



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 25th June, 2023
Third Sunday After Trinity

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

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Roz, Harry, Alwyn, Rodney, Sister Colette, Jean, Lesley, Ian, Nigel, Carol and Alan.

We pray for the family and friends of Jenny Taylor, who has recently died.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Evan Makinson, Lillian Russell, Marion Booth, Ronald Edwin Vernon, Harry Pye and Stephen Erskine Hill.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **All: Amen**

Notices and Announcements:

Flowers in Church 🌸 🌹 🌺: The flowers in church are in memory of Joyce and James Wolfe.

🍁 🌿 **Workers for the Harvest are needed. Volunteer now!** 🍁 🌿
See Andy Williams for details.

✝ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝

Wednesday, 28th June, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service

Friday, 30th June, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.

Sunday, 2nd July, 9am: Sunday Service St Mark's

Sunday, 2nd July, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service, Holy Trinity and on Zoom

Sunday, 2nd July, 12.15pm: Christening of Vinnie and Hallie Lowe

Sunday, 2nd July, 7pm: Lacuna Upper Voice Choir : Tickets £10 (inc light refreshments) now available in church and in the online shop on the parish website with programme. <https://bolton-le-sands.org.uk/product-category/tickets/>

Tuesday, 4th July, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Website: www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk. **Email:** kathrynpoole@parishbbs.co.uk **Charity Number:** 1144401.



HYMNS:

765 Praise to the Lord, the almighty the king of creation

713 Lord of all hopefulness

585 All I once held dear

715 Lord for the years

COLLECT:

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

PSALM READING:

Today's reading is from **Psalm 69**.

Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20

Prayer for Deliverance from Persecution

It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.

When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.

You know the insults I receive,
and my shame and dishonour;
my foes are all known to you.

Insults have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.

I looked for pity, but there was none;
and for comforters, but I found none.

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 10:24-39

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYERS:

We pray for our communities and in particular those living on: Chestnut Avenue, Church Brow and Church Brow Close.

We joyfully pray for Vinnie and Hallie Lowe, who are to be Christened next Sunday, and for their parents, family and friends.