



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 12th March, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

St Mark's 9am - Morning Prayer

Holy Trinity 9.15am - Second Sunday Service

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

HYMNS:

- 621** Dear Lord and Father
664 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
145 It is a thing most wonderful
144 How Deep the Father's love

COLLECT:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John.**

All: Glory to you, O lord.

John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and

truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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: Packet Lane, Pinewood Avenue, Ruskin Grove and Rydal Road.

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

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

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: Jack Pemberton, James William Charles Purcell, Keith Smith, James Beckett Hutchinson, Jack Schofield, Arthur George Henry James and Colin George Jeremy.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

Notices and Announcements:

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". See the Holy Trinity webpage for the [booklet](#), and a link here for the [zoom call](#) .

Christian Seder Meal: 2nd April 6.30pm ChristChurch. See notice at the back of church or on the website. Limited availability.

Easter Choir: See notice at the back of church or on the website.



✝ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝

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

Tuesday, 14th March, 9.30am: Quiet Day at Hying

Wednesday, 15 March, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday 15th March, 2pm: MU Monthly Meeting, Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 16th March, 7.30pm: Prayer Course, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 17th March: *St Patrick's Day*

Friday, 17th March, 9.30am: Shining Stars, ChristChurch URC.

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

Sunday, 19th March: *Mothering Sunday*

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

Sunday, 19th March, 10.30am: Mothering Sunday Service, Holy Trinity and on Zoom

Sunday, 19th March, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne With Hest Church Hall.

