



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 23rd August 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

The Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT

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. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 51. Verses 1–6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; For he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; For a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

PSALM 138

Response: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul.

Response: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

Response: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me. The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Response: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

SECOND READING Romans 12. Verses 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. Verses 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONTACT

Vicar: The Revd Angela Wynne

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th August: TRINITY 13

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

What's on

PRAYERS

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, Gillian Harris

Margaret Mason

(Funeral on Wednesday 2nd September at 12 noon)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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

Today's Hymns - Sunday 23rd August

- 595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
- 592 As the deer pants for the water
- 644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him
- 628 Father of heaven, whose love profound
- 456 Now let us from this table rise
- 818 To God be the glory, great things he has done!

CREATION IN CHRIST FESTIVAL

Sunday 6th September

This new Festival, assigned to the first Sunday in September each year, is one of the fruits of a growing ecumenical movement across churches worldwide and offers an opportunity for Christians to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, to reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and to pray for its renewal. The title 'Creation in Christ' emphasises that creation is understood through the person and work of Jesus Christ: created through him, sustained in him and destined for renewal in him. (Church of England 2026)

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.



St Katharine's Church
Registered Charity No: 1144084

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.

FLOWER CLUB

Next meeting will be a
Demonstration with Carol Jones
on Friday 4th September at 2pm.
All welcome.
£3 for refreshments. Prize Raffle.



Afternoon Matinee Showing: "Groundhog Day" (1993)



Starring:
**Bill Murray &
Andie
McDowell**

Wednesday 9th September

Film starts at 1.30 pm (doors open at 1.00 pm)

Light refreshments - £3.00

No need to book - just come along

Upstairs at St Katharine's, Blackrod

Fire Action



Raise the alarm



**Leave the building by
the nearest exit**



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK