



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 12th February, 2023
2nd Sunday Before Lent

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

HYMNS:

SCREEN - Bless the Lord, O my Soul
689 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus say
678 - In Christ Alone
650 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

COLLECT:

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PSALM READING:

Today's reading is from **Psalm 136**.

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

God's Work in Creation and in History

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

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 6:25-34

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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:Keats Avenue, Kellet Lane, Laithbutts Lane, Lindeth Close, Lowlands Road and Madison Avenue.

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

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Lesley, Keith, Peter, Helen, Jenny, Roz, Pat, Ian, Mary, Elaine, 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: Eleanor Sanderson, Anne Skene-Smith, Gertie Simpson, Mary Thistlethwaite, Betty Burrows, Bernard Nelson, baby Elizabeth Tennant, Charles Brookes Parker, James (Jim) Partington, Pat Bateson and William Hayton Whiteside.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen



Notices and Announcements:

Thursday Feb 23rd 9.45-11.15am: Holy Trinity's Coffee Morning. Invite friends, family and neighbours. Volunteers are needed to help on the day. Donations of baking and items to sell.. Contact Helen. 07866629041

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.



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 Glynis Hartley or Sue Young for further details. **A sign up sheet will be placed on the notice board shortly*.*

✚ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✚

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

Wednesday, 15th February, 10am: Wednesday Service, Holy Trinity.

Thursday 16th February, 11.15am: Funeral of Pauline Sterritt, Christ Church, Carnforth followed by Lancaster Crematorium at **12.30pm**. All invited.

Saturday, 18th February, 10am: Messy Church, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 19th February, 9am: Sunday Service, St Mark's

Sunday, 19th February, 10.30am: Sunday Prayer Service, Holy Trinity.