



& ST MARK'S METHUEN KELLER



Image Courtesy of Peter John Davies

### **The Link**

Sunday, 29th May, 2022  
**7th Sunday after Easter**  
**Sunday after Ascension**

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion  
Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion



**This week Paul Wadeson shares with us how his Christian faith relates to his work as a GP**



**HYMNS:**

- 422** Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  
**775** Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
**712** Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us  
**721** Love Divine, all loves Excelling

**COLLECT:**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and peace, by the glory of God the Father.

**All: Amen.**

**LECTIONARY READING:**

Today's reading is from **The Acts of the Apostles:**

**Acts 16.16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the

doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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 17:20-end

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **PRAYERS:**

We pray for our communities and in particular those who live on: Acorn Meadow, Alpine View and Ancliffe Lane.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Jean Wilson, John, Olwyn, Albi, Ian, Fernando, Peter, Caroline, Nichola, Mike, Anne Deacon, Geoff Shaw, Sr Michaela at Hyning, Rosemary and Rupert.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Douglas Harry Farr, Graham George Newby, Bessie Barnes, David Roberts, Jock Burrow, Brian Nicholas Cooper, Elsie Margaret Tidswell and Catherine Walker.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

---

### **Our Upcoming Events:**



**Wednesday 1st June, 10am:** Wednesday Service, Holy Trinity Church and on Zoom. MU Coffee after the Service.

**Thursday, 2nd June, 10am:** MU Coffee Morning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Community Centre.

Further details of services and events can be found on our [calendar](#).

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Tuesday, 7th June, 1.30pm-3.30pm:** First Tuesday Hub

**Wednesday, 8th June, 7pm-9pm:** An Evening of Popular Music on the Organ with Colin Parsons, MBE, Holy Trinity. Entrance £5- All Classes. Followed by Light Refreshments.



---

**\*Due to the Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there will not be a First Friday Service on Friday, 3rd June.\***



**Website:** [www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk](http://www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk). **Email:** [kathrynpool@parishbls.co.uk](mailto:kathrynpool@parishbls.co.uk)  
**Charity Number:** 1144401.