



St Katharine, Blackrod, Sunday 20th September 2026
16th Sunday after Trinity

The Parish Eucharist

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Jonah 3. Verses 10-end of 4

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

PSALM 145. Verses 1-8

Response: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out.

Response.....

One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness. They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

Response.....

SECOND READING Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live

in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20. Verses 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

St Katharine's Church
Registered Charity No: 1144084

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:

Gillian Harris, Margaret Mason

Shaun Cain

(Funeral on Monday 28th September at 1.30pm)

Marjorie Haydock

(Funeral on Tuesday 22nd September at 1pm)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alan Wolstencroft, Gavin Banks, Anita Skinner

Bernard Jones, Jack Rutter, Nina-Jayne Birley

Roy Woods, Lorna Cooke

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 9.30am Holy Communion

1.00pm Funeral: Marjorie Haydock

Sunday 27th September: TRINITY 17

11.00am The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

3.00pm Leaving Service for Team Rector, Carol Pharaoh, at St Bartholomew's

Today's Hymns - Sunday 20th September

691 Jesus shall reign, where're the sun

807 Thine for ever! God of love

422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

456 Now let us from this table rise

432 Bread of the world in mercy broken

806 There's a wideness in God's mercy

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3.45-6pm

Fun, Crafts, Food

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For Year 6 and above

Saturday 26th September 6-7.30pm

Activities, food and games

RSVP or any questions to:

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Revd Angela is raising money for Bolton Hospice, see the Justgiving page and support her efforts if you can.

How many steps?.....**186,938** so far!

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

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



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Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hollick 07514041611

St Katharine's Church presents....



THE MIDDLETON BAND



Sounds of Autumn

On Saturday 24th October 2026 At 7.30pm

TICKETS £10 EACH

(includes light refreshments)

Bring your own drinks - glasses provided

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