

15th November, 2026 Benefice Bulletin

Notices for the Churches of St. Michael Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

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Aughton Wednesday Social Group

The next get-together in Aughton will be on **Wednesday 18th November at 1pm in St. Michael's Church Hall** Come along for a warming bowl of soup at **1pm** followed by – **BINGO! Bring a friend and enjoy some friendly company.**

Christmas Bingo at Four Lane Ends Mission, Bickerstaffe

20th November starts 7:30pm. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tea, coffee & biscuits to be provided.

Bible Study Group

Thursday 26th November at 1.30pm. in St. Michael's Church Hall.
Everyone is welcome to join in.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will next meet in St Michael's Church Hall at 9.30am on Saturday 28th November for a full fry up - £5 followed by a speaker. Sign up at the back of church and bring a friend!

Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree Festival

This year it will be held in the church on **Saturday 28th November 2pm – 4pm.** Please sign up at the back of church if you are able to provide a stall or activity. The proceeds will go towards church funds.

Darkness to Light Advent Service at Bickerstaffe Church

The choirs of Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe and St Thomas Lydiate will lead us in an Advent Service on Sunday 29th November at 4pm. If you would like to join the choir, please join the choir practice they will be at St Thomas' on Wednesday's at 7pm and Holy Trinity on Thursday's at 7pm. For more details, please contact Glenn Howard.

Bickerstaffe Wednesday Group

Bickerstaffe's next get-together will be in the North Aisle of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe Church.
Wednesday 2nd December, 1pm
Come and enjoy a warming bowl of soup, followed by Christmas entertainment. Please come wearing something Christmassy
All welcome!
Come along, bring a friend and enjoy some friendly company.

Prayer for the week……

Loving God, thank you for the gifts, talents and opportunities you give to each of us. Help us not to hide them away, but to use them wisely and generously, sharing what we have to make a difference in the lives of others. Give us courage to step out in faith, knowing that whatever we offer, no matter how small, can be used for good. Help us to recognise the gifts in those around us and encourage one another to let them shine. Amen.

Bottle Tombola – Donations Needed!

It's that time of year when we're collecting bottles for our Bottle Tombola Stall at the Lanterns and Carols evening on 11th December. This is always one of our most popular stalls, so we'd love your help to make it another great success! Any bottle donations, would be very gratefully received.

Red Admiral Brass and Christmas Concert at St Michael's

Join us for an evening of Christmas Music at St Michael's, Saturday 5th December at 7pm. Tickets £15 and will include a mince pie and a glass of wine.

Carpet Bowls

Carpet Bowls will now be played in St. Michael's Church Hall every Friday afternoon, 1.30 – 3.30pm For more details please speak to Margaret Ellams. All welcome!

Midweek Holy Communion and Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is a quiet opportunity to pause at the end of the day, listen to some Bible readings, reflect, and pray for our world, our community and the people and situations that matter to us.
On the first Tuesday of every month at 4pm, there will be a Holy Communion in church, meeting in the choir stalls.
On the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesday at 4pm we'll continue to meet for Evening Prayer. Please join us.

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
1st November All Saints White Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 11am Andrew Benefice Service	
Tuesday 3rd November	4pm Holy Communion	
8th November Remembrance Sunday Red Micah 4:1-5 Romans 8:31–39 John 15:9-17	8.15am Andrew 10.45am Andrew Remembrance Service 4pm Andrew Commemoration of the Departed	10.45am Janet Roberts Remembrance Service
Tuesday 10th November	4pm Evening Prayer	
15th November Second Sunday before Advent Green Judges 4:1-7 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	8.15am Judith Holy Communion 9.30am Judith Holy Communion	11am Team Café Church
Tuesday 17th November	4pm Evening Prayer	
22nd November Christ the King Red Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion	11am Mark Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24th November	4pm Evening Prayer	
29th November Advent Sunday Purple Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-27	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion	11am Andrew Holy Communion 4pm Andrew Darkness to Light Service



Christmas Services and Events at Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

Saturday 28th November 2pm
Christmas Tree Festival with Stalls

Sunday 29th November 4pm
Darkness to Light Advent Service

Sunday 20th December 11am
Café Church Christmas Special

Sunday 20th December 6.30pm
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 6.30pm
Christingle with Blessing of the Crib, followed by short Communion

Christmas Day 11am
Family Communion

Church Cleaning

We would still love to hear from anyone who could spare a little time to join the Church cleaning team at St. Michael's.
Cleaning is done on Thursday mornings from 9.00 – 9.30am.
Brushes, dusters etc provided.
If you would like to join in, please speak to Peter Fogden or Pam.

Home Communions and Pastoral Calls

Calls - If you would like a Home Communion or Pastoral Call please contact Andrew.

Christmas Services and Events at St Michael's Church

Saturday 5th December at 7pm
Red Admiral Band
Christmas Concert
Tickets £15 including mince pie and glass of wine

Friday 11th December 6pm
Lanterns, Carols and Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 12th December
Church Open 10am – 1pm
'Remembering Loved Ones' Christmas Tree

Thursday 17th December 5.30pm
Christingle Service

Sunday 20th December 4pm
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve
4pm Crib Service
11pm Midnight Communion

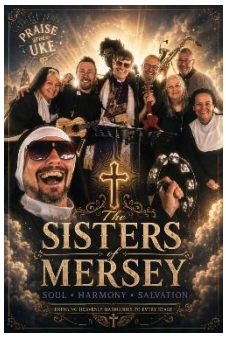
Christmas Day
8.15am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion

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beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com

The Book Club

The club will next meet at 7pm in St. Michael's Church Hall on Thursday 19th November, at 7pm to discuss 'I Love Charlotte Bronte' by Michelle Daly.
All welcome. *Julia Woolgar*



Sisters of Mersey Concert. Saturday 13th Feb 2027 at 7:30pm.

Save the date for a fantastic concert at Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe to raise funds for our beautiful Church. Entertainment will be provided by the Sisters of Mersey who we enjoyed at Bickerstock 2025 and 2026.
Sign-up sheet in Church to show your interest or contact Edward westlancsedward@btinternet.com or 07971 299606.

Bickerstaffe Church Walking Group

Meeting at 10 o'clock on Saturday 5th December at The Derby Arms Pub, Rainford

The walk will be approximately 2 miles.
We'll enjoy a visit to Rainford Christmas Fair, take a walk around the village, then head back to the pub to enjoy a festive lunch together.

At your own risk, please wear sensible footwear.
All walks have been risk assessed Please consider that you are physically capable of being able to complete the walk. Please also consider what equipment may be needed for the walk.

Any questions ask
Edward McCarthy.
westlancsedward@btinternet.com

07971 299606

New walkers are always welcome





If you would like to help St. Michael's Church financially -

Please consider a one-off or regular donation.
https://bit.ly/StMichaelsPGS

Also, please consider registering with easyfundraising to raise free donations every time you shop online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Michael's.

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Any questions about either of the above, email -

treasurer@aughtonstmichael.org.uk

or speak to Anthony in church.

If you would like to help Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe financially –

Please consider a one-off or regular donation.

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