



THE PARISH OF

**HOLY TRINITY**

BOLTON LE SANDS

*& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET*



### **The Link**

Sunday, 7th May, 2023

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

### **HYMNS:**

**593** At the Name of Jesus

**803** There is a Hope

**427** Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

**766** Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

### **COLLECT:**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **All: Amen.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Today's reading is from **1 Peter** :

#### 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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: Whitendale Drive, Windermere Road and Wordsworth Avenue.

We Joyfully pray for Louie Barker and Noah Mace, who are being baptised later today.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Peter, Helen, Roz and Ann Deacon.

We also remember Geoff Ireland, Kathleen Ainsworth, Brenda Jowett and Keith Thomson who have recently died, and pray for their family and friends.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Olga Parker, Brian Needham, Ted Ainsworth, Margaret Lily Bowker, Anne Speight, Benjamin Bean and Robert (Bob) Cunningham.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way and rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

## Notices and Announcements:

**Flowers in Church** 🌸: The flowers at the altar are in Birthday Remembrance of Peggy Hunter, whose heavenly birthday is the 9th May. The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in Loving Memory of Bill Prickett. The flowers at the font are in Loving Memory of Peter Colley.



We had a great **coffee morning** in church on Thursday. **Thank you to everyone who attended, helped and enjoyed the morning.** Special thanks to King Charles who managed to find time for us in his busy schedule 😊👑 We raised a magnificent £404.

**Ladies of Note Concert, Friday, May 19th at Holy Trinity:** Tickets now are on sale and are £10 which includes a light supper.



## ✝ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝

**Sunday, 7th May, 12.15pm:** Christening of Louie Barker and Noah Mace

**Monday, 8th May:** **Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III**

**Wednesday, 10th May, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

**Friday, 12th May, 9.30am:** Shining Stars, Christchurch URC

**Saturday, 13th May, 9am:** Big Beautiful Bacon Buttie and Bowling Breakfast. Holy Trinity, then moving to the Bowling Club at 10am.

**Sunday, 14th May:** **Rogation Sunday**

**Sunday, 14th May, 9am:** Sunday Service, St Mark's

**Sunday, 14th May, 9.15am:** Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity. This weeks' theme is 'Jesus is the Way'.

**Sunday, 14th May, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service Holy Trinity And on Zoom.

**Sunday, 14th May, 12.15pm:** Christening of Esme Harney and Isabelle Rae Mclachlan

**Tuesday, 16th May, 7pm:** PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity.