



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 3rd March, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion Service (Common Worship)
Holy Trinity 10.30am - Family Communion Service

HYMNS (Ancient and Modern):

765 Praise to the Lord the almighty
258 O Thou who camest from above
433 Broken for me, broken for you
507 We have a Gospel to proclaim

COLLECT:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **St Paul's Letters to the Corinthians.**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three

days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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: The Nook, Crosshill Court, Oakwood Grove, Old Station Lane and Orchard Avenue.

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

We also pray for those who mourn the loss of Diane Mason and Graham Barnes, who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Gladys Mahon, Tom Hankin, Arthur James Parkinson, Annie Carter, Alexander William Clark, Colin Metcalfe, John George Young, William Holden and James Airey Fairclough.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Tuesday 5th March : First Tuesday Hub meets at 1.30pm - everyone welcome.

Attention: First Tuesday hub needs clean, small plant pots for next week's gardening activity. They can be left at the back of church, or given to Mary Bunting or David Bateman.

Cockling Tragedy and Poem: Steph Tulej would like to thank everyone who donated directly to her, and those who donated online on unseen.uk . We raised £80 in cash alone and Unseen UK sent an email to thank us for the money we raised.

Welcome!



✝ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝

Monday, 4th March, 7pm: Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, 5th March, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 5th March, 7.45pm: Lent Course @ Boys Grammar School

Wednesday, 6th March, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service with MU corporate worship.

Wednesday, 6th March, 11.30am: Meet and Chat followed by Lenten Lunch at Midday, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 6th March, 3.30pm: Confirmation Group

Wednesday, 6th March, 7.30pm: Easter Choir Rehearsal, Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 7th March: Quiet Day - Hyning

Friday, 8th March, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.

Saturday, 9th March, 9am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, 10th March: Mothering Sunday

Sunday, 10th March, 9.15am: All-Age family service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 10th March, 10.30: Morning Prayer Service, St Mark's.

Sunday, 10th March, 10.30am: Mothering Sunday Service with Baptism, Led By Bolton-Le-Sands Primary School, Holy Trinity.

Saturday 23rd March, 6.30pm; Christian Seder Meal. Christ Church. Places are limited. Please sign up early on the form at the back of church.

