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5th July, 2026 Benefice Bulletin Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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Notices for the Benefice Bulletin can be sent to:
beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com

Wednesday Communion

The next midweek Communion will be held in St. Michael's Church Hall at 11.15am on **8th July**. A sandwich lunch (£3) will follow the service. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday Fellowship Group

The last meeting before the Summer break will be on **15th July**, 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Everyone welcome!

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

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!**

Wedding

St Michael's

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

Coming Soon...

Together at St. Michael's

Bringing our Parish Family Together. A new all-age gathering beginning on 13th September. If anyone would like to be involved with this, please speak with Andrew or Pam.....and watch this space for more details!

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!

Loving Lord Jesus,

You know the burdens we carry, the worries we hide, and the weariness that so often weighs upon our hearts.

Thank you for your gentle invitation to come to you, just as we are, trusting that your love is greater than our fears.

Open our eyes to recognise your wisdom, not in power or status, but in humility, kindness, and grace. Help us to listen with open hearts and to follow your way, even when the world chooses a different path.

As we begin this new week, teach us to walk beside you. When life feels demanding, grant us your peace. When we feel uncertain, give us your guidance. When we grow tired, renew our strength. May we discover the rest that comes from your presence and the comfort of your love in every moment.

Fill us with your compassion, so that through our words and actions others may glimpse your love. May we be bearers of hope, encouragement, and joy wherever this week leads us.

We ask this in your holy name.

Amen.



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

Aughton Wednesday 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 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, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of St Michael's.

St. Michael's Altar Flowers

Having flowers in church add beauty to our worship and remind us of God's wonderful creation. If you would like to donate towards the Flower Fund we would be delighted to hear from you. Whether it is in celebration for 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	

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.



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.

Please remember in prayer Geoff Almond and his family as they mourn the loss of Geoff's Wife, Jean. Geoff, as many will remember was Head Teacher at St. Michael's School in the 1990s.

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.

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

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

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 for more information or contact Edward McCarthy 07971 299606.

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Benefice Bulletin

If you would like to receive the Benefice Bulletin by email, please contact Andrew or Pam beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com

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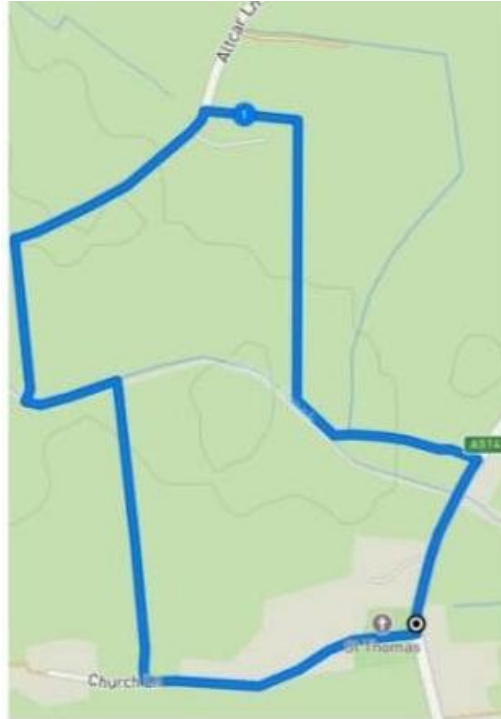


The walk will be just over 1.63 miles

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.**

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donations every time you shop
online – from your weekly shop to
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be raising free donations for St
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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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