welcome. All free!**

Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

## 'Scot Loners'

### 11th. 'Annual' Reunion

**Sunday 31st May 2026**

Come and join;

Peter, David & John Green And many others for the afternoon

**from 1-00 onwards at The Poacher (Scot Lane Inn)**

Why not bring some of your Old Black & white photos or Colour if you were well off)

Pass the word around, the more the merrier.

If you have any connection with the area; - **COME AND JOIN US AGAIN FOR A FEW DRINKS, A BITE TO EAT AND A FEW REMINISCENCES**

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**