

**THE LINK**  
**SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY, 2022**  
**SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

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

**HYMNS**

- 753** O worship the King  
**358** Be still for the presence of the Lord  
**2** Christ whose glory fills the skies  
My Lighthouse

**COLLECT:**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

**LECTIONARY READING:**

Today's reading is from **Paul's Letters to the Corinthians**.

**2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9.28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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: Mill Lane, Croftlands, Monkswell Avenue and Mount Pleasant Lane.

We pray for Lucas Scot Young who is to be Christened today, and for his parents, Christina and Harrison.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Jean Wilson, John, Olwyn, Carol Bull, Albi, Ian, Jean, Josh, Fernando and Peter.

We pray for those who have recently died and their families: Jone Tolcher and Lynda Blessington.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Edith Lilian Briggs, Martha Ellen Schofield, Malcolm Howard Lindsay, Alice Mary Mackintosh,

Ernest Carruthers, Maggie Smith, Graham Marsh,  
Gladys Mahon and Tom Hankin.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

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### **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 in church. Please observe social distancing.**

### **Flowers in Church :**

The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in Loving Memory of Alexander Clark.

There will be no flowers during Lent.

**2nd Sunday Service in March:** The 2nd Sunday Service in March will be on **Sunday 20th**, i.e. the 3rd Sunday of the month. This change is because several families who usually come to that service are involved in the confirmation service on the 13th.

**Lent:** Lent is a time of reflection. We have so much to be thankful for, and it's appropriate that we consider those less fortunate than ourselves.

Every Wednesday lunchtime during Lent you are invited to join in a simple lunch of homemade soup and bread in church. Donations for the work of the local foodbank. Please also support the foodbank by bringing items of food and toiletries for the box at the back of church.

Worldwide the needs are even greater, and we will also be supporting TearFund's toilet twinning appeal. £60 helps fund a project which enables families to build a simple toilet for their village, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene; a vital contribution which saves lives.

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

**27th February, 10.30am:** Sunday Service of Holy Communion, led by Bishop Cyril Ashton, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

**27th February, 12pm:** Christening of Lucas Scot Young, Holy Trinity.

**1st March:** Shrove Tuesday

**1st March, 1.30pm:** First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

**2nd March:** Ash Wednesday.

**2nd March, 10am:** Wednesday Service of Holy Communion, led by Rev Canon Paul Warren, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

**2nd March, 12pm:** Holy Trinity Lenten Soup Lunch. Profits to go to the Morecambe Bay Foodbank.

**3rd March, 5pm:** Confirmation Class, Holy Trinity.

**4th March, 2pm:** World Day of Prayer, Organised by the combined churches of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and hosted by Holy Trinity. Everyone invited. Followed by refreshments.

**4th March, 7pm:** First Friday Service, Holy Trinity.

**6th March, 10.30am:** Sunday Service of Holy Communion, led by Rev Canon Brenda Harding, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

**8th March:** Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

**8th March, 12.45pm:** Funeral Service for Lynda Blessington, led by Rev. Linda MacLuskie.

**9th March, 10am:** Wednesday Service of Holy Communion, led by Rev Canon Brenda Harding, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

**9th March, 12pm:** Holy Trinity Lenten Soup Lunch. Profits to go to the Morecambe Bay Foodbank.

**10th March, 5pm:** Confirmation Class, Holy Trinity.

**12th March, 9.00am:** Men's Breakfast. Holy Trinity

**13th March 10.30am:** Service of Confirmation, led by Bishop Jill Duff, Holy Trinity.

**16th March, 10am:** Wednesday Service of Holy Communion, led by Sister Sue, Holy Trinity.

**16th March, 12pm:** Holy Trinity Lenten Soup Lunch. Profits to go to the Morecambe Bay Foodbank.

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

Please email [kathrynpool@parishbbs.co.uk](mailto:kathrynpool@parishbbs.co.uk) by Wednesday with any items for the Link.