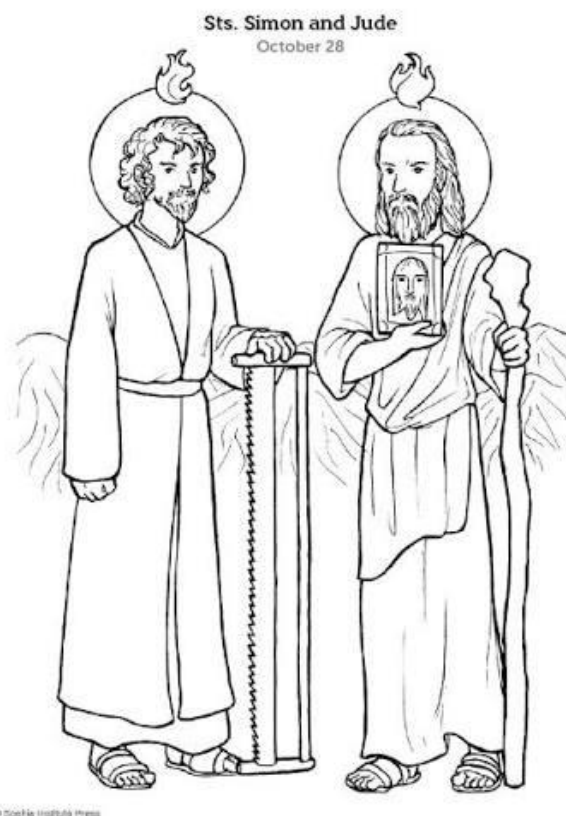


United Benefice of Atherton and Hindsford with Howe Bridge

**To be a welcoming, worshipping, relevant Church reflecting God's love,
reaching out to the community to make new friends for Jesus and
equipping all for life**

OCTOBER 2026 MONTHLY DIARY



SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

**The Saints are often depicted with flames above their heads to
signify their presence at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit
descended upon the apostles as Tongues of Fire**



Friday	2 nd	10:00am-11:30am	St John's Church. Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a brew and a chat.
Saturday	3 rd	02:00pm	St John's Church. Messy Church. Please see Rev Alex if you fancy attending so that she can plan for the right number of people.
Sunday 4th October 2026. Gift Day and Harvest Sunday. Food Donations to go to Atherton and Leigh Foodbank.			
Sunday 4th October 2026 – Trinity 18. 1 st Reading: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18 2 nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 9. 6-end, Gospel Reading: Luke 12. 16-30			
Sunday	4 th	09:00am	St Michael's Church. Eucharist.
		09:00am	St Philip's Church. Morning Worship.
		11:00am	St George's Church. Morning Worship
		11:00am	St John's Church. Eucharist.
Monday	5 th	10:00am-12:00pm	St John's Church. 'A Place To Be' and Craft Group. Tea, Coffee and biscuits, all are welcome. Donations if possible.
		01:00pm	St John's Church. Prayer Group. All are welcome.
Tuesday	6 th	09:30am	St Philip's Church. Said Eucharist
		10:00am	St George's Church. Coffee morning with toys for toddlers. Children must be supervised by parent/guardian/grandparent.
Wednesday	7 th	10:15am	St Michael's Church. Said Eucharist.
		10:30am-12:00pm	St Michael's Church Vestry. Warm Welcome Wednesday. Tea, Coffee and a chat.
		07:00pm	St Philip's Church. Atherton Community Choir rehearsal. All are welcome to join in. See contact details for e-mail address.
Friday	9 th	10:00am-11:30am	St John's Church. Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a brew and a chat.
		07:00pm	St George's Church. Harvest Supper. Tickets are £10 per person and include the supper. Please see the wardens at your church for tickets for this popular event.
Sunday 11th October 2026 – Trinity 19. 1 st Reading: Isaiah 25. 1-9 2 nd Reading: Philippians 4. 1-9, Gospel Reading: Matthew 22. 1-14			
Sunday	11 th	09:00am	St Michael's Church. Morning Worship.
		09:00am	St Philip's Church. Eucharist and Sunday School.
		11:00am	St George's Church. Eucharist.
		11:00am	St John's Church. Morning Worship.
Monday	12 th	10:00am-12:00pm	St John's Church. 'A Place To Be' and Craft Group. Tea, Coffee and biscuits, all are welcome. Donations if possible.
Tuesday	13 th	09:30am	St Philip's Church. Said Eucharist
		10:00am	St George's Church. Coffee Morning with toys for toddlers. Children must be supervised by parent/guardian/grandparent.
Wednesday	14 th	10:15am	St Michael's Church. Said Eucharist.
		10:30am-12:00pm	St Michael's Church Vestry. Warm Welcome Wednesday. Tea, Coffee and a chat.
		10:30am	St Philip's Church. Knit and Natter. All are welcome.
		07:00pm	St Philip's Church. Atherton Community Choir rehearsal. All are welcome to join in. See contact details for e-mail address.

