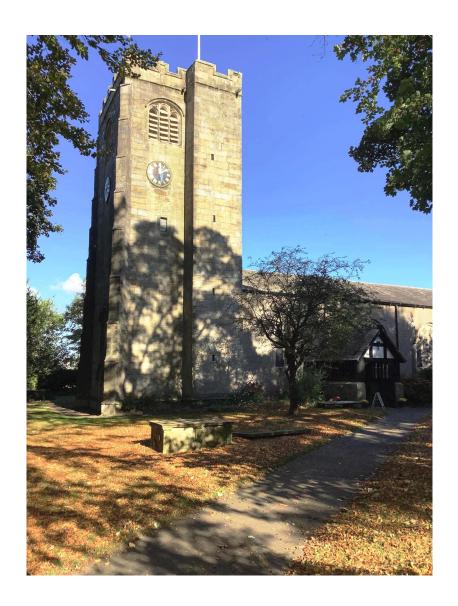




& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link
Sunday,15th January, 2023
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion Holy Trinity 10.30am - Morning Praise

HYMNS (Cream Book):

- **18** As we are gathered
- **10** Amazing grace
- **67** Father, I place into Your hands
- **354** What a friend we have in Jesus

COLLECT:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through the past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from Paul's Letters to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O lord.

John 1.29-42

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptised with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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: Eden Grove, Fern Lea and Fir Tree Close.

We joyfully pray for Ronnie George Baines, who is to be Christened today, 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 Jean Wild who has recently died, and pray for her family and friends.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: James Shaw Morris, Mary Alice Hayes, Barry Beakley, Barbara Beakley, Nellie Hutchinson, Arthur Briggs, Clara Balmer, Derek McDougall, James Cartmer Palmer, Jeffrey Timms, James Sanderson and Blanche Smalley.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (WHEN REQUIRED):

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Notices and Announcements:



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.

Holy Trinity and St Mark's Community Coffee Morning:

Thursday 19th January 2023, Bolton le Sands Community Centre. ***Volunteers on the day, unwanted gifts and baking needed.*** Please contact Helen Williams if you would be able to help: 07866 629041. Invite your friends, family and neighbours.



Our Upcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday, 15th January, 6.30pm-7.45pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall. All welcome from school years 7-11.

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

Wednesday, 18th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Daily Evening Meditation begins at 6.30pm on Zoom. See posters at the back of church.

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

Wednesday, 18th January, 2pm: Mothers Union AGM, Holy Trinity.

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

Saturday, 21st January 10.00am Messy Church at Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 22nd January, 9am: Service of Morning Prayer, St Mark's.

Sunday 22nd January, 10.30am: Service of Holy Communion, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday 25th January, 12.00pm Christian Aid Soup Lunch, Holy Trinity

