

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET

THE LINK SUNDAY 13th MARCH, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION The Right Revd Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster

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

HYMNS (in the Order of Service)

- O Jesus, I have promised
- Lord, the light of your love is shining
- Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
- (Communion Hymns: Be still, for the presence of the Lord, Make me a channel of your peace.)
- My Lighthouse

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,one God, now and for ever. **ALL: Amen**

LECTIONARY READING:

Today's reading is from **St Pauls' letters to the Philippians.**

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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: Packet Lane, Pinewood Avenue, Ruskin Grove and Rydal Road

We pray for those being Confirmed today and their families and friends.

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: James William Charles Purcell, Keith Smith, James Beckett Hutchinson, Jack Schofield, Arthur George Henry James and Colin George Jeremy.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES.

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.

<u>Flowers in Church </u>: The flowers at The Book of Remembrance are in Loving Memory of Terry Davey.

PCC Vacancy: The PCC are looking for a Parish Giving Stewardship Officer. Anyone interested is invited to attend the PCC Meeting to be held in church on Tues 22nd March at 7pm, where full information will be available from the Diocesan representative.

<u>'Church Spring Clean':</u> All help is welcome for our Big Clean later this week. Men especially for the high level brush cleaning on Friday 18th from 6pm and everyone for Saturday 19th from 10am. Refreshments will be provided! Contact Rob Daunt on 823048.

<u>Second Sunday Service</u>: Please note that this month, the Second Sunday service is on the 3rd Sunday of the month (20th March), due to the Confirmation service today.

Lenten Lunches continue each Wednesday 12.00pm. This week we raised £95 for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank.

100 Club: This is an important way of raising funds for church. Next draw is in April so you need to have Website: www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk. Email: kat

joined by 15th March. Forms are at the back of Church.

Evening Meditation During Lent:

Meditations during Lent continue daily on zoom at 6.30pm. To follow daily meditations during Lent, please see the booklet by clicking on the link: Lent 2022 – Evening Meditation – Holy Trinity

Diocesian Prayer for the 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:

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.

17th March, 5pm: Confirmation Class "Next Steps", Holy Trinity.

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

Please email <u>kathrynpoole@parishbls.co.uk</u> by Wednesday with any items for the Link.