Thursday	15 th	01:00pm-03:00pm	St Michael's Church Vestry. Harvest Bingo. Entry is £2.50 per person which includes Book, Book Draw and Raffle. There will also be House Flyers and a Joe 90. Please come along for a fun packed afternoon.
Friday	16 th	10:00am-11:30am	St John's Church. Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a brew and a chat.
Saturday	17 th	09:00am	St John's Church (St Anne's Hall). Men's Breakfast. Please let Rev Andrew know if you wish to attend.
Sunday 18th October 2026. St Luke The Evangelist. Patron Saint of Physicians, Surgeons, Artists and Painters. Author of The Gospel of Luke together with The Acts of The Apostles.			
Sunday 18th October 2026 – Trinity 20. 1 st Reading: Isaiah 45. 1-7, 2 nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10, Gospel Reading: Matthew 22. 15-22			
Sunday	18 th	09:00am	St Michael's Church. Eucharist.
		09:00am	St Philip's Church. Morning Worship and Sunday School.
		11:00am	St George's Church. Morning Worship.
		11:00am	St John's Church. Eucharist.
		02:00pm	St Philip's Church. Baptism.
Monday	19 th	10:00am-12:00pm	St John's Church. 'A Place To Be' and Craft Group. Tea, Coffee and biscuits, all are welcome. Donations if possible.
		01:00pm	St John's Church. Prayer Group. All are welcome.
Tuesday	20 th	09:30am	St Philip's Church. Said Eucharist
		10:00am	St George's Church. Coffee morning with toys for toddlers. Children must be supervised by parent/guardian/grandparent
		06:30pm for 07:00pm	Tamarind Table, Atherton. Parish Curry Night. Cost is £25 per person. This has been a popular event (and fund raiser) for the last couple of years. Names and money in advance to Margaret Hewitt please.
Wednesday	21 st	10:15am	St Michael's Church. Said Eucharist.
		10:30am-12:00pm	St Michael's Church Vestry. Warm Welcome Wednesday. Tea, Coffee and a chat.
		07:00pm	St Philip's Church. Atherton Community Choir rehearsal. All are welcome to join in. See contact details for e-mail address.
Friday	23 rd	10:00am-11:30am	St John's Church. Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a brew and a chat.
Sunday 25th October 2026 – Last After Trinity and Bible Sunday. 1 st Reading: Leviticus 19. 1-2 and 15-18, 2 nd Reading: Thessalonians 2. 1-8, Gospel Reading: Matthew 22. 34-46			
Sunday	25 th	09:00am	St Michael's Church. Morning Worship.
		09:00am	St Philip's Church. Eucharist.
		11:00am	St George's Church. Eucharist.
		11:00am	St John's Church. Morning Worship.
SCHOOL HALF TERM HOLIDAYS			
Monday	26 th	10:00am-12:00pm	St John's Church. 'A Place To Be' and Craft Group. Tea, Coffee and biscuits, all are welcome. Donations if possible.
Tuesday	27 th	09:30am	St Philip's Church. Said Eucharist
		10:00am	St George's Church. Coffee morning with crafts for primary age children and toys for toddlers. Children must be supervised by parent/guardian/grandparent.
Wednesday 28th October 2026. Simon and Jude, Apostles. The two apostles spread the good news together in Mesopotamia, Persia and Syria. Both Saints were martyred for their faith in the year 65AD			

Wednesday	28 th	10:15am	St Michael's Church. Said Eucharist.
		10:30am-12:00pm	St Michael's Church Vestry. Warm Welcome Wednesday. Tea, Coffee and a chat.
		07:00pm	St Philip's Church. Atherton Community Choir rehearsal. All are welcome to join in. See contact details for e-mail address.
Friday	30 th	10:00am-11:30am	St John's Church. Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a brew and a chat.
Saturday	31 st	09:30am	St Michael's Church. Atherton Prayer Breakfast. All are welcome.
		04:00pm	St Michael's Church. Halloween Light Night. A family-friendly event for All Hallows' Eve.

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