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30th August, 2026 Benefice Bulletin Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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Baptism at St Michael's

Sunday 30th August at 12.30pm
Ettie Elizabeth Perry

Wedding

St Michael's Church

Saturday 5th September
*Stephen Dooley and
Kate Garvey*

**The United Benefice Service on
Sunday 6th September at 11am
will be at St Michael's Church.**

Bickerstaffe Wednesday Group

The next group will meet in the North Aisle of Bickerstaffe Church on **Wednesday 2nd September at 1pm**. Come for a bowl of soup and after, enjoy playing a selection of board games. Please invite friends, family and neighbours. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

Evening Prayer at St Michael's Tuesdays at 4pm.

We pray for the church, the world and the parishes of Aughton and Bickerstaffe. 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.

Wednesday Communion

The next midweek Communion will be held in St. Michael's Church Hall at 11.15am on **16th September**. A sandwich lunch (£3) will follow the service. Everyone welcome!

Looking ahead to special services at St. Michael's in September

Sunday 13th September at 9.30am

Together at St. Michael's
Bringing our Parish Family Together A new all-age gathering

Sunday 20th September at 9.30am

'Blessing of Pets' Service – bring your furry and feathered friends, or a photograph of a much-loved pet who is no longer with us, to place on the remembrance board.

Sunday 27th September at 9.30am

Songs of Praise service led by the St Helen's Youth Band

Please take invitations for these special services and hand out to family, friends and neighbours.

St Michael's Heritage Day

The church will be open on Saturday 26th September from 11am – 3pm, displaying historical items and papers. Refreshments will be served.

Aughton Wednesday Social Group

The first Aughton Wednesday Social Group will be on **Wednesday 16th September at 1pm in the Church Hall (and then every 3rd Wednesday each month)**. We will meet for a bowl of soup at 1pm followed by an activity or a speaker. **Please invite friends, family and neighbours** and sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.

Men's

Breakfast

St Michael's Church Hall at **9.30am**



Saturday 19th September. There will be a full fry-up for £5 followed by a speaker. **Sign up at the back of church and invite a friend!**

Prayer for the Week.....

Loving Lord,
as we reflect on Jesus' words to take up our cross and follow him, give us the courage to put our trust in you, even when the path ahead is difficult.
Help us to set aside our own selfish desires and to live each day in the light of your love.
When we are tempted to choose the easy way, strengthen us to follow the way of Jesus — with faith, compassion and hope.
Teach us to find true life in giving ourselves to you and in serving others with love.
Keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord, and give us the strength to follow you faithfully, trusting you with whatever each new day may bring.
Amen

Funerals

Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

Tuesday 8th September at 11am
Kathleen Littler

Wednesday 23rd September at 1pm
Glynn Banks

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
Tuesday 1st September	4pm Evening Prayer	
6th September Green Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 11am Andrew Benefice Service	
Tuesday 8th September	4pm Evening Prayer	
13th September Green Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Together at St Michael's	11am Andrew Holy Communion
Tuesday 15th September	4pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 16th September	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
20th September Green Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Exodus 16:2-15; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Blessing of Pets Service	11am Andrew Café Church
Tuesday 22nd September	4pm Evening Prayer	
27th September Green Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Exodus 17.1-7; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Celebration of St Michael's with the St Helen's Youth Brass Band	11am Mark Morning Praise
Tuesday 29th September	4pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 30th September	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	

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.

Quiz and Domino night.

Four Lane Ends Mission.

Friday September 18th 2026 at 7:30pm.

Bring your own snacks and drinks.
Tea/coffee and biscuits included.



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

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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

Home Communion and Pastoral Calls

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

Prayer List Book

Please add the names of those who are ill or who have been bereaved in the book at the back of both Holy Trinity and St Michael's. If you would like their names read out as part of the intercessions then please put a tick next to their names, but make sure you have their permission.

The Book Club will next meet at 7pm, in St. Michael's Church Hall on Thursday, 17th September, when we shall discuss

"You Deserve Nothing" by Alexander Maksik.

All welcome. *Julia Woolgar*

Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group Next Walk

Meet at **10.30am** on **Saturday 12th September** at **St. James Church, Westhead.**

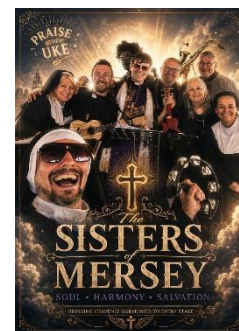
The walk will be 2.8 miles. We will visit parts of Westhead and Ormskirk and will end up at The Prince Albert Pub for lunch (See page 3 online of the bulletin for more details)

A date for your diary.....

Sisters of Mersey Concert.

Saturday 13th Feb 2027 at 7:30pm.

Save the date for a fantastic concert at Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe to raise funds for our beautiful Church. Entertainment provided by the Sisters of Mersey who we enjoyed at Bickerstock 2025 and 2026. Contact Edward - westlancsedward@btinternet.com or 07971 299606.



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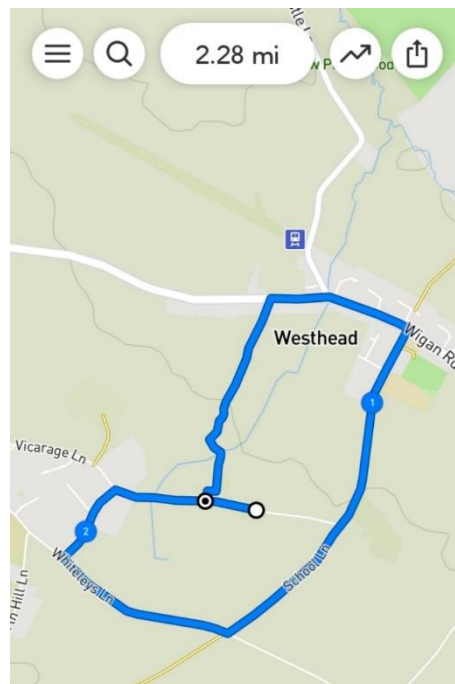
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1. Start on Vicarage Lane and visit St James Church Westhead. The Church has an exhibition on because it's 175 years old. They are open for a coffee / look around on Saturday mornings.
2. From Church on to the footpath which leads to Westhead.
3. A577 main road back to School Lane.
4. School Lane to Whiteleys Lane to Wellfield Lane and back to the Church.
5. Move the cars to the Prince Albert Pub for a lovely lunch.

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.

The group meets monthly.
New walkers always welcome!

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



**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.

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