



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 9th July, 2023
Fifth Sunday After Trinity

St Mark's 9am - Morning Prayer
Holy Trinity 9.15am - Second Sunday Service
Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

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HYMNS:

799 The Lord's my Shepherd
669 I heard the Voice of Jesus say
742 O for a Thousand Tongues to sing
748 O Jesus I have Promised

COLLECT:

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **St Paul's letters to the Romans.**

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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 11:16-19, 25-30

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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: Coastal Road, Coniston Road and Easedale Close.

We joyfully pray for Everley Sibbart, who is to be Christened next Sunday, and for their parents, family and friends.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Roz, Harry, Alwyn, Rodney, Lesley, Nigel and Brendan.

We pray for the family and friends of Jenny Taylor, Roger Docton, Ross, and John Williams who have recently died.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Janice Margaret Anagnostou, Frances Bowker, Cathryn Duncan, Carol Lawless, Violet Mary Moore and Eunice Langton.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

Notices and Announcements:

Flowers in Church 🌸:

The Altar flowers are a loving birthday remembrance of Jeff Timms.

Should anyone wish to have flowers in church in memory of loved ones, there is a list at the back of church together with contact details.



A big thank you to the gardening team for their hard work recently in weeding and tidying the church gardens. The gardens are much admired and appreciated by all!

✝ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝

Wednesday, 12th July, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 14th July, 9:30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC

Saturday, 15th July, 10am: Messy Church, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 16th July, 9am: Sunday Service St Mark's.

Sunday, 16th July, 10.30am: Sunday Prayer Service Holy Trinity and on Zoom

Sunday, 16th July, 12.15pm: Christening of Everley Sibbert, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 16th July, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.

Tuesday, 18th July, 7pm: PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity



Advanced Notice: Join us for our **MU Coffee Morning** at the Community Centre on **Thursday, 20th July, beginning at 9.45am.**