



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link
Sunday, 5th February, 2023
3rd Sunday Before Lent

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

HYMNS:

713 - Lord of all Hopefulness

725 - Make me a Channel of Your Peace

238 - Come down, O Love Divine

719 - Lord, the Light of Your love is shining

COLLECT:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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 5:13-20

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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: Halton Road, Hawthorn Road, Hill Lane, Hillcrest Avenue and Hornby Bank.

We joyfully pray for Arlo West, who is to be Christened next Sunday, and for his family and friends.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Olwyn, Albi, Lesley, Ann Deacon, Keith, Peter, Helen, Jenny, Roz, Pat, Ian, Annette and June.

We hold before God Pauline Sterrit and John Ginn who have recently died, and pray for their family and friends.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Doris Booth Young, Pauline Margaret Wood, David Tofield, Kathleen Makinson, Edward Marcham, Malcolm Smalley, Wilfred & Muriel Cousins, Ethel Hulme and Cecil Ernest Foxcroft.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

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Notices and Announcements:

🌸 **Flowers in Church** 🌸: The flowers at the altar are in Loving Memory of Ethel Hulme. The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in Loving Memory of Kath and Bill Parnell.

Andy, our Treasurer, is encouraging everyone in the **Planned Giving Scheme** to switch to the new **direct debit-based system**. Leaflets are available at the back of the church, or online. www.parishgiving.org.uk and enter our code 030603298 in the 'Find your Parish' box.

Lenten Lunches every **Wednesday, 12pm** at Holy Trinity Church (22nd February - 29th March). Please sign the form at the back of church if you are able to make soup.

Thursday Feb 23rd is Holy Trinity's Community Coffee Morning. Volunteers are needed to help on the day, donate baking and items to sell. Contact Helen.

Volunteers are needed to join the **Welcome and Coffee teams**. Please contact Helen on 07866629041

Parish Quiet Day at Hying Monastery on Tuesday 14th March 2023: 9.30am until 3.30pm approximately. Cost £25 including lunch and light refreshments (£15 without lunch). See Glinys Hartley or Sue Young for further details. **A sign up sheet will be placed on the notice board shortly**.



† Our Upcoming Services and Events †

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, 9am: Sunday Service, St Mark's.

Sunday, 12th February, 9.15am: Second Sunday Service. Theme: 'Don't worry, Trust God.' All families are welcome.

Sunday, 12th February, 10.30am: Sunday Service with Holy Communion, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

Sunday, 12th February, 12.15pm: Christening of Arlo West, Holy Trinity.

Thursday 16th February, 11.15am: Funeral of Pauline Sterritt, Christ Church, Carnforth.

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