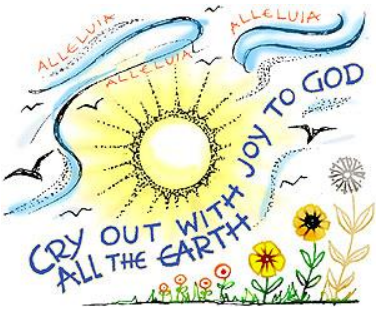

22nd May 2022 Benefice Bulletin

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

St. Michael's Church Website: www.aughtonstmichael.org.uk
Holy Trinity Church Website www.bickerstaffeholytrinity.co.uk

Notices for the Benefice Bulletin can be sent to beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com

Joint Benefice Rogation Service

Both churches will meet to celebrate Rogation this Sunday on 22nd May at **11.00 am** in the grounds of Holy Trinity. If it is wet weather we shall meet in Merrick's barn. Please bring a chair if you can but there will be extra chairs available. Don't forget your packed lunch to enjoy following the service.

Please refer to page two for information about Sunday and week day services.

If anyone would like to help with the services by doing a reading or becoming a sidesperson, there is sign-up sheet at the back of church or please speak to the respective Wardens for more information.

St. Michael's PCC meeting with the Archdeacon will take place on
Monday 23rd May at 7.30 pm

Midweek Holy Communion

St Michael's Church at 11.00 am on Wednesday, **25th May**
All welcome!

Ascension Day Service

St. Michael's Church
Thursday 26th May at 7pm

Funerals

St. Michael's, Aughton:
Friday 27th May at 11.00 am
Martin Stanley Bamber

Friday 27th May at 3.00 pm
Wendy Nicholls

Home Communion and Pastoral Calls

If you would like a home Communion or a pastoral call, please contact Andrew.

Joint Benefice Service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Both churches will meet to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June at **10.30 am** in the grounds of St. Michael's Church.
Please bring a chair if you can but there will be extra chairs available.
Please stay for cakes and refreshments in the Church Hall after the service.
Offers of cakes would be very much appreciated.
Please bring/wear something red, white and blue.

Confirmation - If you would like to be Confirmed this year, please speak to Andrew.

Sidespeople required for baptism services at St. Michael's

Over the next few months we shall have a lot of baptisms at St. Michael's Church. If you would like to help this important mission of the church by welcoming the baptism families as they arrive, please speak to Andrew or the Church Wardens.

Benefice Facebook Page

If you have a Facebook account, become a member of the 'Aughton & Bickerstaffe Benefice' group for daily prayers and news.

Annual Parish Meetings 2022

Thank you to those who attended this year's annual meetings. Below are the appointments for 2022. *Andrew*

St Michael's:

Church Wardens:
Margaret Ellams
Pam O'Brien
PCC:
Anthony Bearon,
Bryan Cross, Ray Hampson,
Jane McEvoy, Janet Smith.
Deanery Synod:
Bill Gilpin, Brian DeVonald,
Betty Underwood
Graham Williams.

Holy Trinity:

Church Wardens:
Mike Emmott, Irene McCarthy.
PCC:
Gerry Jones, Edward McCarthy,
Albert Webster
Deanery Synod:
Merrick Rimmer, Norma Rimmer.

Archdeacon's Visitation

Monday 13th June 7.30pm at Christ Church Aughton.
The service is for churchwardens and sidespeople but PCC members are also invited.

Church Services for May and June at St. Michael, Aughton and Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

May 2022

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
22nd May Rogation Sunday White Acts 16: 9 – 15 John 5.1-9	8am Andrew Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am No service at St Michael's	11am Andrew Rogation Service (Joint Benefice) *In the church grounds followed by a picnic*
Wednesday, 25th May	11am Andrew Midweek Holy Communion	
Thursday, 26th May Ascension Day	7pm Andrew Holy Communion (CW)	
29th May Seventh Sunday of Easter White Acts 16: 16 – 34 John 17.20-26	8am Judith Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Judith Holy Communion (CW)	11am Mark Hudson Morning Praise

