

St Michael and All Angels with St Mark Preston
11th Sunday after Trinity 16th August 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am



God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

We welcome Revd John Ball who is leading our worship this morning.

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:	357	All people that on earth, do dwell
Gradual:	679	In Christ there is no east or west
Offertory:	604	Brother, sister, let me serve you
Communion:	731	
Final:	704	Let all the world

First reading: *Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15.10-28*

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is

tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Services:

Weekday Communion: Thursday at 10.30am

Holy Communion with Baptism: Sunday 23rd August at 10.00am

BCP Communion: Sunday 6th September at 8.30am

All Angels: Sunday 6th September at 10.00am

Junior Church: Sunday 20th September at 10.00am

Regular Events:

Cupboard Love: the next session will be on Saturday 22nd August 9.30am to 10.30am

Coffee Morning: the next coffee morning will be on Saturday 5th September 10.00am to 12.00pm

Bible Study: the next meeting will be on Friday 18th September at 7.00pm in the MPR. All are welcome.

Farmers' Market: the next market will be on Saturday 19th September 9.00am to 12.30pm

Car Treasure Hunt: on Tuesday 18th August- raising funds for the Ashton Guide trip to Austria next year. Round up your family or friends and jump in the car and set off on an evening of clues and adventure around our beautiful local area. Starts from 6.00pm. Meeting Point will be revealed on WhatsApp on the night (will be within the PR2 Preston area). £20 per car/team. To book email Helen at stmichaelsbrowniespreston@outlook.com

Parishes in Bloom: Churches from across the diocese will be showing parish life in the Cathedral in the form of stunning floral displays from 20th to 24th August at 9.30am to 4.00pm

Preston Symphony Orchestra: We are delighted to welcome the orchestra for the final event of Preston Arts Festival on Sunday 4th October at 7.00pm. The event has proved so popular that all tickets have been sold, but you can still hear them (for free!) by volunteering to help with refreshments. We need a team to look after 250 people. Please see Stephen if you are interested.

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

Eco-Church: The PCC agreed on Thursday to work to achieve the Eco-Church Bronze award as soon as possible. Look out for more information in the weekly sheets and on the website.

Welcome Team: The Welcome Team provide a warm welcome to St Michael's and prepare and serve coffee for fellowship after the service each Sunday. If you would like to help with this please see Jane or Elaine, our churchwardens. We have a rota so that the duties are shared. We also have a rota for administering the chalice during the Eucharist. We are looking for more people to help with this too. Similarly, we would also like more people to prepare and lead the intercessions. Help would be given. Please pray and see whether God might be calling you to take part.

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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