

St Michael and All Angels with St Mark Preston
12th Sunday after Trinity 23rd August 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am



Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good things which we are not
worthy to ask,
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 booklets 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:	696	Jesus where'er thy people meet
Gradual:	634	Firmly I believe and truly
Offertory:	394	Tell out my soul
Final:	638	Give me joy in my heart

First reading: *Romans 12.1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body, we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16.13-20*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on

this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Services:

Weekday Communion: Thursday at 10.30am

Holy Communion: Sunday 30th 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:

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

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

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

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

Diocesan Centenary Celebration Weekend: 11th to 13th September. Please sign up to help with this wonderful weekend, let us know how many people you are bringing to the bingo and what school hymn you want to sing! We would appreciate donations of raffle prizes, chocolate and cake. Please take flyers to help you invite friends, family and neighbours and take a poster if you can display it somewhere prominent. Thank you!

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.

Eco-Church: Caring for God's creation is about making small changes in our lives which will make a difference in the world. We will be focussing more on creation care in our worship and prayer and will include an item in each weekly sheet telling you what we are doing at St Michael's

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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