



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



## **The Link**

Sunday, 7th August, 2022  
**Eighth Sunday After Trinity**

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

### **HYMNS:**

**818** To God be the Glory

**800** The Lord's my Shepherd

**427** Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

**494** I the Lord of Sea and Sky

### **COLLECT:**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **LECTIONARY READING:**

Today's reading is from **Hebrews**.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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: Hawthorn Road, Hillcrest Avenue and Keats Avenue.

We joyfully pray for Hallie Cottam, who is to be Christened at St Mark's today, and for her parents and friends.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Stephen, Olwyn, Albi, Sr Michaela, Lillian Wright, Hazel Cooper, Rod, Becky, John and Alan Barnes.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Kenneth Townson, Clive Partridge, Charles Marsh, Betty Riley, Gwyneth Gummersall and Carlos Noice.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which

have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

**All: Amen**



**Notices and Announcements:**



All are warmly invited to attend the **Memorial service to Jacqueline Spence on Friday 19th August at 2pm** (at Holy Trinity). The service will allow us to gather and remember Jac exactly two years on from her passing. Numbers were restricted at the time due to the pandemic.

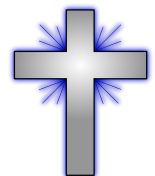
**Foodbank Donations**

The cost of living crisis is hitting many families who were already struggling very hard, and school holidays with no school dinners, or breakfast clubs has made things even harder. Please support the foodbank with gifts of food (not beans or pasta) and uniform if you are able.

**100 Club Draw: July 2022:**

The 100 Club draw result for July 2022 was as follows: 1st Prize £44, 2nd Prize £22, 3rd Prize £11.

**Next Sunday (14th)** there will be Second Sunday Service at 9.15am and a Service of Morning Praise (10.30am) at Holy Trinity, rather than Holy Communion.



**8th September: Parish Community Coffee Morning in the Community Centre.** As a number of our "stalwarts" are on holiday we need new volunteers. Please contact Helen Williams if you can help.



**Our Upcoming Services and Events:**



**Wednesday, 10th August, 10am:** Wednesday service, Holy Trinity.

**Friday, 12 August, 12:30pm:** MU meal at Morecambe Golf Club

**Saturday, 13th August, 9:00am:** Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity. Theme: "What to do with your plums if you have too many"



**Sunday, 14th August, 9am:** Sunday Service of Morning Prayer, St Mark's.