



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 18th December, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Morning Praise

HYMNS:

Screen Light of the World You Stepped down into Darkness
85 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
80 Of the Father's love Begotten
70 It Came upon a Midnight clear

COLLECT:

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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 1:18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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: By Pass Road, Cavendish Court, Croftlands and Cherry Tree Close.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Olwyn, Albi, Sue, Ian, Lesley, Jennifer, Ann Deacon, Keith and Marion.

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Nigel Duncan Robinson, Esther Monkhouse, Jim Smith, Charles Allen Walker, Jack Hinton and Cyril Perks.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying themselves and raising over £2,300.

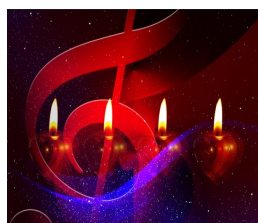


A special thank you to the village communities who provided the **“Christmas throughout the World” displays**. Everyone is welcome to visit these displays, which will **remain in church until 5th January**.



Many thanks also to those who donated to the **Olive Branch Christmas appeal**. We took down nine bags of gifts, toys, food, and toiletries.

🌟❄️🎄 Our Upcoming Services and Events 🌟❄️🎄



Sunday 18th December, 6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight, Holy Trinity. Followed by mince pies, mulled wine or hot chocolate.

Tuesday, 20th December, 11am: Funeral of Jean Helliwell, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 21st December, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, HT.

Wednesday, 21st December, 7pm: Carols in the Churchyard, Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 22nd December, 12.30pm: Funeral of Robert Swain, **United Reform Church**.

Saturday, 24th December, 4pm: Christmas Eve Crib Service, Holy Trinity.

Saturday, 24th December, 11.15pm Midnight Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 25th December, 9am: Christmas Day Communion Service, St Mark's

Sunday, 25th December, 10.30am: Christmas Day Communion Service, Holy Trinity and on Zoom



Wednesday, 28th December, 10am: NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Sunday, 1st January 2023, 9am: New Years' Day Service St Mark's.

Sunday, 1st January 2023, 10.30am: New Years' Day Sunday Communion Service Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

Tuesday, 3rd January, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 4th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service with MU coffee after the service.

Friday, 6th January, 7pm: First Friday Epiphany Service, Holy Trinity.

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