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12th July, 2026 Benefice Bulletin

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

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Holy Trinity Church Website: www.bickerstaffeholytrinity.co.uk

Notices for the Benefice Bulletin can be sent to:
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Wednesday Fellowship Group

After more than 40+ years of friendship, fellowship and support, the Wednesday Fellowship will be holding its final meeting on **15th July at 1.30pm** in St. Michael's Church Hall, to which you all are invited.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has been part of the group over the years. Whether you attended regularly or came along from time to time, your friendship and support have been greatly appreciated. The Wednesday Fellowship has been a place where many lasting friendships have been formed, laughter has been shared, and lives have been enriched. We give thanks for all who have helped make the Fellowship such a valued part of the life of St Michael's over the years.

St Michael's Book Club will next meet in St. Michael's Church Hall at 7pm, Thursday, 16th July, when we will be discussing Dark Corners by Ruth Rendell. All welcome. For more details phone 364263.

Men's Breakfast

St Michael's Church Hall at **9.30am, Saturday 18th July** There will be a full fry- up for £5 followed by a speaker. **Sign up at the back of church and bring a friend!**

Wednesday Communion

The next midweek Communion will be held in St. Michael's Church Hall at 11.15am on **22nd July**. A sandwich lunch (£3) will follow the service. Everyone welcome!

Wedding

St Michael's

Saturday 25th July at 12pm
*Benedict William Brown &
Bethany Laura Newton*

The Good Book Club

The Club will next meet in St. Michael's Church Hall on **Thursday, 27th August at 7.30pm**. The Acts of the Apostles will be discussed. Read the book before the 27th and join in an evening of great discussion. Everyone welcome!



Please invite friends, family and neighbours to join us. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of church

If you have signed up to be a sidesperson at St. Michael's, please can you add your name to the rota at the back of church. Thank you, your help is really appreciated.

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Loving God,

As we begin a new week, sow the seed of your word deep within our hearts.

Where our lives have become distracted, help us to listen.

Where we feel weary or discouraged, give us strength to persevere.

Where worries and responsibilities threaten to crowd out your presence, grant us your peace and the wisdom to place you first.

Prepare the soil of our hearts so that your love may take root, grow strong, and bear fruit in our words, our actions, and the way we care for one another.

May we recognise opportunities to show kindness, offer encouragement, forgive generously, and share the hope we have found in Christ.

Walk with us in every conversation, every challenge, and every moment of joy this week, so that others may see something of your love growing in us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

St. Michael's Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate towards the Flower Fund we would be delighted to hear from you. Whether it is in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, in loving memory of someone special, or simply as a gift to brighten our church, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
Fifth Sunday of Trinity 5 th July Green Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19,25-30	8.15am Andrew 11am Andrew Benefice Service	
Tuesday 7th July	4pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 8th July	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
6th Sunday of Trinity 12 th July Green Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Margaret, Pam, Andrew Messy Church 9.30am Judith Holy Communion	11am Judith Holy Communion
Tuesday 14th July	4pm Evening Prayer	
7th Sunday of Trinity 19 th July Green Genesis 28:10-19a; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Family Service	11am Andrew, Ann Café Church
Tuesday 21st July	4pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22nd July	11.15am Judith Holy Communion	
8th Sunday of Trinity 26 th July Green Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52	8.15am Martin Duerden Holy Communion 9.30am Margaret and Pam Morning Prayer 11.30am Baptism	11am Mark Morning Prayer
Tuesday 28th July	4pm Evening Prayer	

Coming Soon...

Together at St. Michael's

Bringing our Parish Family

Together. A new all-age gathering beginning on 13th September and then on the 2nd Sunday of every month. If anyone would like to be involved with this, please speak with Andrew or Pam.

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.

Prayer Requests

If there is a person, situation, community, or concern that you would like us to include in our prayers, please complete a prayer request slip and place it in the box at the back of church.

These requests will be included during Evening Prayer each Tuesday at 4.00pm.

Home Communion and Pastoral Calls

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

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

Aughton Wednesday

Social Group

Starting in September, there will be a new group meeting on the **third Wednesday** of each month meeting in the Church Hall. The first Aughton Wednesday Social Group will be on **Wednesday 16th September at 1pm**. We will meet for a bowl of soup at 1pm followed by an activity or a speaker. Please invite friends.

Amsterdam Trip (From Hull P & O Mini Cruise)

Friday 23rd – 25th October

Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Closing date Saturday, 1st Aug.

What's Included?

- ✚ Return sailing
- ✚ Ensuite cabin
- ✚ Return coach transfer to Amsterdam
- ✚ 2 nights of live entertainment
- ✚ Evening meals and breakfast

Exact prices will be worked out when numbers are known. Last year's trip was around £225 per person.

As there are upgrades to cabins and discounts too, please see - Edward McCarthy or Anne Rosbotham-Williams for more information.

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

The group's next walk will be on Saturday 18th July at St. Thomas' Church in Lydiate starting at 11am. We shall have a look around the church before starting our walk. See Page 3 of the bulletin on the website for more information or contact Edward McCarthy 07971 299606.

Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group

Meeting at 11am on Saturday 18th July at St. Thomas' Church in Lydiate. We shall have a look around the church before starting our walk.



The walk will be just over 1.63 miles

As always, the walks are at your own risk, please wear suitable footwear. All walks have been risk assessed but please consider that you are physically able to complete the walk. Please also consider what equipment you may need for the walk.

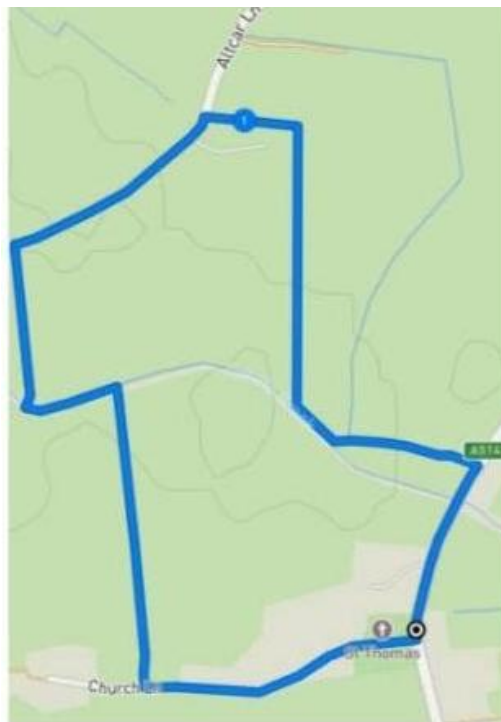
We shall visit parts of Lydiate with great views.

Following the walk we shall have lunch at The Running Horses Pub in Lydiate.

The group meets monthly

Any questions –
ask Edward McCarthy
EdwardatEMSS@gmail.com
Or phone him - 07971 299606

New walkers always welcome!



1. We start at St Thomas' Church in Lydiate we are able to have a look around/ tour. Park in their car park.
2. We walk from the Church down Church Lane we go through the fields we end up on Altcar Lane.
3. Altcar Lane until another footpath. Footpaths through the field back to Mairscough Lane.
4. Mairscough Lane back to the Church.
5. From here back to the pub for lunch. We are eating at The Running Horses on Bell's Lane in Lydiate.
6. If you want to eat we can book a table please let Kath know.

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

**Please consider a one-off or
regular donation.**

<https://bit.ly/StMichaelsPGS>



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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.

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Trinity, Bickerstaffe
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