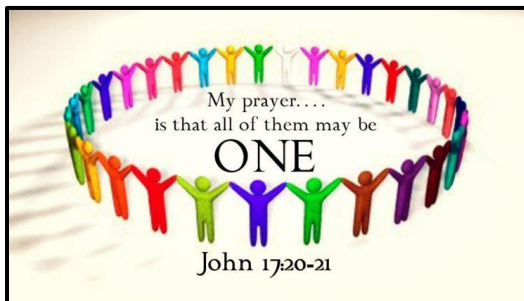


17th May, 2026 Benefice Bulletin
Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton
and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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Wednesday Fellowship Group

The group will next meet on
Wednesday, **20th May** at
1.30pm in St. Michael's Church
Hall. All welcome!

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfasts will be held
in St Michael's Church Hall at
9.30am on the following dates:
23rd May, 18th July, 19th September,
7th November. There will be a full
fry up for £5 followed by a speaker.
Sign up at the back of church and
bring a friend!

Pentecost Service

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

Bible Study

The group will next meet on
Thursday, **28th May** in St. Michael's
Church Hall at 1.30pm
We will be studying Paul's letters to
Timothy. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday Communion

The next midweek Communion will
be held in St. Michael's Church
Hall at 11.15am on **27th May.**
A sandwich lunch (£3) will follow
the service. Everyone welcome!

The Good Book Club

The Good Book Club will meet on
Thursday 4th 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's Teams Meeting

A Teams Meeting has been
arranged for **Friday, 22nd May at**
1.30pm in St. Michael's Church
Hall. This is an important meeting
for all those involved in church
groups and any activities at
St. Michael's to discuss the
safeguarding requirements that
have to be met.

Safeguarding is now an important
part of the life of our churches and
of the wider Diocese of Liverpool.
We are committed to helping our
churches remain safe, caring, and
welcoming places for everyone,
with particular thought for those
who may be more vulnerable. In
line with the Church of England's
safeguarding policies and
procedures, this meeting will help
provide the information and
guidance needed to support that
commitment. Our Safeguarding
Officer, Fiona, will also be at the
meeting.

Funerals

St Michael's Church

Valerie Barnes
Monday 18th May at 10.30am

Maureen Brown
Friday 22nd May at 11am

Ann Grimshaw
Friday 5th June at 12pm

St Helens Crematorium

Alan Shacklady
Wednesday 27th May at 2pm

West Lancashire Crematorium

Ratko Pericic
Friday 29th May at 10.30am

Wednesday Group Bickerstaffe

The Wednesday Group will next
meet in the North Aisle of
Bickerstaffe Church on
Wednesday 3rd June from 1pm.
Soup will be served followed by a
speaker or an activity. Please
invite friends, family and
neighbours to join us. A sign-up
sheet will be at the back of church.

Visitation Service 2026

The Main Service: Primary
Occasion for Admission of Church
Wardens is to be held on Sunday,
21st June at 3pm in Liverpool
Cathedral, presided by Bishop
Ruth. During the service the
Church Wardens will be
commissioned. Sidespeople and
anyone in the congregation are
warmly invited to attend.

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.



	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
3 rd May 5 th Sunday of Easter White 1 Peter 2.2-10 Psalm 31.1-5,15-16 Acts 7.55-60 John 14.1-14	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion	11am Andrew Holy Communion
Tuesday 5 th May	4.00pm Evening Prayer	
10 th May Rogation Sunday White 1 Peter 3.13-22 Acts 17.22-31 John 14.15-21	8.15am Judith Holy Communion Messy Church - Pam 12.45am Andrew Baptism	11am Mark Rogation Service
Tuesday 12 th May	4.00pm Evening Prayer	
17 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter White 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Acts 1.6-14 John 17.1-11	8.15am Judith 9.30am Margaret and Pam Family Service	11am Ann Café Church
Tuesday 19 th May	4.00pm Evening Prayer	
24 th May Pentecost Red Acts 2.1-21 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 John 20.19-23	8.15am Andrew 11am Andrew Pentecost Service 12.30pm Andrew Baptism	
Tuesday 26 th May	4.00pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 27 th May	11.15am Judith Holy Communion	
31 st May Trinity Sunday White Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Matthew 28.16-20	8.15am Andrew 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion	11am Mark Morning Praise

Home Communions and Pastoral Calls

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

Pearl of Africa Choir – a message from the organisers

Many of you will have seen or heard about the fabulous Pearl of Africa Children's Choir - maybe your child or grandchild has been part of the many workshops and performances that have done in schools and churches across the North West. This year we are hoping to bring the choir to the Ormskirk area again, but we need your support. Every year, we have families who host the choir (in same sex pairs) whilst they are with us. The children live with you and are essentially part of your family for the time they are with you. It's a fantastic opportunity to find out about life and culture in Uganda, whilst it gives the choir a chance to learn more about our own ways. The children are generally in schools and evening venues from 8am until 9pm, but they will have rest days

on Saturdays when they can spend time with you.

If you would like to know more or wish to host a couple of choir members from the 2026 Pearl of Africa Children's Choir, please get in touch. This year's tour will be here in Ormskirk - for 17 nights! However, we are more than happy to split the nights, so if you can host for as long as you can (with a minimum of 4 nights please.) The arrival date is at this time estimated to be Sunday, 11th October 2026 and they will leave us to head north on Wednesday 28th October 2026. For the safety of everyone, there are a number of conditions/safeguarding policies that we must fulfil before agreeing to hosting: these will be completed during a home visit and will be confidential.

The organisers for Ormskirk are Liz and Dave Tonge. Dave Tonge - 07563 618823 - greenacres263@gmail.com If you are interested or can help in any way, please just let James Parsons know or feel free to contact Dave Tonge direct.

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

Benefice Bulletin

If you would like to receive the Benefice Bulletin by email, please contact Andrew or Pam
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Foodbank - Please help if you can. Items can be left anytime in the porch at St. Michael's Church. Many thanks.

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Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group

May Walk

Saturday 16th 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 Pub -
Walk on to Spa Lane and then Plough Lane.
Through the fields near the old railway line and back on to Firswood 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 -

Please consider a one-off or regular donation.

<https://bit.ly/StMichaelsPGS>



Also, please consider registering with easyfundraising to raise free donations every time you shop 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 -

treasurer@aughtonstmichael.org.uk
or speak to Anthony in church.

If you would like to help Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe financially –

Please consider a one-off or regular donation.



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