



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link Sunday, 29th January, 2023 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

HYMNS:

775 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

639 Give thanks with a grateful heart

676 Immortal, invisible

721 Love Divine

COLLECT:

God of Heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PSALM READING:

Today's reading is from Psalm 36.

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep: you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

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 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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:Greenwood Crescent, Greenwood Drive, Greenwood Court and Hawkshead.

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Frank (Tony) Macaulay, Joe Dugdale, Doreen Holbrook, A child of God, finally laid to rest, Christina Lynch, Beatrice Mary Bowker, Alison Susan McNeil, Harold Hanson, Judith Simpson and Veronica Ellen Worley.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen

Notices and Announcements:

Flowers in Church: The flowers at the altar are in Loving Memory of Linda's Dad, Thomas William Gardner.



Thursday Evening Prayer Course at Holy Trinity: Thurs 2nd February- Thursday 30th March: Join us at 7.30pm on Thursdays for an eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer. Chat with others in an informal setting, and be inspired.

Lenten Lunches will begin every Wednesday, 12pm at Holy Trinity Church from Ash Wednesday (22nd February), Finishing in Holy Week (5th April).

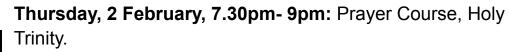
Thank you to all who made or attended the delicious soup lunch during Christian Unity week. A magnificent £268 has been sent to **Christian Aid**.



Volunteers are needed to join the **welcome and coffee teams**. Please contact Helen on 07866629041

→ Our Upcoming Services and Events →

Wednesday, 1st February, 10am: Wednesday Communion service followed by MU coffee, Holy Trinity.



Friday, 3rd February, 7pm: First Friday Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 5th February, 9am: Sunday Service St Mark's

Sunday, 5th February, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

Tuesday, 7th February, 1.30pm-3.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 8 February, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 9th February, 7.30pm: Prayer Course, Holy Trinity. Saturday, 11th February, 9am: Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 12th February, 9.15am: Second Sunday Service. The theme for this month's service is 'Don't worry, Trust God.' All families are welcome.