

## CHRISTMAS 2020



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

### COLLECT:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
Accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

### ISAIAH 9.2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

### GOSPEL:

Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**All Alleluia.**

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

### John 1. 1 - 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

### PRAYERS:

We pray for those who are sick or in need at this time:  
Margaret Whitely, Terry Davey, Jean Wilson,  
Pauline and Jeff Timms, Margaret Pinkney, Gordon Macleod,  
Alison, Sue, Mark, Jeff and Stephen, Betty Hampshire,  
Geoffrey Shaw

We remember before God those who have died during 2020 and pray for their families and friends at this their first Christmas without loved ones:

Maurice Steele, Ian Gillespie, Linda Kirby, Debbie Fergusson, Roger Basham, Richard Swallow, Peggy Pye, John Ainsworth, Ethel Matthews, Judith Smith, Jacqui Spence, Margaret Cottam, Geoffrey Woodend, Mary Stockdale, Graham Titchmarsh, Sheila Foulds, Paul Anthony, Margaret Watson, Bertie Chamberlain, Cicely Shepherd

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## ***The Advent Wreath—Christmas Day***

Joy to the world!

**All The Lord has come!**

*The central candle is lit and this response is used:*

Jesus is the light of the world.

**All A light no darkness can ever put out.**

*We sing: [TUNE: Angel voices ever singing.]*

**All Advent candles tell their story  
on this Christmas Day.  
Those who waited for God's glory:  
they prepared the way.  
Christ is with us: loving, giving,  
in us living,  
here today!**

**CHRISTMAS EVE** Worship on Zoom at 7.30pm. Join early for a chat.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** Holy Communion in Church (and via Zoom) at 10.30am

**SUNDAY 27TH**—you have options of:

Service of Holy Communion at St Luke's, Slyne at 10am

Or

Blackburn Diocesan Youtube Channel morning service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acBp5WbU5UE>

Or

Blackburn Cathedral Morning Service:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLfoGkTHQCj9VMY9uvOLg/videos)

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### **COMFORT AND JOY**

Sign up for the National Church of England resources for Christmas Devotions <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/comfort-and-joy-our-advent-and-christmas-reflections>

### **CALL TO PRAY AND GIVE: THANKYOU**

Thanks be to God! Thank you to all of you for your generosity and gifts given for our Gift Day. We were £17,890 short this year and we have received £13,996 including Gift Aid towards this shortfall, of which only £3,894 now remains. All our giving flows from the abundance of the Kingdom of Heaven.

- 1) To give online direct to our bank account: Bolton-le-Sands PCC, Natwest Morecambe, sort code: 01 01 60 a/c number: 94801703.
- 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 Hampshire, our Treasurer, on [holytrinityblstreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinityblstreasurer@yahoo.com)
- 4) Small gifts can be texted to church: text any amount up to £20 to 70085 e. g. To donate £10 text HTBLS 10 to 70085, or

Hopefully, all gifts that can be gift-aided will be.

Holy Trinity is open for private prayer in the day.

There is a service in church on Sundays at 10.30am and you can join in from home via Zoom.

We worship via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10am.

**CONTACT:** Email [parishblsnews@gmail.com](mailto:parishblsnews@gmail.com) for our newsletter and the invite to worship via zoom.

Our website is [www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk](http://www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk)

Rev Nancy Goodrich: 01524 823106.

**DAILY HOPE:** A free phone line from the Church of England of hymns, reflections and prayers 0800 804 8044