



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 13th August, 2023
Tenth Sunday After Trinity

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

HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):

678 In Christ Alone

787 Take my life and let it be

510 Will you come and follow me

800 The Lord's my Shepherd

COLLECT:

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from the first book of **Kings**.

1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of

Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

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 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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: Keats Avenue, Kellet Lane, Laithbutts Lane, Lindeth Close, Lowlands Road and Madison Avenue.

We joyfully pray for Oliver Townend, who is to be Christened this Sunday, and for his family and friends.

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

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

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Carlos Noice, Kyra Elizabeth Jackson, Paul Nicholas Cooper, John Martin, Helen Budden and Jacqueline Victoria (Jacqui) Spence.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

† Our Upcoming Services and Events †

Sunday, 13th August, 12.15pm: Christening of Oliver Townend

Tuesday, 15th August: **Assumption of Mary**

Wednesday, 16th August, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity

Friday, 18th August, 1.15pm: Funeral for the late Joan Noice.

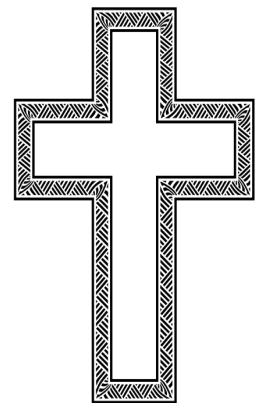
Sunday, 20th August, 9am: Sunday Service, St Mark's

Sunday, 20th August, 10.30am: Sunday Prayer Service Holy Trinity and on Zoom

Monday, 21st August, 11.30am: Funeral for the late Mike Duckett

Wednesday, 23rd August, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity

Friday, 25th August, 8pm: Mens Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor Hotel.



Save the Date:

7th September: Church Coffee Morning. ☕ 9.45 to 11.15 at Community Centre. Volunteers needed to help on the day. Raffle prizes, saleable items and baking all gratefully received. Collecting box at back of church. Contact Helen 07866629041.

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