



THE PARISH OF

**HOLY TRINITY**

BOLTON LE SANDS

& ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



### **The Link**

Sunday, 21st April, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

St George's Day Service

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

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

Holy Trinity 10.30am - St George's Day Service

## **HYMNS ( New Hymns and Worship)**

**323** There is a Redeemer  
**87** Give me joy in my heart  
**163** I the Lord of sea and sky  
**82** From heaven you came

## **COLLECT:**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of you father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **All: Amen.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

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

### Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Greek-speaking Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.'

This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew.**  
**All: Glory to you, O lord.**

### Matthew 25:14-30

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his

money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five.

"Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more." 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more." 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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 Green, The Rise, Thwaite Brow Lane and Town End.

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

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We pray for those who are sick or in need: David, John, Jean Wilson, Margaret, Len, Noel, Baby Evie, Yvonne, Charlie, Rhoda, Peter & Marion Davies, and Maureen Shackleton.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Alice Entwistle, Kathleen Ainsworth, Philip Roy Allen, Edward Hutchinson, Joan Westran, Robert Graham Bateson, Ronald Marshall, Harold James Bowker, Ellen (Nell) Parkinson, Michael John Sparks (Mike), Robin Bernard Bamber and Bessie Carruthers.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

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## **Notices and Announcements**

**Flowers In Church** 🌸: The flowers at the altar are in Loving Memory of a dear husband and father, Robin Bernard Bamber. The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in Loving Memory of Robert Bateson.

### **✝️ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✝️**

**Sunday 21st April, 4pm. Concert by "Divers Voyces".**

**Tuesday, 23rd April: St. George's Day**

**Tuesday, 23rd April, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting**

**Wednesday, 24th April, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service**

**Friday, 26th April, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.**

**Friday, 26th April, 8pm: Mens Intensive Care Meeting- Blue Anchor.**

**Sunday, 28th April, 9.15am: The 9.15 All-Age Service: 'Re-Freshers Week', Holy Trinity.**

**Sunday, 28th April, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom.**

**Sunday, 28th April, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service, St Mark's**

**Sunday, 28th April, 12pm: Holy Trinity and St Marks AGM**

