



St Katharine, Blackrod

Sunday 4th October 2026

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Parish Eucharist



Welcome to St Katharine's Church today

READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT for Harvest Festival

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8. 7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

GOSPEL READING Luke 12. 16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Welcome to our guests today, representatives of the chosen charity for Harvest this year, The Mopane Tree, supporting children and families in Namibia.

Envelopes are provided if you wish to make a donation. Thank you.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today: 6.00pm Taize Service

Tuesday: 9.30am Holy Communion

Friday: 6.30pm Friday Night Messy

Sunday 11th October: Trinity 19

9.30am All Age Worship

12.30am Holy Baptism -
Lottie Louise Walker

Today's Hymns

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- 282 Come ye thankful people, come
- 290 We plough the fields and scatter
- 533 All things bright and beautiful
- 284 For the fruits of all creation
- 287 Praise and thanksgiving
- 283 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

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St Katharine's Church
Registered Charity No: 1144084

Fire Action



Raise the alarm



**Leave the building by
the nearest exit**



Report to assembly point
CAR PARK

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 recover fully.

For those who have died:

**Shaun Cain
Joyce Cashmore**
(Funeral on Thursday 22nd October at 1.00pm)

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

A message from Carol & Peter Pharaoh

We couldn't leave without saying a big thank you for all your good wishes, gifts, cards and prayers for our retirement. We have been overwhelmed with your generosity and kindness. Thank you.

We have been very privileged to share the journey with you for the last 7 ½ years.

We have made some lovely friends and have enjoyed our time here immensely.

Take care and God bless, Carol & Peter

Windows at St John's, Wingates

Thursday 8th October at 10.30am

Another of our windows in the chancel remembers the hymn "Angel Voices ever singing" written for St John's Church at Wingates.

On Thursday 8th October at 10.30am, Tom Heavyside is giving a talk about the windows in St John's Church - their history, donors, makers and subjects. Everyone is welcome to go along. No need to book.

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



SAFEGUARDING

As part of the Manchester Diocese, St Katharine's Church follows the safeguarding guidelines, the national legal and procedural framework for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the Church of England policy and practice.

Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hollick 07514041611

STEPtember

Rev'd Angela is raising money for Bolton Hospice. Please see the Justgiving page and help to support our local hospice.

The Challenge is now completed with a total of **307,647 steps!!!** Well done Angela!

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

Afternoon Matinee

Showing:

Hocus Pocus



Starring: Bette Midler & Sarah Jessica Parker

Wednesday 14th October

Film starts at 1.30 pm (doors open at 1.00 pm)
Light refreshments - £3.00

No need to book - just come along
Upstairs at St Katharine's, Blackrod

ANNUAL INCOME SURVEY

Each year the Diocese requires us to take a survey of Parishioners' income in October. All those who are aged 16 or over, and who have attended worship services at the church at least 12 times in the past 12 months are asked to complete a form.

The survey is needed to calculate the amount of Parish Share, which is the amount of money requested from us by the diocese each year to contribute to the costs of - amongst other things - clergy stipends, housing and training.

We would be grateful if you could complete the form and post it in the box on the table at the back of church. It is completely anonymous and confidential. Information on how to complete the survey is given on the form. Thank you.

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

**Tickets available from the church office
or ring 01204 691575**

**Supporting St Katharine's Church
and The Middleton Band**