



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3. Verses 5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

PSALM 119. Verses 129 - 136

Response: *The opening of your word gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.

Response: *The opening of your word gives light.*

Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me. Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments. Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes. My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law.

Response: *The opening of your word gives light.*

SECOND READING Romans 8. Verses 26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to

his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

What's on

PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

Rachel Lowe, Pat Morris, Brian Inglis

John Beech, Malcolm Goring

Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.

For those who have died:

Paul Dickinson

(Funeral at St Katharine's on Wednesday 29th July at 12 noon)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Let us know? If anyone is aware of someone sick or in hospital, wishing to be included on the Prayer List, please notify the Vicar, or the Churchwardens.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person, or their family, before asking for their name to be added.

Please Pray for Ukraine

Home Communion If you are unable to go to a service at St Katharine's and would like to receive communion at home, please get in touch. And please get in touch if you would like a visit from the clergy or one of the team of licensed Lay Eucharistic Assistants.

THE NEXT PCC MEETING will be held on Monday 27th July at 7pm. Items of "Any other Business" should be given in at least 24 hours before the meeting. Thank you.

FLOWER CLUB

Next meeting on Friday 7th August at 2pm. All welcome.

£3 for refreshments. Prize Raffle.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Boxes are due to be emptied this month. If you have a collecting box please bring it to church and leave in the office. Thank you for your donations.

SAFEGUARDING

As part of the Manchester Diocese, St Katharine's Church follows the safeguarding guidelines, the national legal and procedural framework for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the Church of England policy and practice.

Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hollick

If you wish to make a donation to support St Katharine's, you can use this QR code. Thank you.



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SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 12 noon Funeral: Paul Dickinson

Sunday 2nd August: TRINITY 9

11.00am The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

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Today's Hymns - Sunday 26th July

194 Alleluia! Alleluia!

503 Send, O God, your holy spirit

453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

592 As the deer pants for the water

430 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

638 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising



Wednesday 19th August 2026 - 2.00pm

Join Cath Galaska to hear about her experiences on a Senior Gap Year! Including travel to Canada, Alaska, USA & South America.

At St Katharine's Church, Blackrod
In the Upper Room with Afternoon Tea
Tickets £7.50 each from the Church office
In aid of church funds

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