



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 8th October, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

Harvest Festival

St Mark's 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service

Holy Trinity 9.15am - All- Age Family Service

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Harvest Festival Service (non-communion)

'Your money and your life'

HYMNS:

Come ye thankful people come
Think of a world without any flowers
Count your blessings
Cauliflowers Fluffy

COLLECT:

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew.**
All: Glory to you, O lord.

Matthew 6:19-34

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Serving Two Masters

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who

strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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: Sunnybank Road, The Shore and Pasture Lane.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Rodney, Peter, Helen, Ollie, Paul and Roz.

We pray for the family and friends of Lynette Owens and Tony Cafferty who have recently died.

From our book of remembrance, we remember in prayer: Bertha A. Bradshaw, James Peter Bland, Robert Whitehead, Alan Chesworth, Dennis John Budden, Eileen Frances Wilson, George Burkill, Marion McBryde and Freda Bidder.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Where Needed):

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Notices and Announcements

World Homeless Week 2023:

World Homeless Week is held in October each year to bring awareness to homelessness in England, and to raise the necessary funds to provide those individuals with life-changing grants. This year, World Homeless Week will be running from 8-15th October, encapsulating World Homeless Day on the 10th.



As a Christian charity that has been supporting homeless individuals for nearly 40 years, World Homeless Week has raised thousands of pounds in donations from churches up and down the country. These donations have translated into more than 3,000 people receiving tailored grants each year, and many more through events and group activities.

Find out more: Church Homeless Charity: <https://churchhomelesscharity.org.uk/>

† Our Upcoming Services and Events †

Sunday, 8th October, 12pm: Harvest Festival Lunch, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 8th October: World Homeless Week begins.

Tuesday, 10th October, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 11th October, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 11th October, 6pm: Confirmation Prep Week 2, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 13th October, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.

Saturday, 14th October, 9am: Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 15th October, 9am: Holy Communion Service (Book of Common prayer), St Mark's.

Sunday, 15th October, 10.30am: Morning Praise Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 15th October, 12.15pm: Christening of Ayda Grace Chapman and Henry Mudd.

Sunday, 15th October, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.