



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET

THE LINK
SUNDAY 6th MARCH, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

HYMNS

- 702** Lead us Heavenly Father,
489 From heaven You came
775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

COLLECT:

Heavenly father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LECTIONARY READING:

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

Romans 10.8b-13

But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune 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 those who live on: The Nook, Crosshill Court, Oakwood Grove, Old Station Lane and Orchard Avenue.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Jean Wilson, John, Olwyn, Carol Bull, Albi, Ian, Jean, 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: Arthur James Parkinson, Annie Carter, Alexander William Clark, Colin Metcalfe, John George Young, William Holden, James Airey Fairclough, Ronald Hoggarth, Marjorie Hill and Jack Pemberton.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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 whilst walking around church. Please observe social distancing.

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.

Church Big Clean: 17th March at 6pm and 18th March at 10am : All help welcome. Contact Rob Daunt 823048.

Lenten Lunches: The first Lenten Lunch on Wednesday, 2nd March **raised £157** for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank. All are invited to join us for the next Lenten Lunch, Wednesday 9th March at 12pm. If you would like to make soup for one of the lunches, please let Helen Williams know. Thanks to everyone for all your support.

Holy Trinity Coffee Morning: The recent coffee morning on Thursday, 24th February **raised £300** for local charitable causes. Many thanks to all who attended and donated.

Diocesan call to Pray for the Ukraine :



The Bishop of Blackburn and his Leadership Team have written a letter to parishes across The Church of England in Lancashire in the wake of the Russian

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Charity Number: 1144401.

Federation's invasion of Ukraine; condemning it as a gross abuse of power and a criminal act. See the Diocesan website for more details.

The Diocesan Prayer for Ukraine

Almighty God, seated above all the affairs of humankind and sovereign over nations and leaders, hear our prayer for Ukraine at this time of war; that lives may be spared, that national boundaries be respected and that forces of aggression be restrained. Grant, Lord God, peace in your world in our time. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Parish Services and Events:

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 with Holy Communion, led by Bishop Jill Duff, Holy Trinity.

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

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

20th March, 9.15am: Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity.

20th March, 10.30am: Sunday Service of Morning Praise, 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

- [International Aid Trust](#)
- [Prayers for Lent](#)

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