



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET

**THE LINK**  
**SUNDAY 3rd APRIL, 2022**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**PASSIONTIDE**

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

**HYMNS**

- 707** Lift high the cross  
**157** When I survey the wondrous cross  
**144** How deep the Father's love for us  
**748** O Jesus I have promised

**COLLECT:**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

**LECTIONARY READING:**

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

**Philippians 3.4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I

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do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL:**

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

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

**John 12.1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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 Crescent, St Michael's Place, St Nicholas Lane and St Nicholas Crescent.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Jean Wilson, John, Olwyn, Albi, Ian, Fernando, Peter, Caroline, Nichola, Mike, Kim Sissons, Malcolm, Anne Deacon and Geoff Shaw.

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Roger Basham, Morrison Sparks, Cecil Blackie,

Rose Hoggarth, James Dean, Elsie Dean, Nellie Matheson, Joan Evelyn Furness

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**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.

**Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal:** A collection at the recent Confirmation service raised £460 for Ukraine and after further donations, £500 has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal.

**Our Fundraising has Continued:** We have, to date, given £623 to Morecamble bay Food Bank from our Lenten Lunches. The Jazz Night, that Linda Leicester organised in memory of her husband Roland, raised £1,668. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. We will have another charitable event this Saturday at 3.00pm for CancerCare in Lancaster.

### **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](#)

**Church Electoral Roll:** Annual revision is now underway prior to the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 15 May. Please check if your name is on the list displayed in church. Anyone who wishes to be added please see Rob Daunt or the church wardens for a form. Be on the Roll to vote and play your part in the life of your church!

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

**3rd April, 10.30am:** Passion Sunday Service with Holy communion, led by Rev. Canon Grant Ashton, Holy Trinity.

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

**6th April, 10am:** Wednesday Service of Holy communion, Led by Rev. Peter Calvert Holy Trinity.

**6th April, 2.30pm:** Funeral of Patrick Collins, led by Rev. Stephen Jones. Followed by interment in the Churchyard, Holy Trinity.

**6th April, 7pm:** Holy Trinity Easter Choir Practice, Holy Trinity.

**10th April, 9.15am:** Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity.

**10th April, 10.30am:** Palm Service with Holy Communion, led by Rev. Canon Brenda Harding, Holy Trinity

**10th April, 10.30am:** Palm Service, St Mark's

**10th April, 6pm:** Christian Passover Meal, Christchurch.

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

**Palm Sunday 10th April:** Christian Passover Meal. Christchurch 6.00pm. We have been doing this for a number of years now. Evening dinner with music as part of a commemoration of the Passover. Bring your own drinks. All the churches in the parish are invited. Lots of fun. If you want to attend please let Andy or Helen know to be able to plan the catering. 07866260728. Numbers are limited.

### **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.**