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BOLTON LE SANDS



& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 14th April, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

2024 Easter Season Sermon Series - What can I give him?

St Mark's 10.30am - Morning Prayer Service

Holy Trinity 9.15am - All- Age Family Service

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion Service

HYMNS:

Hymns Ancient & Modern

507 We have a Gospel to Proclaim

284 For the fruits of all creation

510 Will you come and follow me?

715 Lord for the Years

COLLECT:

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **St Paul's letters to the Romans.**

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with

his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

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: Swallow Close, Tarn Cottage, Tarnbrook Close and Tennyson Close.

We joyfully pray for Lucia, who is to be Christened next Sunday, and for her parents, family and friends.

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

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Marjorie Dugdale, John Edward Dawson, Leonard Pearce Entwistle, Iris Cowperthwaite, James Russell, Ethel Whiteside, Mary Davies and Alice Tennant.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

'Abide' Youth Event for 11-17 year olds.

This is a free event which takes place on **Saturday 27th April** at St Michael's High School in Chorley from 1.30 - 9 pm . There will be times of worship including a Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Philip, a choice of workshops and activity spaces to choose from as well as a healthy dollop of fun and games. You can find out more on this link:

bducation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Abide-Promo-Invite-Video.mp4

Please contact Revd Susan ASAP for more details and a registration form if you are interested in going. We hope to be able to provide transport.

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✝ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝

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'

Friday, 19th April, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.

Saturday, 20th April, 10am: Messy Church in Holy Trinity

Sunday, 21st April- Sunday 28th April: Re-Freshers Week - A chance to get involved. Sign-Up begins after Messy Church on Saturday 20th April.

Sunday, 21st April, 9am: Holy Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer), St Mark's.

Sunday, 21st April, 10.30am: Morning Praise Service, Holy Trinity

Sunday 21st April 12.15pm: Christening of Lucia, Holy Trinity.

Sunday 21st April, 4pm: Concert with *Divers Voyces*: Raising Money for The Alzheimer's Society.

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

