



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 17th March, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Morning Praise Service

HYMNS (NEW HYMNS & WORSHIP):

- 18** As we are gathered
45 Colours of day
69 Father, we adore you
220 Make me a channel of Your peace

COLLECT:

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from the book of **Jeremiah**.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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: Scargill Road, Shaw Lane, Shelley Close, Slyne Road and St Margaret's Road.

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

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: Arthur George Henry James, Colin George Jeremy, Norman Hugh Brown, Mark Gordon Rawsthorne, Marian Rigg, William Cowperthwaite, Frank Bracey Croll and Audrey Wilson.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we also do for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us. but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church 🌸: The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in loving memory of Terry Davey and Florrie Fowler.

Missing Hymn Books: Please can people return any church hymn books as we are very short of books particularly full music editions. Thank you.

Easter Flower Displays: Could anyone please lend a hand with the Easter flowers? We meet in church **9.30am Saturday 30th March**. Please bring own scissors plus any greenery you may have. Fellowship and refreshments provided. Many thanks 🌸🏰🐣

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL As part of the annual review leading to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), please make sure your name is on the Church Electoral Roll displayed on the Noticeboard. If you wish to be added to the Roll, forms are available from Rob Daunt or the church wardens. Joining the Roll allows you to vote on church matters at the APCM and stand for election to the PCC.

 **St. Mark's Upcoming Services**  :

PALM SUNDAY 24th March - Prayer and Praise for Palm Sunday 10.30am

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March - Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service of Matins 10am

† Our Upcoming Services and Events †

Sunday, 17th March: St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, 17th March, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.

Tuesday, 19th March, 7pm: PCC Meeting

Tuesday, 19th March, 7.45pm: Lent Course @ Boys Grammar School

Wednesday, 20th March, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service

Wednesday, 20th March, 11.30am: Meet and Chat followed by Lenten Lunch at Midday

Wednesday, 20th March, 2pm: MU Meeting - 'Do I Really Know You?' in Holy Trinity

Wednesday, 20th March, 3.30pm: Confirmation Group

Wednesday, 20th March, 6pm: 2nd BLS Beavers Visit

Wednesday, 20th March, 7pm: Easter Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 22nd March, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC

Friday, 22nd March, 8pm: Mens Intensive Care Meeting, The Royal Hotel

Sunday, 24th March: Palm Sunday

Sunday, 24th March, 9.15am: All-Age Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 24th March, 10.30am: Palm Sunday Service with Confirmation, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 24th March, 6.30pm: Christian Seder Meal. Christ Church