

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021  
2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



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

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PROVERBS 8.1,22-31**

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

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

**GOSPEL:**

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 our communities and in particular this week all the people who live on:  
Greenwood Drive, Greenwood Court and Hawkshead

We pray for those who are sick or in need at this time:  
Margaret Whitely, Terry Davey, Jean Wilson, Margaret Pinkney, Betty Hampshire, Stephen

We hold before God those who have recently died and pray for their families and friends: Jean Knowles, Wendy Oldham, Jeff Timms, Gordon Macleod, Alison MacNeil, Maisie Wilson

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer:  
Kathleen Makinson, Edward Marcham, Malcolm Smalley, Wilfred & Muriel Cousins, Ethel Hulme, Cecil Ernest Foxcroft, Eleanor Sanderson

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**YOUR 2021 GIVING TO CHURCH:**

To give direct to our bank account: Bolton-le-Sands PCC, Natwest Morecambe:  
sort code: 01 01 60 a/c number: 94801703.

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,

The 2021 giving envelopes are at the back of church, but we are asking people now to pledge to give regularly and generously direct through your bank in 2021.

God loves a cheerful giver.

Queries and help with giving from Andy Hampshire, our Treasurer, on [holytrinityblstreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinityblstreasurer@yahoo.com)