



### **The Link**

Sunday, 1st September, 2024  
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

### **HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):**

- 800** The Lord's my Shepherd  
**602** Blest are the pure in heart  
**427** Behold the Lamb  
**721** Love divine, all loves excelling

### **COLLECT:**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Today's reading is from **the letters of James.**

#### James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

## **GOSPEL READING:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark**.

**All: Glory to you, O lord.**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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: The Nook, Crosshill Court, Oakwood Grove, Old Station Lane and Orchard Avenue.

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

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Rennie Margaret Bates and Moses Edward Bowker (Priest).

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

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## **Notices and Announcements**



**Holy Trinity Coffee Morning** ☕: Please invite friends, neighbours and family to join us. 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.

***A huge thank you to everyone who attended, donated and enjoyed the Parish Barbecue, raising £500. (updated figure)***

**Parish Finance:** Have you noticed something missing? - For several years we have been able to accept donations by text. Indeed, before we developed our website this was the only way to donate without using cash or a cheque if you did not make a regular bank payment. Now, due to rising fees and decreased usage, we have decided to cancel this facility as there are alternatives readily available.

We constantly need to increase our income to meet rising costs, so if you would like to contribute please look at the 'Giving' tab on our website to discover the different ways to donate. Thank you.

## **✚ Our Upcoming Services and Events ✚**

**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.

**Thursday, 5th September, 9.45am:** Community Coffee Morning

**Friday, 6th September, 7pm:** First Friday Service

**Sunday, 8th September, 9.15am:** Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity.

**Sunday, 8th September, 10.30am:** Morning Prayer at St Mark's

**Sunday, 8th September, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service in Holy Trinity and on Zoom.