

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET

THE LINK SUNDAY 5th September 2021 TRINITY 14

A warm welcome to everyone whether you are regular or visiting and to those on Zoom.

HYMNS:

766 Praise my soul; the King of Heaven

557 Beauty for brokenness

Brother, sister, let me serve you
742 O for a thousand tongues to sing

COLLECT.

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

NEW TESTAMENT:

James 2.1-10,14-17

Warning against Partiality

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

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Faith without Works Is Dead

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL:

Alleluia, alleluia. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. **All: Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 7.24-end

The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously

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they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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: The Nook, Crosshill Court, Oakwood Grove and Orchard Avenue.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Wendy Hilling, Peter Hilling, Sandra and Ian, Janet, Lisa Toner, Kim Sissons and Francis Towers.

We hold before God those who have recently died and pray for their families and friends: David Fryett.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: James Richard Stewart, Bert Hill, Gwyn Humphreys, William R.D. Parnell and William Cowperthwaite.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

NOTICES.

N.B. We continue to have all services and activities in Church with high levels of protection. Sanitising on entry, wearing a mask when moving around the church, registering with the Welcome Team and observing social distancing.

5th September, 10.30am Holy Communion Service, Holy Trinity and on Zoom. With Rev Canon Peter Calvert

5th September, 4pm St Mark's Holy Communion with Rev Paul Warren

7th September, 1.30pm. First Tuesday Hub

8th September, 10am Wednesday Service in Church and on Zoom with Rev Peter Calvert

9th September 10.00am "Cafe Church". Under the "guardianship" of Richard Champness. Tea or coffee

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should be available to all. A new link will be sent out on Wednesday.

9th September, 9.45-11.45 Bolton-Le-Sands **Community Centre: Parish Coffee Morning.**

10th September at 7pm: "A Night to Entertain You." With the "High Society Jazz Band": Holy Trinity Church. Bolton le Sands. Music for all tastes with buffet supper. Tickets £10 book early, email parishblsnews@parishbls.co.uk or pick up from church.

12th September, 10.30am Sunday Service, Holy trinity and on Zoom. With Rev. Canon Peter Calvert

12th September, 10.30am St Mark's Sunday Service

We are restarting Messy church at 10am on Saturday **18th September.** All children are welcome with their parents/carers/ grandparents, for fun activities, a short worship service, and a snack.

We have all been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic, it has impacted our lives in so many ways. At 4pm on Sunday 19th there will be a special service of lamentation and healing, led by Rev Dr Prof Helen Leathard.

More details about all our services and events can be found in the Parish Calendar on the website.

Latest articles in "The Messenger" on the Website

- Prayer During the Vacancy
- **International Aid trust**

Flowers in Church: The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in loving memory of Gwynn 🥍 Humphreys.



Would you like flowers in church in remembrance of someone? See the list on the notice board with contact numbers.

Giving to Church: We now have a contactless giving box at the back of church on the right-hand side of the doors as you leave.

Most people pledge to give regularly and generously directly through their bank. To do this our bank account details are: Bolton-le-Sands PCC, Natwest Morecambe:

sort code: 01 01 60 a/c number: 94801703.

Please let me have anything to go in the link by Wednesday. Email; parishblsnews@parishbls.co.uk.

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