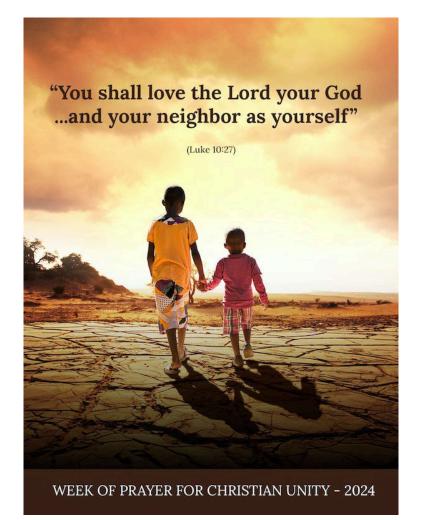




& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



<u>The Link</u> Sunday, 21st January, 2024 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Week of Prayer for Unity

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Trinity 10.30am - Morning Praise Service

HYMNS (NEW HYMNS & WORSHIP):

- 332 This is the day
- **289** Seek ye first the Kingdom
- 247 O Lord, all the world
- 128 He's got the whole world

COLLECT:

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **The Book of Revelation**.

Revelation 19:6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed

with fine linen, bright and pure'—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

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

GOSPEL READING:

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

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

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When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

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

We pray for the family and friends of Anne Deacon, who has recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer:James Sanderson, Blanche Smalley, George Stackhouse, Irvine Taylor, Gordon William Mullard, Mavis Thomas, Anne Simpson, Thomas William Gardner and Margaret Bateman.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Where Needed):

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illuminated by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; 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 new list together with contact details at the back of church. <u>Next Sunday, 28th January is Safeguarding Sunday in Church.</u> If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by abuse or has concerns, please speak to Kath, Val or Peter our vicar. Contact details can be found on the safeguarding poster on the notice board at the back of church or on the church website.

<u>First Tuesday Hub</u>: The First Tuesday Hub will be meeting again in church on Tuesday February 6th at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome - do come and join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and fabulous cakes!

Our Upcoming Services and Events

Sunday, 21st January, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne-With-Hest Church Hall.

Tuesday, 23rd January, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Meeting Room.

Wednesday, 24th January, 10am: Week of Prayer For Christian Unity Joint Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 24th January, 12pm: Christian Unity Week Soup Lunch, following the service at Holy Trinity.

Friday, 26th January, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.

Friday, 26th January,10:30am: Scrabble Club, Bolton-le-Sands Library

Friday, 26th January, 2pm: Craft and Chat Bolton-le-Sands Library

Friday, 26th January, 8pm: Mens Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor Hotel.

Saturday, 27th January: Holocaust Memorial Day

Sunday, 28th January: Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday, 28th January, 9.15am: All-Age Family service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 28th January, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service, St Mark's.

Sunday, 28th January, 10.30am: Safeguarding Sunday Service with Holy Communion, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 30th January, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Meeting Room.

Wednesday, 31st January, 10 am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

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