

**THE LINK**

**SUNDAY 26th September 2021**

**TRINITY 17**

**Morning Praise for Harvest**

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

**HYMNS** (*Lyrics on Screen*):

- Come ye thankful people come
- Creator God
- We plough the fields
- Shine!

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**COLLECT:**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT:**

Our first reading is taken from **Genesis Chapter 1**

**Genesis 1.27-31:** So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female. God blessed them and said, "Have many children and grow in number. Fill the earth and be its master. Rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God said, "Look, I have given you all the plants that have grain for seeds. And I have given you all the trees whose fruits have seeds in them. They will be food for you. I have given all the green plants to all the animals to eat. They will be food for every wild animal, every bird of the air and every small crawling animal." And it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and it was very good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the sixth day.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**EPISTLE:**

Our second reading is taken from the **letter of St. Paul to the Colossians**.

**Colossians 1. 9-16:** Since the day we heard this about you, we have continued praying for you. We ask God that you will know fully what God wants. We pray that you will also have great wisdom and understanding in spiritual things. Then you will live the kind of life that honours and pleases the Lord in every way. You will produce fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of God. Then God will strengthen you with his own great power. And you will not give up when troubles come, but you will be patient. Then you will joyfully give thanks to the Father. He has made you able to have all that he has prepared for his people who live in the light. God made us free from the power of darkness, and he brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son. The Son paid for our sins, and in him we have forgiveness. No one has seen God, but Jesus is exactly like him. Christ ranks higher than all the things that have been made. Through his power all things were made—things in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, all powers, authorities, lords, and rulers. All things were made through Christ and for Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark**.

**All: Glory to you, O lord**

**Mark 4. 26-29:** Then Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is like a man who plants seed in the ground. The seed comes up and grows night and day. It doesn't matter whether the man is asleep or awake; the seed still grows. The man does not know how it grows. Without any help, the earth produces grain. First the plant grows, then the head, and then all the grain in the head. When the grain is ready, the man cuts it. This is the harvest time."

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: St Michael's Grove, St Michael's Lane, and St Michael's Close.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Peter Hilling, Janet, Kim Sissons, Alan Wilkinson and Jean Wilson.

We pray for those who have recently died: Olive Smith.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Ian Edward Geary, Jack L.M. Helme, Arthur Bell, Elizabeth (Lyla) Whitaker, Paul Henry Tolcher, James Norman Davies, Eunice Hutchinson, Jeanna Whyte and Clifford Mills Hulme.

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## 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.**

**26th September, 10.30am:** Harvest Service in Holy Trinity and on Zoom, led by the School.

**26th September, 10.30am:** Sunday Service at St Mark's.

**29th September, 10am:** Wednesday Service of Holy Communion, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

**30th September, 10am:** IT workshop on Zoom.

**1st October, 7pm:** First Friday Service

**2nd October 10am-4pm:** Open day at St Marks.

**3rd October, 10.30 am:** Holy Communion Service in Holy Trinity and on Zoom. With Bishop Julian.

**3rd October, 10.30am:** Harvest Service at St Mark's.

**4th October:** Feast day of St Francis of Assisi

**St. Mark's Church, Nether Kellet, are celebrating their Harvest with a Harvest Weekend, 2nd and 3rd October.** There are to be flower displays and Harvest decoration throughout and we hope to offer refreshments and music! We are still observing social distancing and mask-wearing, so places at services are limited and need to be booked in advance. For further information, please contact Margaret on 824110.

*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](#)
- [The Bay Information Hub](#)

## Flowers in Church:



The flowers at the altar and Book of Remembrance are in Loving Memory of Roland Leicester.

The flowers at the font are in Loving Memory of Clifford Mills Hulme.

**Mothers' Union:** A reminder for MU members to sign up on the MU notice board if they want to travel by coach to the Celebration Service at Blackburn Cathedral on October 9th

**Pastoral Link for the Sick.** We are pleased to announce that **Sue Young** is taking on a coordinating role for the sick we pray for in church. Please contact her for more information 823543.

**Appeal for Food Bank items:** As we celebrate harvest it's good to remember those who don't have enough, both locally and across the world. Please donate any items for the food bank by placing them for collection at Holy Trinity.

**Bishop Julian's Harvest Appeal 2021:** Bishop Julian has launched his annual Harvest Appeal which this year is supporting the Mosamaria Trust. Details can be found on the diocesan website or by clicking on the link:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/bishop-s-harvest-appeal-2021>

**Cleaning in Church:** We really need your help for some light cleaning duties at Holy Trinity! We currently have four teams of men and women who keep our lovely church building clean. It involves hoovering, dusting and polishing and ensuring the loos are fit to use! If you can help it only means about an hour of your time every 4 weeks. Cleaning is usually done in daylight hours but we can be flexible to accommodate people's commitments. Please volunteer if you can and let Rob Daunt know on 823048 or [robdaunt@parishbpls.co.uk](mailto:robdaunt@parishbpls.co.uk)