



St Katharine, Blackrod, Sunday 27th September 2026

17th Sunday after Trinity

The Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25 Verses 1-8

Response: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Response: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

Response: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

SECOND READING Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's on

PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

**Rachel Lowe, Pat Morris, Brian Inglis, John Beech
Malcolm Goring, Felicity Poole, Sally Little**

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

For those who have died:

Shaun Cain
(Funeral on Monday 28th September at 1.30pm)

Marjorie Haydock

Joyce Cashmore

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Anita Skinner, Bernard Jones, Roy Woods

Lorna Cooke, Mike Hollick

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

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



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SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Today: 3pm Leaving Service for
Revd Carol Pharaoh at St Bartholomew's**

Monday: 1.30pm Funeral: Shaun Cain

Tuesday: 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October: HARVEST FESTIVAL

**11.00am The Parish Eucharist with
Speaker from The Mopane Tree, Harvest Charity**

11.00am Sunday School

6.00pm Taize Service for Harvest

STEPember

Revd Angela is raising money for Bolton Hospice.

See the Justgiving page and support her efforts if you can. How many steps?... **262,153 steps** so far!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/angela1786720403936/>

Good luck Angela. Watch out for weekly updates!

Today's Hymns - Sunday 27th September

644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him

335 My God, accept my heart this day

715 Lord for the years

628 Father of heaven, whose love profound

462 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast

663 (Omit Verse 3) How shall I sing that majesty

FLOWER CLUB

Next meeting will be a
Demonstration with Paula Martin on
Friday 2nd October at 2pm.
All welcome. Refreshments....Raffle.



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At 7.30pm**

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