

St Michael and All Angels with St Mark Preston
5th Sunday after Trinity 5th July 2026
BCP Holy Communion 8.30am
Holy Communion and Junior Church 10.00am



Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed
and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer:

Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves
and our Diocese to you.

Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours, that your
Church may be renewed and many come home to you, through
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to St Michael's Church

Large print newsletters and service leaflets are available, please ask
the Welcome Group if there is anything you need or let them
know if you require a gluten free wafer. Everyone is warmly invited
to stay for refreshments after the service.

*You are invited to stand for the hymns and some other parts of the
service if you are able, but if standing is difficult or uncomfortable for
you, just remain seated, no one will mind.*

Hymns:

Opening: 676 Immortal Love
Gradual: 669 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Offertory: 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Final: 739 Now thank we all, our God

First reading: *Romans 7.15-25*

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want,
but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I
agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but
sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells
within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot
do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is
what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do
it, but sin that dwells within me.

So, I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil
lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,
but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my
mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my
members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this
body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end*

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting
in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the
flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not
mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say,
"He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and
they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors
and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the

intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Services:

Weekday Communion: Thursday at 10.30am

Holy Communion: Sunday 12th July at 10.00am

BCP Communion: Sunday 2nd August at 8.30am

All Angels: Sunday 6th September at 10.00am

Junior Church: Sunday 20th September at 10.00am

Ashton Gardens Trail: Thank you to the people who opened their gardens last Sunday afternoon. Thanks also to Jacquie and all the people who baked cakes as well as those who attended. The afternoon raised over £600 for St Michaels.

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal:

'Disasters Emergency Committee Charities, including Christian Aid, are working with local partners to reach people with life-saving aid including emergency shelters, food, water and medical care.

You can support their work by contributing in the red bucket at the back of church. Better still, donate direct to the DEC and use the Gift Aid declaration. Copies also available in church.'

PCC: There will be a special PCC meeting on Thursday 30th July at 7.00pm to start planning our Parish Profile. You should have received an email this week with details about this meeting.

Diocesan Centenary Celebration Weekend: 11th to 13th September. Thank you to those who attended our first planning meeting the other Sunday. Everyone, please get involved to help make this a special event in the life of St Michael's church.

Centenary Service of Celebration: Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm at the cathedral.

Regular Events:

Cupboard Love: the next session will be on Saturday 11th July 9.30am to 10.30am

Farmers' Market: the next market will be on Saturday 18th July 9.00am to 12.30pm

Coffee Morning: the next coffee morning will be on Saturday 1st August 10.00am to 12.00pm

Bible Study: the next meeting will be on Friday 7th August at 7.00pm in the MPR. All are welcome.

Prayer Chain: Are you aware that we have a prayer chain at St Michael's? Each week 15 people receive an email and spend some time praying for the people/situations that require our prayers. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please see Jane Bagwell.

Supporting St Michael's: We welcome your donations to St Michael's. We are self-supporting and our costs are high. Many people make a monthly donation through the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask Stephen Davies for details. Alternatively, there is a collection plate for cash donations, along with a card reader, at the back of church. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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