



THE PARISH OF
HOLY TRINITY
BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 25th August, 2024
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Mark's 10.30am - Morning Prayer Service
Holy Trinity 9.15am - All-Age Family Service
Holy Trinity 10.30am - Holy Communion Service

HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):

- 678** In Christ Alone
- 631** Fight the good fight
- 748** O Jesus I have Promised
- 595** Be thou my vision

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYERS:

We pray for our communities and in particular for all who live on: Laverick Road, Long Dales Lane, Mill Lane, Monkswell Avenue, Monkswell Drive and Mount Pleasant Lane.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: David, John, Noel, Margaret Calder, Joyce Sparks, and Emily.


We pray for the family and friends of Mary Brown and Maurice Woodhouse who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Phoebe Marian Daniells, Robert Irving (Bobby) Cooper, Lloyd Tose, Jean Tose, Kenneth M. Rigby, Joseph Charles Fryer, Harry Smith, Eric Jackson, Dorothy Entwistle and Ruby Perks.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church : The flowers at the altar are In Loving Memory of loving Mum Florrie, and a dear husband Terry.

The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are In Loving Memory of Phoebe Marian Daniells

Holy Trinity Coffee Morning ☕: Thursday 5th Sept 9.45 to 11.15am at Bolton le Sands Community Centre. All offers of baking, bric-a-brac or help on the day will be gratefully received. Please Contact Helen 07866629041.



Social Team Meeting to plan the autumn programme including Harvest Festival Meal and the Advent Fair 2024. Tuesday 27th August 7pm in church. Repeated on Wednesday 28th after the service, in church. All are welcome.

Parish Finance: Whilst it is difficult to raise enough money to cover all the Parish's expenditure we do also try to facilitate fundraising for other deserving charities. For example, we recently had a display & electronic donation machine for Street Aid which raised £161, for which they were most grateful.

† Our Upcoming Services and Events †

Monday, 26th August: **Summer Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 27th August: 7-7.45pm Social Team Meeting.

Tuesday, 27th August, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, 28th August, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, HT

Wednesday 28th August, 11am: Social Team Meeting (repeated)

Sunday, 1st September, 9am: St Mark's Holy Communion Service

Sunday, 1st September, 10.30am: Family Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 3rd September, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub

Tuesday, 3rd September, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, 4th September, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service with MU Corporate Worship.