



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET

**THE LINK**  
**SUNDAY 9th JANUARY, 2022**  
**THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

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

**HYMNS**

- 94** As with gladness  
**601** Blessed assurance  
**96** Brightest and best (tune Epiphany)  
**105** We three Kings

**COLLECT:**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**ALL: Amen**

**LECTIONARY READING:**

Today's reading is from **Acts**.

**Acts 8.14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL:**

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

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

**Luke 3.15-17,21,22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**PRAYERS:**

We pray for our communities and in particular this week those who live on: Coastal Road, Coniston Road and Easedale Close.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Wendy Hilling, Janet, Jean Wilson, Josh, John, Linda Blessington, Olwyn, Dorothy Bamber, Carol Bull and Albi.

We pray for those who have recently died and their families: Graham.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Pamela Moore, Maree Aldren and Frederick James Thomas.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through 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 upon entry, and wearing a mask at all times when in church. Please register with the Welcome Team and observe social distancing.**

**Confirmation Classes:** A service of confirmation is being planned for March 13th 2022, led by Bishop Jill, and confirmation classes will begin **This Thursday 13th January 5pm to 6pm**. If you are interested, please give your names and contact details to the church wardens.

**Giving to Church:** We 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.

### **Parish Services and Events:**

**9th January, 9.15am:** Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity.

**9th January, 10.30am:** Sunday Service of Holy Communion, led by Rev Brenda Harding, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

**12th January, 10am:** Wednesday Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Catharine Hayden, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

**13th January, 5pm:** Confirmation Class, Venue TBC.

**15th January, 10am:** Messy Church, Holy Trinity

**16th January, 10.30am:** Sunday Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Grant Ashton, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

**16th January, 10.30am:** Sunday Service at St Marks.

**18th January, 7pm:** PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity.

Further details of our parish services and events can be found on the Holy Trinity and St Marks website.

### **Latest articles in "The Messenger" on the Website**

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### **Lesser Church Festivals and Saints' Days:**

#### ***11th January: Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915.***

Mary Mitchell Slessor (2 December 1848 – 13 January 1915) was a Scottish Presbyterian missionary to Nigeria. Once in Nigeria, Slessor learned Efik, one of the numerous local languages, then began teaching. Because of her understanding of the native language and her bold personality Slessor gained the trust and acceptance of the locals and was able to spread Christianity while promoting women's rights and protecting native children.



#### ***13th January: George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691***

George Fox (July 1624 – 13 January 1691) was a founder of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly known as the Quakers or Friends. The son of a Leicestershire weaver, he lived in times of social upheaval and war. He rebelled against the religious and political authorities by proposing an unusual, uncompromising approach to the Christian faith. He travelled throughout Britain as a dissenting preacher, performed hundreds of healings, and was often persecuted by the disapproving authorities. His ministry expanded and he made tours of North America and the Low Countries. He was arrested and jailed numerous times for his beliefs. He spent his final decade working in London to organise the expanding Quaker movement.

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