



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 5th March, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

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

HYMNS:

410 Breathe on me breath of God

91 God Forgave my sin

165 I watch the Sunrise

SCREEN Big Family of God

COLLECT:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PSALM READING:

Today's reading is from **Psalm 121**.

Psalm 121

A Song of Ascents.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

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 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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: The Nook, Crosshill Court, Oakwood Grove, Old Station Lane and Orchard Avenue.

We joyfully pray for all those being Christened next Sunday, and for their parents and friends.

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

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Tom Hankin, Arthur James Parkinson, Annie Carter, Alexander William Clark, Colin Metcalfe, John George Young, William Holden, James Airey Fairclough, Ronald Hoggarth and Marjorie Hill.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Notices and Announcements:

Flowers in Church 🌸: The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are In Loving Memory of Alec Clark.



Lenten Lunches every **Wednesday, midday** at Holy Trinity Church (22nd Feb - 29th March). Help needed to serve soup. We continue to collect food for the Foodbank at the back of church..

Each evening through Lent; 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 †

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

Wednesday, 8th March, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 8th March, 12pm: Lenten Lunch, Holy Trinity

Thursday, 9th March, 7.30pm: Prayer Course, Holy Trinity

Friday, 10th March, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC

Saturday, 11th March, 9am: Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 12th March, 9am: Sunday Service, St Mark's

Sunday, 12th March, 9.15am: Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 12th March, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service, Holy Trinity

Sunday, 12th March, 12.15pm: Christening Service, Holy Trinity.