



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 7th April, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

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

HYMNS: TBC- Will be displayed in Church

COLLECT:

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But

he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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: Sunnybank Road, The Shore and Pasture Lane.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: David, John, June, Jean Wilson, Margaret, Len, Baby Evie, Yvonne, Charlie and Rhoda.

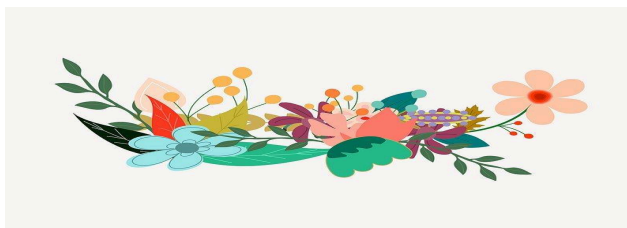
From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Nellie Matheson, Joan Evelyn Furness, Mary Elisabeth Corlett, Bill Wilkinson, John Gee and Roger Martin.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God our Father, through our saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church 🌸: The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in loving memory of Roger



† Our Upcoming Services and Events †

Tuesday, 9th April, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting

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

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

Sunday, 14th April, 9.15am: Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity.

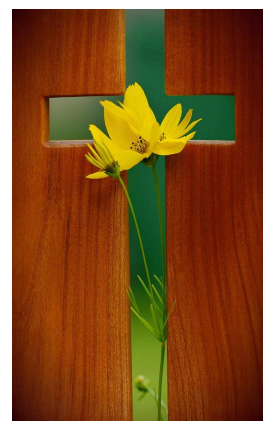
Sunday, 14th April, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service, St Mark's.

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

Tuesday, 16th April, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, 17th April, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity

Wednesday, 17th April, 2pm: MU Meeting in Holy Trinity. Guest Speaker - Kathryn Poole: 'Catherine Booth and her Legacy'



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 21st April, 4pm: Concert by "Diverse Voyces". Tickets available £10 inc light refreshments. The concert is supporting the Alzheimer's Society.

Sunday 21st April - 28th April. "Re-Fresher Week". Your chance to get involved in the parish. Sign-Up begins after Messy Church on Saturday 20th April

