



24th May, 2026 Benefice Bulletin
Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton
and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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Pentecost Service

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

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!

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.

Friends of St. Michael

On **Wednesday, 3rd June at 1.30pm** in **St. Michael's Church Hall** there will be a talk by Roger Mitchell, a local and well-travelled historian, entitled 'Four Lancashire Folk who Emigrated to the USA and Made an Impact'. No tickets are needed. Donations welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday Fellowship Group

The group will next meet on Wednesday, **3rd June** at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. On this occasion we shall be joining the Friends of St. Michael for a talk entitled 'Four Lancashire Folk who Emigrated to the USA and Made an Impact' by Roger Mitchell, a local historian.

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.

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.

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.

Aughton St Michael's C of E Primary School

Service of Thanksgiving
Sunday 14th June at 9.30am
At St Michael's Church

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving as we celebrate '**Education Sunday**'. Pupils past and present are warmly invited and we would love to see as many members of our church family as possible to join us for this special occasion in celebration of our school community. Following the service there will be refreshments served in the **Church Hall**. Offers of cakes will be very welcome!



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.

Funerals

St Michael's Church

Ann Patricia Gilmour
Thursday 28th May at 3.30pm

Ann Grimshaw
Friday 5th June at 12pm

Iris Snape
Wednesday 17th June at 12pm

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

Men's Breakfast – Dates for your Diary

The Men's Breakfasts will be held in St Michael's Church Hall at 9.30am on the following dates: 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!**

	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

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
beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com

Foodbank - Please help if you can. Items can be left anytime in the porch at St. Michael's Church. Many thanks.

Home Communion and Pastoral Calls

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

Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group

June Walk

Saturday 20th June

Meet at 11am at The Derby Arms Pub in Rainford.

See Page 3 of this bulletin for more details.

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Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group

June Walk

Saturday 20th June

Meet at 11am at The Derby Arms Pub in Rainford.

The walk will be just over 2.17 miles.

We will visit the Top of Rainford with a great view then have lunch before Rainford Walking Day begins.

Starting at the Derby Arms Pub at 11am, we head to the Linear Path then on to Rocky Lane. Walk to Higher Lane and take the path through the wood to the Top of Rainford. After walking the Top of Rainford, walk back to Higher Lane and back to the pub for lunch. After lunch – Rainford Walking Day.

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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