



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET

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The Link

Sunday, 4th December, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

HYMNS:

- 422** Crown Him with many crowns
225 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
99 God is working His purpose out
6 All over the world

COLLECT:

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is the Lord and our God.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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: Ancliffe Lane, Ash Tree Grove, Back Lane, Brier Lea Road, and Broadlands Drive.

Website: www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk **Email:** kathrynpool@parishbbs.co.uk **Charity Number:** 1144401.

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

We hold before God Barbara Leigh, Brenda Metcalfe, Harry Hill, Jean Helliwell, and Jacob who have recently died, and pray for their family and friends.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Michael Rigg Bowker, Andrew John Perks, Kathleen Isobel Gordon, Annie Rachel Parker, Norman Ernest Morris, Ann Davies and Jean Townson.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Father in heaven, who sent your son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Notices and Announcements:



A big thank you to everyone who has supported, contributed, helped and attended our Advent Fair.



A special thank you to the village communities who provided the **“Christmas throughout the World” displays**. Everyone is welcome to visit these displays, which will **remain in church until 5th January**.



✨❄️🎄 Our Upcoming Services and Events ✨❄️🎄

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

Tuesday, 6th December, 7pm: Compassionate Friends Memorial Service, HT

Wednesday, 7th December, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service with MU coffee after Church Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday 7th December, 2pm: MU Christmas Party, Community Centre

Wednesday, 7th December, 7.30pm: Holy Trinity Choir Practice

Friday, 9th December, 1pm: Funeral of Brenda Metcalfe, Holy Trinity.

Saturday, 10th December, 9am: Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

Saturday, 10th December, 12.55pm: Service marking the end of the MU Campaign for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Holy Trinity.

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

Sunday, 11th December, 9am: Third Sunday of Advent Service, St Mark's.

Sunday, 11th December, 9.15am: “Second Sunday” Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 11th December, 10.30am: Third Sunday of Advent Service, HT

Sunday, 11th December, 4pm: St Mark's Carol Service, followed by mince pies and hot winter drinks, St Mark's.

Thursday, 15th December, 1.30pm: Funeral of Harry Hill, Holy Trinity.

Sunday 18th December, 6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight.