



The Reverend Tracy Marshall
Rector of Croston, Bretherton & Mawdesley with Bispham
24th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers & Young People

CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2025

It is with delight that the parish is able to offer a confirmation service this year for all pupils in Y6, Y7 and upwards, members of staff and parents. You are invited to attend a confirmation preparation session and be confirmed by the Bishop of Burnley at a special service on Wednesday 4th June 6:30pm, in St Michael & All Angel's Church, Croston. Due to being new in post and requesting a confirmation date from the bishop for this year, our date is fairly short notice, to which I apologise.

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. If you were baptised at a christening service when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you. The local bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

Being confirmed in the Church of England also means, being able to receive Holy Communion when attending Church and during School Eucharist (Holy Communion) services. There is no cost involved and it's not necessary to go to the expense of special clothes, all we ask is that candidates are dressed smartly on the day of their confirmation. Those wishing to be confirmed must have been baptised in the name of 'The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'. If your child (or yourself) hasn't been baptised, this can be arranged by contacting me on the details below.

Being confirmed involves a commitment to learning about and following the Christian faith within a community, such as your local church. It is therefore expected, that those wishing to be confirmed attend services at either St Michaels Croston, St John's Bretherton or St Peter's Mawdesley churches on a regular basis. If you don't currently attend a service, rest assured that you will receive a very warm welcome at all of our services. If you would like to talk about your family's needs for attending services, please contact me and I'll offer some advice as we have a range of services each month. Please check details of service times on each churches Facebook page or contact me.

The preparation session for young people will be on a Saturday 17th May 2025 1pm – 4pm at St Michael & All Angel's Church. It is hoped that this time avoids sporting events that the young people may be involved in. Parents are asked to arrive at 3:30pm to enable them to be part of the rehearsal and receive all necessary information.

The preparation sessions for adults: Session 1 will be on Saturday 17th May 3:30- 5pm (3:30pm rehearsal followed by the first part of preparation) in St Michael's Church. **Session 2** Wednesday 21st May 7 -9pm at 22 Out Lane, Croston.

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CONFIRMATION 4th June 2025

If your daughter/son wishes to be confirmed, and you are in agreement, or you would like to take this opportunity yourself to be confirmed, please complete this form, as applicable, and return it directly to me (email or post) no later than...

Monday 5th May 2025

If you would like to discuss the matter further, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely,

Revd. Tracy Marshall

Full Name.....

School..... Date of Birth.....

Address:.....

Tel No..... Email:.....

Has the candidate been Baptised?.....

If so when? Where?.....

Name of Parent/Carer (please print).....

Signature of Parent/Carer.....

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