

SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY



A warm welcome to everyone whether you are regular or visiting.

### COLLECT:

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

### PHILIPPIANS 4.1-9

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord *All Thanks be to God*

### GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*All Glory to you, O Lord.*

### MATTHEW 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>But when the

king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All Praise to you, O Christ*

### PRAYERS:

We pray for our communities and in particular this week all the people who live on: Sunnybank Road, The Shore and Pasture Lane

We pray for those who are sick or in need at this time:  
Margaret Whitely, Terry Davey, Alison, Sue, Mark

We hold before God those who have recently died and pray for their families and friends: Jacqui Spence, Margaret Cottam, Geoff Woodend, Mary Stockdale

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer:  
George Burkill, Marion McBryde, Freda Bidder, Tessa Wilkinson

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

This week is **HEARTS ON FIRE** at **#HOMEGROWN**, our online **DIOCESAN CONFERENCE** for everyone Tues 13th –Wed 14th:

**Live on Tues at 7pm, Wed at 10am & 7pm:** Magazine format including a road trip, stories, news, creativity, worship from our teenagers, as well as a homegrown key note speaker.

**Worship (Wed 8.30am, 12.30pm & 5pm):** In different styles, Cathedral Morning Prayer, Midday Stillness & All age.

**Seminars (Wed 11.15am & 2.30pm):** Twelve options, first come first served, on Zoom.

See <https://blackburn.anglican.org/events/589/home-grown-diocesan-conference> for details and links.

**NO COLLECTION?** We would much prefer not to have to handle cash. We have three ways to give:

- 1) Text your gift to church: text any amount up to £20 to 70085 e. g. To donate £10 text HTBLS 10 to 70085, or
- 2) To give online go to [www.give.net/holytrinityboltonlesands](http://www.give.net/holytrinityboltonlesands), or
- 3) Monthly through your bank. To set it up email Andy our Treasurer on [holytrinityblstreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinityblstreasurer@yahoo.com)