



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 27th November, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

St Mark's 9am - Morning Prayer

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

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HYMNS:

160 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

45 O come, O come, Emmanuel

712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

30 Come Thou long expected Jesus

COLLECT:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Today's first reading is from **Isaiah**.

Isaiah 2:1-5

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

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

All: Glory to you, O lord.

Matthew 24:36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore 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: Acorn Meadow, Addington Road, Alpine View, Ashmeadow Road and Ashmeadow Grove

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Olwyn, Albi, Sr Michaela, Lillian Wright, Rod, Sue, Peter, Ian, Lesley, Jennifer and Harry Hill.

We hold before God, Barbara Leigh, Brenda Metcalfe and Ingrid, who have recently died, and pray for their family and friends.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Ann Marie Coxon, Elizabeth Deacon, Victor (Vic) Thornber, Peter Morkin, Valerie Jean Gardiner, Maureen Bannister, John Mather, Wilson Bowker, Edward Wilson Bowker, George Ralph Melton, Mary Edith Thompson Morris, Hilda Muriel McDermott, John Dixon, Eleanor Beatty, Thomas Beatty and Arthur Chesworth.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Notices and Announcements:

Advent Fair. See Posters for more information. This is our main fund-raiser of the year. Please encourage your friends and families to come.



St. Mark's Carol Service Sunday 11th December at 4pm, followed by mince pies and hot winter drinks. We'd be happy to have you join us!

Mothers' Union are running the cake stall at the Advent Fair.

Please can we appeal to anyone who enjoys baking to make us cakes please - fairy cakes, large cakes, biscuits, jams or chutneys. These can be brought into Church either late Friday afternoon/ evening or Saturday.



MU Christmas Party - Wednesday 7 December at 2pm in the Community Centre. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you haven't already done so.



There will be a **short service to end the MU Campaign for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence in Church on Saturday 10 December** starting at **12.55pm**. We will observe 3 minutes silence during this time.

Our Upcoming Services and Events:

Tuesday, 29th November, 1.15pm: Funeral of the late Barbara Leigh, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 30th November, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 30th November, 7.30pm: Holy Trinity Choir Practice.

Friday 2nd December, 7pm: Christingle Service in Holy Trinity

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th December: Advent Fair

Sunday, 4th December, 9am: Sunday Service, St Mark's.

Sunday, 4th December, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 6th December, 1.30pm : First Tuesday Hub at Holy Trinity

Tuesday, 6th December, 7pm: Compassionate Friends Memorial Service, Holy Trinity.



Looking Ahead:

Saturday 10th December, 7pm: Carnforth Choral Society Concert, Holy Trinity.

Sunday 18th December, 7pm: Carols by Candlelight.

