



THE PARISH OF

**HOLY TRINITY**

BOLTON LE SANDS



*& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET*



## **The Link**

Sunday, 30th July, 2023

**Eighth Sunday After Trinity**

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion

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

**12** – And can it be

**219** – Majesty, worship his majesty

**82** – From heaven you came

**35** – Brother, sister, let me serve you

## **COLLECT:**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

Today's reading is from **1 Kings**.

### 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after 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 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

#### Three Parables

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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: Greenwood Crescent, Greenwood Drive, Greenwood Court and Hawkshead.

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

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Jack L. M. Helme, Derek Uttley and Moyra Warbrick.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies that have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **All: Amen**

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## **Notices and Announcements:**

📷 On **Tuesday 1st August**, **Keith Budden** will be presenting a series of photos from his archive pictures of Bolton-le-Sands at the **First Tuesday Hub**, which meets at Holy Trinity at 1.30pm. No admission charge - everyone is very welcome! 📷

🏆 **Bolton-le-Sands CE Primary School** was recently crowned District Athletics Champions for 2023, winning at both indoor and outdoor primary athletics events, and it is one of only a few schools in Lancashire to be awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Platinum Award. 🏆

## **✝ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝**

**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:** **No First Friday Service.**

**Sunday, 6th August, 9am:** Sunday Service, St Marks.

**Sunday, 6th August, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

