

THE LINK
SUNDAY 3rd October, 2021
TRINITY 18

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

HYMNS:

- 721** Love Divine, all loves excelling
434 Christ bids us break the bread
144 How deep the Father's love for us
218 Thine be the glory

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.

All: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT:

Genesis 2.18-24

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL:

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

Mark 10.2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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 Crescent, St Michael's Place, St Nicholas Lane and St Nicholas Crescent.

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

We hold before God those who have recently died and pray for their families and friends. Olive Smith, Raymond Smithson, Diana Garfitt and Ron Baker.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: baby Kathryn Mary Briggs, Harry Metcalfe, Marion Elizabeth Martin, Anne Dales Spence, William Vernon, Harry Johnson, Ian Francis William Howe, Bertha A. Bradshaw, James Peter Bland, Robert Whitehead and Alan Chesworth.

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.

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.

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

5th October, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

6th October, 10am: Wednesday Service of Holy Communion with Rev Catharine Hayden, Holy Trinity and on Zoom. MU coffee morning after the service with a sale table, cake stall and a raffle. Entrance £1. Open to all.

7th October, 10am: IT workshop on Zoom.

7th October, 12.15pm: Funeral of Olive Smith with Reverend Peter Calvert officiating.

7th October, 2.30pm: Funeral of Ron Baker. Rev. Linda McCluskie will officiate.

9th October, 9am: Men's Breakfast

10th October, 9.15am: Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity.

10th October, 10.30am: Holy Communion Service in Holy Trinity and on Zoom. With Rev. Canon Peter Calvert.

10th October, 10.30am: Sunday Service at St Mark's

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](#)

St. Mark's Harvest Weekend continues on Sunday October 3rd with a Harvest Service at 10.30am and Harvest Evensong at 4pm. Please get in touch on 824110 if you would still like to attend. Thank you.

Message from Sandy: Many thanks to all who helped with or contributed in any way to the Harvest Decorating.

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

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.

Mothers' Union: Sign up on the MU notice board if you want to travel by coach to the Celebration Service at Blackburn Cathedral on October 9th.

Appeal for Food Bank items: Please continue to donate any items for the food bank by placing them for collection at Holy Trinity.

Cleaning in Church: Please volunteer if you can and let Rob Daunt know on 823048 or robdaunt@parishbpls.co.uk

Please let Kathryn Poole have anything to go in the link by Wednesday. Email: kathrynpool@parishbpls.co.uk