



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link Sunday, 8th January, 2023 The Baptism of Christ

St Mark's 9am - Morning Prayer Holy Trinity 9.15am - Second Sunday Service Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

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HYMNS:

103 O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

601 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine

330 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

94 As with gladness men of old

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from The Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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 3.13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do

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you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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: Coastal Road, Coniston Road and Easedale Close.

We joyfully pray for Ronnie George Baines, who is to be Christened next Sunday 15th January, and pray also for his parents, family and friends.

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

We hold before God 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: Pamela Moore, Maree Aldren and Frederick James Thomas.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Notices and Announcements:

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





Flowers in Church: Should anyone wish to have flowers in church in memory of loved ones, there is a new list at the back of church together with contact details. Many thanks, Sandy.

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The final **proceeds from the Advent Fair/sale of plants & wreaths** have now come in. The figures are: Fair £2686, Plants £ £284, Total £2970. There is a list of individual stall takings on the notice board near the kitchen for those who want to see how they did. Thank you again to all those who helped in any way.

Holy Trinity and St Mark's Community Coffee Morning:

Thursday 19th January 2023, Bolton le Sands Community Centre.

Volunteers needed on the day and any unwanted gifts to sell.

Please contact Helen Williams if you would be able to help: 07866
629041







Wednesday, 11th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service

Sunday, 15th January, 9am: Sunday Service St Mark's

Sunday, 15th January, 10.30am: Sunday Morning Praise Service Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

Sunday, 15th January,12.15pm: Christening of Ronnie George Baines, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 17th January, 7pm: PCC Meeting.

Wednesday, 18th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.

Wednesday, 18th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service

Thursday 19th January 9.45am: Community Coffee Morning at Bolton-le-Sands Community Centre

Saturday 21st January 10.00am Messy Church at Holy Trinity



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US AT HOLY TRINITY AND ST MARK'S.

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