



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET

**THE LINK**  
**SUNDAY 27th MARCH, 2022**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE WITH**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**HYMNS**

- 137** God of Eve and God of Mary  
**136** Fathers and Mothers  
**138** Our Father God in heaven  
**739** Now thank we all, our God

**COLLECT:**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

**LECTIONARY READING:**

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

**2 Corinthians 1.3-7**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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 1 26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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: St Michael's Grove, St Michael's Lane, and St Michael's Close.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Jean Wilson, John, Olwyn, Albi, Ian, Fernando, Peter, June Ralphson, Caroline, Nicola, Mike and Kim Sissons.

We pray for those who have recently died, and for their families and friends: Jean Melton.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Robin Foster (Priest), Kathleen Muriel Parnell, John Bidder (Priest), Simon Mark Edwards, Denis Holmes, William Leslie Rigg, John Mather, John Balmer, Kathleen Fielding Briggs, Stanley William Thompson, William Reginald Dent, Jessie Dent and Betty M. Walker.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at her breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your

goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

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### **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.

#### **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](#)

#### **Diocesan 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.**

#### **Mothers' Union:**

Thanks to all our members who have already donated Easter Eggs to the children of prisoners at Kirkham Prison. If anybody else would like to donate an Egg please bring it to the Services either on Sunday or Wednesday.  
Many thanks Chris

#### **Flowers in Church:**

The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in loving memory of the families of Jeanne and Jim Smith.

#### **Messy Church Cancellation:**

We have had long discussions and aligned to the increased COVID cases in school and the village we

have reluctantly decided to cancel this month's Messy Church service which should have been held on the 26th March 2022. I know this will have disappointed many of you. We hope to see you at the April Messy Church Service!

Sincerely  
Peter John and Mary

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

**26th March, 10am: CANCELLED Messy Church, Holy Trinity.**

**27th March, 10.30am:** Mothering Sunday Service with Holy Communion, led by Bishop Cyril Ashton, Holy Trinity.

**27th March, 10.30am:** Mothering Sunday Service, led by Rev Barbara Jones, St Mark's.

**30th March, 10am:** Wednesday Service, Holy Trinity and on Zoom. Followed by Lenten Lunch.

**30th March, 12pm:** Lenten Lunch, Holy Trinity.

**30th March, 7pm:** Holy Trinity Easter Choir Practice.

**1st April, 7pm:** First Friday Service, Holy Trinity.

**3rd April, 10.30am:** Sunday Service with Holy communion, details TBC, Holy Trinity

**3rd April, 10.30am:** Passion Sunday Service of Holy Communion, led by Rev. Paul Warren, St Mark's.

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

**Community Notice: Bare Exhibition 2022:** Local writers are to hold an exhibition of their work at the Link Gallery of Carnforth Station Heritage Centre.

Bare Writers, which has eight members, was founded in 2013. Group members have chosen short writings and poems which they have combined with an illustration. The connecting theme is 'Baby Boomers', and the writers are all Baby Boomers themselves and that they have drawn on their experiences, factual or fictional, from the last six decades.

Everyone is welcome to visit the exhibition free of charge. It begins from 4th April and runs until the end of June. The gallery is open weekdays only, 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m.

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