



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 16th July, 2023
Sixth Sunday After Trinity

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

HYMNS (New Hymns and Worship):

4 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord

67 Father, I place into Your Hands

91 God forgave my sin

136 Our God reigns (How lovely on the mountains)

COLLECT:

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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: Eden Grove, Fern Lea and Fir Tree Close.

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

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Roz, Harry, Rodney, Lesley, Nigel, Brendan, Peter & Helen.

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Agnes Margrave Exley, Frank Gregory Pinkney, Agnes Mary Butterworth, Richard Stretch, Alan Baker, Robert Henry Simpson, Simon Mark Edwards, Deidre Dunn and Keith Simpson.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Where Applicable):


God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

Notices and Announcements:

Helen and Paul Wadson are to host a **drop in Garden Party** at their house, Sunday 16th anytime from 2-5 pm. This is a free event, but any donations will go to Holy Trinity church. For more information call Helen on 07783887553



The next **Youth Cafe** is on **Sunday 16th July at 6.30 pm in Slyne Church Hall**. Our Guest speaker is Martin Bateman from Football Ambassadors and Chaplain to Morecambe Football Club.

Flowers in Church : 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.

† Our Upcoming Services and Events †

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

Wednesday, 19th July, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 20th July, 9.45am: MU Coffee Morning, Bolton-le-Sands Community Centre.

Thursday, 20th July, 12.30pm: Funeral of the late Ron Moore, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 21st July, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.

Sunday, 23rd July, 9am: Sunday Service St Mark's

Sunday, 23rd July, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service led by Bishop Cyril Ashton at Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

