



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



# The Link Sunday, 11th February 2024 Sunday next before Lent

St Mark's 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service Holy Trinity 9.15am: All-Age Family Service Holy Trinity 10.30am: Holy Communion Service

# **HYMNS:**

227 Crown him with many crowns 592 As the deer pants for the water 595 Be thou my vision 678 In Christ alone

### **COLLECT:**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen** 

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Today's reading is from St Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to the Corinthians

# 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Rodney, Ollie, Peter Hilling, Peter, Helen, Mabel, Jeanne Smith, Margaret, Jean Wilson, Yvonne and Amy.

We pray for the family and friends of **Betty Duckett**, who has recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Cecil Ernest Foxcroft, Eleanor Sanderson, Anne Skene-Smith, Gertie Simpson, Mary Thistlethwaite, Betty Burrows, Bernard Nelson, baby Elizabeth Tennant, Charles Brookes Parker, James (Jim) Partington and Pat Bateson.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.** 

# **Notices and Announcements**



# Flowers in Church:

The flowers in Church this week are in loving memory of **Dorothy Quinn** 



# **Church Cleaning:**

Help is desperately needed for **church cleaning**. Can you please spare an hour just once a month to help? Speak to Rob Daunt or message robdaunt@parishbls.co.uk

# **Lenten Soup Lunches:**

Midday, every Wednesday in Lent starting Ash Wednesday, 14th February. Meet and Greet from 11.30am. Supporting The Olive Branch, Lancaster.

# **Our Upcoming Services and Events**

Monday, 12th February: BLS School Holiday Week (Half-Term)

Tuesday, 13th February: Shrove Tuesday/ Mardi Gras/ Pancake Day

Wednesday, 14th February: Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day

10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity

**11.30am:** Meet and Chat followed by Lenten Lunch at Midday



# Saturday, 17th February

10am: Messy Church, Holy Trinity

**1.40pm to 2.40pm:** Holy Trinity Bells to be rung by a team of touring bell ringers.

Volunteers to serve tea and light refreshments.

# **Sunday, 18th February**

9am: Holy Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer), St Marks

10.30am: Morning Praise Service with the Baptism of Sienna Wilkinson

**12.15pm:** Baptism of **Evie Binks**, Holy Trinity

**6.30pm:** Youth Cafe, Slyne-with-Hest Church Hall

# Tuesday, 20th February

**7.45pm:** Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Meeting Room

# **Thursday 22nd February Holy Trinity Coffee Morning**

9.45 to 11.15am B-L-S Community Centre

Help needed - Volunteers, Raffle Prizes, Cake makers, please contact Helen 07866629041. Invite friends, neighbours, relatives and strangers - all Welcome.

# Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7.45pm in the Old Boys' School

Beginning a **Diocesan Lent Course**, 'Journey' to Freedom':— Prayer, Scripture Reading, Video talk by **Bishop Philiip** & Discussion. Refreshments. Everyone welcome for any or all of the 5 Tuesdays in Lent.

# **Friday 1st March**

**2pm 'The World Day of Prayer'** at Christ Church, URC, Bolton Le Sands All Invited.

# Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Holy Trinity Church 'Listening People'

# NISCU, Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union

**10am – 2.30pm** This course requires no previous experience, but can lead to an applied listening course for listening in schools. Session 1: Listening Effectively

Registration & Coffee from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch.

Cost £10 per person. Booking essential: jane.callow@niscu.org.uk