





The Link

Sunday, 24th November, 2024 Christ the King Sunday "Church Giving Day"

St Mark's,10.30am - Morning Prayer Service
Holy Trinity, 9.15am- All Age Family Service
Holy Trinity 10.30am - Morning Praise Service and Autumn Report - Church
Giving Day

HYMNS (NEW HYMNS AND WORSHIP):

- **332** This is the day
- 219 Majesty, worship his Majesty
- 82 From heaven you came
- **338** To God be the glory

COLLECT:

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, one glory. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's first reading is from the book of **Revelation**.

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

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 in Acorn Meadow, Addington Road, Alpine View, Ashmeadow Road and Ashmeadow Grove.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Noel, Margaret Calder, Emily, Yvonne, Peter, Helen, Paul, and Stuart.

We pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died: John Easton, David Bates, Margaret Crossley, Doris Russell and Joyce Walker.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Margaret Bean, Jacob Henry 'Harry' Hill, Bertha Houghton, Eric Cross, Colin Lewis Sutton, Ann Marie Coxon, Elizabeth Deacon, Catherine Ellen Handley, Victor (Vic) Thornber, Peter Morkin, Valerie Jean Gardiner and Maureen Bannister.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Where Applicable):

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

<u>Parish Finance:</u> Just like the Chancellor, the PCC have had an 'Autumn Review' of progress in the Parish. As part of the review our Treasurer provided a financial update and, again much like the Chancellor, we have a few challenges! Back at

the time of the AGM we predicted a shortfall of around £25000 by the end of the year, and the good news is that, thanks to your continuing generosity, the gap has reduced to about £15000. The question remains as to whether we can fully close the gap by 31st December - as a charity we are almost entirely dependent on your donations and fundraising contributions. The Treasurer will take a few minutes of your time at this Sunday's services to outline the issues involved.

<u>Our Advent shop is now open.</u> You can place orders for wreaths and buy calendars and golden angels in church. You can also order wreaths and flowers from the website. Last order date for ordering wreaths and flowers is 1st December for collection from church on the afternoon of 7th December.

https://bolton-le-sands.org.uk/webshop/

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Monday, 25th November, 12.45pm: Funeral Service for the late Margaret Crossley

Tuesday, 26th November, 6pm: Bolton-le-Sands Beavers Visit

Tuesday, 26th November, 6.30pm: Advent Fair Meeting

Tuesday, 26th November, 7.30pm: Christmas Choir Practice, Holy Trinity

Tuesday, 26th November, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Meeting Room

Wednesday, 27th November, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service

Wednesday, 27th November, 11:30am: Final Planning Meeting Advent 2024

Friday, 29th November, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC

Friday, 29th November, 2pm: Advent Fair Set Up

Saturday, 30th November, 9am: Advent Fair Set Up

Saturday, 30th November, 2pm: Advent Fair Saturday

Sunday, 1st December, 9am: St Mark's Holy Communion Service- First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 1st December, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom- First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 1st December, 12pm: Advent Fair Sunday