

St Michael and All Angels with St Mark Preston
20th Sunday after Trinity 18th October 2026
Holy Communion and Junior Church 10.00am



God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.

A prayer for our parish: Heavenly Father, as our church enters a new chapter, we ask for your guidance and strength during this time of change, keeping us united in faith, hope and love. Grant wisdom to those seeking our new vicar, and lead us towards a future filled with compassion, inclusivity and opportunities to grow together in your name. **Amen.**

Welcome to St Michael's Church

Large print newsletters and service booklets are available, please ask the Welcome if there is anything you need or let them know if you require a gluten free wafer. Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

You are invited to stand for the hymns and some other parts of the service if you are able, but if standing is difficult or uncomfortable for you, just remain seated, no one will mind.

Hymns:

Opening:	812	Through all the changing scenes of life
Gradual:	787	Take my life, and let it be
Offertory:	451	Just as I am, without one plea
Final:	704	Let all the world in every corner sing

First reading: 2 Corinthians 8:8-13

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something, now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between.

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:45 – 21:4

In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the

treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'

Services:

Weekday Communion: Thursday at 10.30am

Holy Communion: Sunday 25th October at 10.00am

BCP Holy Communion: Sunday 1st November at 8.30am

All Angels: Sunday 1st November at 10.00am

Junior Church: Sunday 15th November at 10.00am

Regular Events:

Cupboard Love: the next session will be on Saturday 24th October 9.30am to 10.30am

Bible Study: the next meeting will be on Friday 6th November at 7.00pm in the MPR. Please take a flyer. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning: the next coffee morning will be on Saturday 7th November 10.00am to 12.00pm

Farmers' Market: the next market will be on Saturday 21st November 9.00am to 12.30pm

Living Generously: Today, we continue with our Giving Campaign. If you attend St Michael's regularly you should have been given an envelope containing some information. If you are a less regular attender, you should have been given a leaflet. We would like everyone to take time to read the material and reflect on it over the next few weeks as our campaign continues. Thank you.

Eco-Church: Many of us already recycle spectacles and blister packs from tablets. That's great – please continue to do it as usual. For those who can't easily get to a recycling point we now have a green-topped box at the back of church for both. Please ensure that the blister packs are empty and recycle the boxes and instructions at home with your paper recycling. Make a difference in Ashton; make a difference in the world.

All Souls: There will be an All-Souls service on Sunday 1st November at 6.30pm. Please add the names of your dearly departed to the list at the back of church if you wish them to be remembered.

Welcome Team: The Welcome Team provide a warm welcome to St Michael's and prepare and serve coffee for fellowship after the service each Sunday. If you would like to help with this please see Jane or Elaine, our churchwardens. We have a rota so that the duties are shared. We also have a rota for administering the chalice during the Eucharist and we are looking for more people to help with this too. Similarly, we would also like more people to prepare and lead the intercessions. Help would be given. Please pray and see whether God might be calling you to take part.

Prayer Chain: Are you aware that we have a prayer chain at St Michael's? Each week 15 people receive an email and spend some time praying for the people/situations that require our prayers. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please see Jane Bagwell.

Vacancy: Please pray for the PCC as they navigate the way to appointing our new incumbent.

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