



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 7th January, 2024

First Sunday of Epiphany

Baptism of Christ

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion Service (Common Worship)

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Family Communion Service

HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):

630 Father, Lord of all creation

702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

238 Come down O Love divine

810 Thou, whose almighty Word

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you received Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **The Acts of the Apostles.**

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptised?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptised with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark.**

All: Glory to you, O lord.

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYERS:

We pray for our communities and in particular for all living on: Coastal Road, Coniston Road and Easedale Close.

We joyfully pray for Edward Leo Knight who is to be Christened this Sunday, and for his parents, family and friends.

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

We pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died: Katherine Handley, Anne Deacon, Theresa Wignall and Geoffrey Taylor.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Joyce Chesworth, Pamela Moore, Maree Aldren and Frederick James Thomas.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church 🌸:

The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in Loving Memory of Alec Clark
Should anyone wish to have flowers in church in memory of loved ones, there is a new list together with contact details at the back of church.



Dates for your Diary:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th To 25th January 2024.

18th January 2024: Holy Trinity Coffee Morning, Bolton le Sands Community Centre. Volunteers greatly appreciated. Contact Helen 07866639041.



† Our Upcoming Services and Events †

Sunday, 7th January, 12.15pm: Christening of Edward Leo Knight

Tuesday, 9th January, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Meeting Room.

Monday, 8th January, 7pm: Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council Meeting, Old Boys' School, St Michael's Ln, Bolton-le-Sands

Monday, 8th January, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Meeting Room

Wednesday, 10th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Saturday, 13th January, 9am: Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity

Sunday, 14th January, 9.15am: All-Age Family Service, 'Jesus is Baptised', Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 14th January, 10.30am: Holy Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 14th January, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service, St Mark's.

Sunday, 14th January, 12.15pm: Christening of Rocco Saint Davison

Tuesday, 16th January, 7pm: PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity

Tuesday, 16th January, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Meeting Room

Wednesday, 17th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 17th January, 2pm: MU AGM at Holy Trinity

Thursday, 18th January: **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 begins.**

