



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 16th August 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

The Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through 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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 56. 1, 6–8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant, these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

PSALM 67

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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SECOND 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.

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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.



GOSPEL READING Matthew 15. 10–20, 21–28

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today: 1.30am Holy Baptism:
Georgia Ivy Nelson

Tuesday: 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd August: TRINITY 12

11.00am The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

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
07514041611

What's on

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers:

Georgia Ivy Nelson,
to be baptised at St Katharine's today.

Shane Reed & Karin Williams married
at St Katharine's on Friday 14th August.

For those who are sick:

Rachel Lowe, Pat Morris, Brian Inglis

John Beech, Malcolm Goring, Felicity Poole

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

For those who have died:

Andrew Gorton, Dorothy Aindow

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Cooper, Liam Miccoli, Jack Rutter

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. Thank you.

Please Pray for Ukraine

Election of Churchwardens

There are currently vacancies for two Churchwardens at St Katharine's, and following the rules and guidelines set by the Church of England, we are displaying a notice of the Election on the noticeboard.

The forms to nominate a person for the role of Churchwarden are now available in church and the election will take place during **A Meeting of the Parishioners on Monday 7th September at 7pm** in the upper room.

If you would like to know more, just have a word with Revd Angela, or a member of the PCC.

Thank you, *Mary Pryle, PCC Secretary*

Today's Hymns - Sunday 16th August

- 766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**
(Omit Verse 4)
- 799 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want**
- 510 Will you come and follow me**
- 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**
- 688 Jesu, the very thought of thee**
- 601 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine**

KEEPING ST KATHARINE'S CLEAN AND TIDY

Can you help? We are in need of more volunteers to help keep the church clean. If you can spare a couple of hours, please get in touch. Have a word with Sue Parry, or anyone on the cleaning rota (on the board in the office), who can tell you what's involved and how often you would be needed. Training can be available!

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



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MIND THE GAP!



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

St Katharine's Church

Wiggle Keeping-in-Touch

Day on Monday 17th August
10—11.30am



The Children's Society Thankyou to everyone who has brought their Children's Society box to church. All have been emptied and counted. Emptied boxes and receipts are now available for collection from the church office. It has been a joy to count your generous collections. Please could supporters put outstanding boxes in the church office before the end of this month. If they need to be collected, or if you no longer want to collect, please contact me on 07990 593623, or ruth_bolton@hotmail.co.uk
Ruth Wills (box co-ordinator)

Fire Action



Raise the alarm



Leave the building by the nearest exit



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK