



THE PARISH OF

**HOLY TRINITY**

BOLTON LE SANDS



*& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET*



## **The Link**

Sunday, 23rd July, 2023

**Seventh Sunday After Trinity**

St Mark's 9am - Morning Prayer

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

## **HYMNS (NEW HYMNS & WORSHIP):**

**95** – God is love: his the care

**237** – O Breath of Life

**207** – Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us

**43** – Christ Triumphant, ever reigning

## **COLLECT:**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

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

### **Romans 8:12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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: Grange View, Grange View Road, Greenwood Avenue, and Garsdale Court.

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

We pray for the family and friends of Dr Roger Doctor, Alexandra Fyfe, Lesley Rimmer, and Ron Moore who have recently died.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: William Sanderson, Doris Collison, Elizabeth Mary Gallagher and Mary Gillam.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

## Notices and Announcements:

### 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 ✝

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

**Sunday, 23rd July, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service Holy Trinity and on Zoom

**Wednesday, 26th July, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

**Wednesday, 26th July, 3.30pm:** Funeral Service for the late Alexandra Fyfe, Holy Trinity.

**Friday, 28th July, 8pm:** Mens Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor Hotel.

**Sunday, 30th July, 9am:** Sunday Service, St Mark's

**Sunday, 30th July, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service Holy Trinity and on Zoom

**Tuesday, 1st August, 1.30pm:** First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

**Wednesday, 2nd August, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service with MU Corporate Worship, Holy Trinity.

**Friday, 4th August, 12pm:** MU Summer Lunch at Morecambe Golf Club

**Friday, 4th August, 7pm:** First Friday Service, Holy Trinity.