June 2022

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
5th June Pentecost Red Romans 8.14-17 John 14.8-17, (25-27)	8am Andrew Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30 am Andrew Joint Benefice Service in the church grounds to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee followed by refreshments in the Church Hall	No service at Holy Trinity
8th June	11am Andrew Midweek Holy Communion	
12th June Trinity Sunday White Romans 5.1-5 John 16.12-15	8am Andrew Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Andrew/Janet Holy Communion (CW)	11am Judith Holy Communion (CW)
19th June First Sunday after Trinity Green Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 8.26-39	8am Andrew Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Andrew Informal Family Communion	11am Andrew Informal Family Communion
22nd June	11am Judith Holy Communion	
26th June Second Sunday after Trinity Green Galatians 5.1,13-25 Luke 9.51-62	8am Andrew Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Andrew Holy Communion (CW)	11am Andrew Holy Communion (CW)

Flower rota at St Michael's

If you would like to join the flower rota at St Michael's there are still some slots available. Please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact Margaret or Andrew.

'Welcome to the Lord's Table' First Communion Service at Bickerstaffe School

Twelve children at Bickerstaffe School will receive their First Communion at a special outdoor service in the school grounds on **Friday 27th May at 9.15am**. The service will be followed by refreshments. An invitation is extended to members of the Parish and Benefice to attend the service in support of the children as they take this next step on their Christian journey. A lively service of celebration is promised and a warm Bickerstaffe School welcome.

'A Summer Picnic with Fizz and Swing'

The Friends of St. Michael's are planning an evening of swing music in St. Michael's Church on **Friday 8th July, 7pm for 7.30pm**. The local band 'Jacqui's Rhythm Katz Swing Band' will provide the music and 'The Friends' will provide the fizz. Tickets are £12.50 with all profits going towards the maintenance of St. Michael's church building and grounds.

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If you would like to receive the Benefice Bulletin by email, please contact Andrew or Pam or email beneficebulletin2020@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for Cubs and Beavers

St. Michael's Cubs, meeting on Wednesdays 6.45– 8.15 pm and Beavers meeting Thursdays 6.30 – 7.30pm are in need of volunteers. It you are able to help, please contact Ruth Johnstone 07989 806995.

Ukrainian Refugees Sponsors & Supporters

Pam Jary, a member of St James Westhead, is organizing meetings for those who are hosting Ukrainian refugees. The group will regularly meet to support both Ukrainian guests as well as their host families. Andrew has contact details if you would like to attend.

YouTube Service:
https://tinyurl.com/RevAndrewTV
(Each Sunday at 11am)

The pre-recorded service can be viewed each Sunday from 11am. You can watch it via the church websites or on the YouTube channel 'Rev Andrew Housley'.

Live streaming services from St. Michael's - Each Sunday at 9.30am the Holy Communion service is livestreamed on to the YouTube Channel ***'Aughton St. Michael's Church'*** and also on to the church website.

Prayer Meeting (online)
The prayer meeting is held on Thursdays at 2pm for prayer and a chat. Why not join us in praying for the needs of the world, the church and one another. Access via the websites. You can send any prayer requests by email to Andrew at - revandrewhousley@gmail.com

There is also a 'Thursday Prayers' WhatsApp group and if you would like to be included, please let Andrew have your mobile number.

Regular Giving

St. Michael's:
The best way to support our running costs, which includes our share of the diocese clergy stipends and pensions, is to register online with the Aughton St Michael - Parish Giving Scheme (or, if you prefer, by phone, call 0333 002 1271). The QR code printed below, will also take you to the site to register.

Our parish PGS code is 220622143. Everything you give comes to St. Michael's; PGS does not deduct a fee from your gift.

Holy Trinity:
To help with cash flow, if you haven't already, please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Raising funds for St Michael's while shopping online

Amazon (website)
Go here to register: https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1128623-0 and follow the instructions. Just remember to shop at smile.amazon.co.uk.

Amazon (app)
1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features
3. Select *'The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael, Aughton Liverpool'* as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Other Shops
Whenever you buy anything elsewhere online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Michael's with EasyFundraising. There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.
All you need to do is:
1.Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelschaughtonl396sb/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Michael's Church at no extra cost to you.
Thank you for your support.