



13th September, 2026 Benefice Bulletin
Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton
and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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**Special services at
St. Michael's this month!**

**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, scaly or 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** As
we celebrate and give thanks for
St. Michael's Church.

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

**Aughton Wednesday Social
Group**

**Wednesday 16th September at
1pm in St. Michael's 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.

Bible Study restarts on
Thursday Sept 17th at 1.30pm
in St. Michael's Church Hall.
We will be beginning a study of
the Gospel of St. Luke and
everyone is warmly welcome to
attend.

**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!**

Wednesday Communion

The next midweek Communion will
be held in St. Michael's
Church Hall at 11.15am on
23rd September.

A sandwich lunch (£3) will follow
the service. Everyone welcome!

St Michael's Heritage Day

The Church will be open on
**Saturday 26th September from
11am – 3pm**, displaying historical
items and papers. Come and
explore the story of St Michael's
and discover the people, places
and events that have shaped our
Church and local community. You
never know what or who you might
recognise — or what new story you
might uncover!

Refreshments will be served.
Everyone is very welcome.

Funeral

Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

Wednesday 23rd September
at 1pm
Glynn Banks

Prayer for the week.....

Loving God,
when we face a new beginning,
help us not to be afraid of what lies
ahead.

Give us courage when we feel
uncertain,

hope when we feel worried,
and faith to take the next step.

When we see a rainbow,
help us remember your promise
that you are always with us.

Guide us as we begin again,
and help us to trust that, with you
beside us,

new beginnings can bring new
hope.

Amen.

Bickerstaffe Wednesday Group

The next group will meet in the
North Aisle of Bickerstaffe Church
on **Wednesday 7th October 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.

	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	
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	
Wednesday 23rd September	11.15am Andrew Holy Communion	
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	

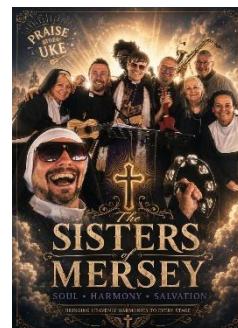
The Book Club will next meet at 7pm, in St. Michael's Church Hall on Thursday, 17th September, when we shall discuss "You Deserve Nothing" by Alexander Maksik.
All welcome. *Julia Woolgar*

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.



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.

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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.

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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Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group

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

The walk will be 2.8 miles.

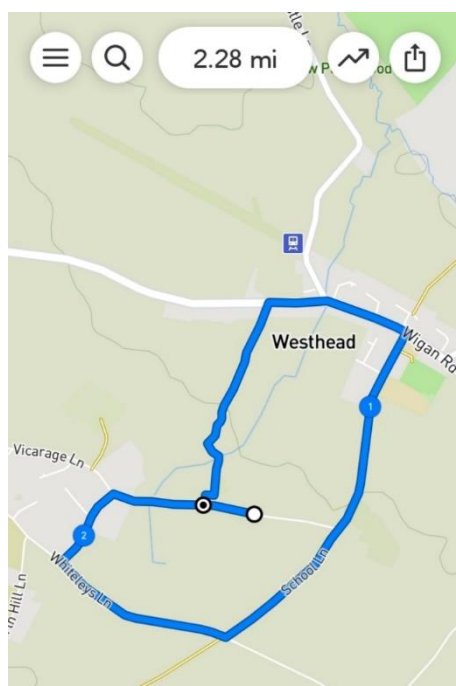
We will visit parts of Westhead and Ormskirk and will end up at The Prince Albert Pub.

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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