



20th September, 2026 Benefice Bulletin Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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'Blessing of Pets' Service'

Sunday, 20th Sept at 9.30am

Bring your furry, scaley or feathered friends. Or a photograph of a much-loved pet who is no longer with us, to place on the remembrance board.

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. 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 welcome.**

Funerals

Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

Wednesday 23rd September
at 1pm

The late *Glynn Banks*

Southport Crematorium

Thursday 8th October at 1pm
The late *James Singleton*

Bible Study Group meets again on Thursday 1st October at 1.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. We shall continue a study of the Gospel of St. Luke and everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

Songs of Praise service led by the St Helen's Youth Band **Sunday 27th September at 9.30am**

Come and celebrate **St. Michael's Church** with us! Bring along your **family, friends and neighbours** for a joyful time of music, favourite hymns and thanksgiving, led by the wonderful young musicians of St Helen's Youth Band. **Everyone welcome!**
Come along, sing along and celebrate with us. Everyone is warmly welcome — come along and join the celebration!

Benefice Harvest Service **Sunday 4th October • 11am** **Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe**

Come and join us as we celebrate Harvest and give thanks for the food, the land and all the blessings we share. A special opportunity for our Benefice family to gather together, with music, thanksgiving and a warm welcome for everyone.
Come and celebrate Harvest with us!

Harvest Hot Pot with Quiz **Saturday 10th October 6.30pm** **St Michael's Church Hall**

A relaxed evening of good food, good company and a bit of friendly competition! Enjoy a delicious Hot Pot and dessert followed by a fun quiz —bring your thinking caps and get ready for an enjoyable evening together. **Tickets £10** Sign-up sheets are available at the back of both churches. **Everyone welcome — bring your family and friends and join the fun!**

Bickerstaffe Wednesday Group

Soup, Games & Good Company
The next get-together will be in the North Aisle of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe Church
Wednesday
7th October at 1pm



Come and enjoy a warming bowl of soup, followed by an afternoon of board games, laughter and good company. Whether you're a keen game player or simply fancy a chat and a bowl of soup, you'll be very welcome!

Come along, bring a friend and enjoy some friendly company.
A sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

Prayer for the week.....

Loving God, thank you for your generous love, which welcomes each one of us, however long or short our journey of faith. Help us not to compare ourselves with others, but to recognise the blessings you freely give. Teach us to be generous, kind and welcoming to everyone we meet. Thank you too for the wonderful world you have created, for animals great and small, and for the companionship, joy and love they bring into our lives. May we care for all your creation and remember that every living creature is part of your gift to us. Help us to share your generosity, to welcome others with open hearts, and to celebrate all that you have made. Amen.

	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	

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 at the back of church and place it in the box, also at the back of church. These requests will be included during Evening Prayer.

Aughton Wednesday

Social Group

The next get-together will be on Wednesday 21st October at 1pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Come along for a warming bowl of soup at 1pm followed by an activity or a speaker. **Bring a friend and enjoy some friendly company.** Sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.



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.

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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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.

The Book Club will next meet at 7pm, in St. Michael's Church Hall on Thursday 15th October, at 7pm to discuss 'Painter of Silence' by Georgina Harding
All welcome. *Julia Woolgar*

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financially -**

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**Any questions about either of
the above, email -**

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or speak to Anthony in church.

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