



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 26th February, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

St Mark's 9am - Morning Prayer

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

HYMNS:

- 702** Lead us, Heavenly Father
628 Father of Heaven
451 Just as I am
748 O Jesus I have promised

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, your son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **Genesis**.

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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: Laverick Road, Long Dales Lane, Mill Lane, Monkswell Avenue and Mount Pleasant Lane.

We joyfully pray for Freya Young, who is to be Christened today, and for her family and friends.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Lesley, Keith, Peter, Helen, Jenny, Roz and Mary.

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Henrietta (Hetty) Sparks, Phyllis Burrow, Edith Lilian Briggs, Martha Ellen Schofield, Malcolm Howard Lindsay, Alice Mary Mackintosh, Ernest Carruthers, Maggie Smith, Graham Marsh and Gladys Mahon.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love; teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Notices and Announcements:

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.



Friday 3rd March: Please join us for our **First Friday** Worship Service. This month's theme is **'Celebrating Davids'** at 7pm at Holy Trinity

Each evening through Lent from 6.30 - 6.45pm on Zoom, join us for "Lenten Meditation". You can join in at any time. This year we will be looking at the Gospel of Luke. The music that we will finish sessions this Lent is a haunting, well known Ukrainian [hymn](#). Let us not forget the people of Ukraine. See the Holy Trinity webpage for the [booklet](#), and a link here for the [zoom call](#).



✝ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝

Wednesday, 1st March: St David's Day.

Wednesday, 1st March, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity with MU coffee after the service in Church.

Wednesday, 1st March, 12pm: Lenten Lunch, Holy Trinity

Thursday, 2nd March, 7.30pm: Prayer Course, Holy Trinity

Friday, 3rd March, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.

Friday, 3rd March, 2pm- 3pm: World Day of Prayer, St Mary's Bolton-Le-Sands. Followed by refreshments in St Mary's Church Hall.

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

Friday, 3rd March, 7.30pm- 8.30pm: World Day of Prayer, St Wilfrid's Church, Halton

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

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

Tuesday, 7th March, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.



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