



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 1st January, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas Day

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

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HYMNS:

- 59** Angels, from the realms of glory
65 Good Christians all rejoice
70 It came upon a Midnight Clear
82 See him lying on a bed of straw

COLLECT:

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake.

All: Amen.

EPISTLE READING:

Today's reading is from **the letter to the Hebrews.**

Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

And again, 'I will put my trust in him.'

And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

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: Church Court, Church Hill, Clarksfield Road and Claylands Drive.

We joyfully pray for Ronnie George Baines, who is to be Christened next Sunday, and for his parents, family and friends.

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

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Thomas George Broughton, Elsie Pearce, Charles Seth Lloyd, Thomas James Jeremy, Collin Wright, Ron Exley and Joyce Chesworth.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Notices and Announcements:

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**.



Mothers' Union: MU subscription is due as soon as is possible. £28 is due to Trish Cooper or any committee member. Thank you.



✨❄️ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✨❄️

Tuesday, 3rd January, 1.30pm: No First Tuesday Hub

Wednesday, 4th January, 10am: Mothers Union Corporate Communion Service followed by refreshments.

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

Sunday, 8th January, 9am: Sunday Service, St Mark's.

Sunday, 8th January, 9.15am: Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity.



Sunday, 8th January, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service with Bishop Cyril Ashton, Holy Trinity in Church and on Zoom.

Sunday, 8th January, 12.15pm: Christening of Ronnie George Baines, Holy Trinity.