



THE PARISH OF

# HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



## The Link

Sunday, 15th December, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Morning Praise Service

## **HYMNS (NEW HYMNS AND WORSHIP):**

**SCREEN** - Light of the World you stepped down into darkness

**185** - Joy to the World

**221** - Make way, make way, for Christ the King

**328** - The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

## **COLLECT:**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

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

### Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

## **GOSPEL READING:**

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

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

### Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than

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the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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 Bye Pass Road, Cavendish Court, Croftlands and Cherry Tree Close.

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

We pray for the family and friends of Joyce Walker who has recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Nigel Duncan Robinson, Esther Monkhouse, Jim Smith and Charles Allen Walker.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER (where needed):**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle us in the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

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## **Notices and Announcements**

**Advent 2024:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Advent Fair last weekend. So far we have raised around **£2,000**. The fundraising continues through Advent. The Silent Auction is running until 16th December. We still have crafts and gifts on sale at each service.

   **Our Advent and Christmas Services and Events**   

**Sunday, 15th December, 6.30pm:** Youth Club Christmas Party, Slyne Church Hall.

**Monday, 16th December:** Silent Auction Finishes.

**Monday, 16th December, 2pm & 6pm:** BLS School Carol Service (KS2)

**Tuesday, 17th December, 7.30pm:** Christmas Choir Practice, Holy Trinity Church

**Wednesday, 18th December:** Silent Auction Results Published. All day

**Wednesday, 18th December, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity Church Bolton le Sands

**Wednesday, 18th December, 12pm:** Warm Event Soup Lunch, Holy Trinity Church.

**Friday, 20th December, 9.15:** BLS School Carols in Church

**Friday, 20th December, 9.30am:** Shining Stars, Christ Church.

**Friday, 20th December, 8pm:** Carols in the Limeburners, Limeburners Arms

**Saturday, 21st December:** **No Messy Church this month**

**Sunday, 22nd December:** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, 22nd December, 9.15am:** The 9.15 All-Age Service, Holy Trinity Church.

**Sunday, 22nd December, 10.30am:** Morning Prayer Service St Mark's, St Mark's Nether Kellet.

**Sunday, 22nd December, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom. Holy Trinity Parish Church.

**Sunday, 22nd December, 6.30pm:** Carols by Candlelight, Holy Trinity Church

**Tuesday, 24th December:** **Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday, 24th December, 4pm:** Crib Service, Holy Trinity Church.

**Tuesday, 24th December, 11.15pm:** Midnight Communion Service, Holy Trinity Church

**Wednesday, 25th December:** **Christmas Day**

**Wednesday, 25th December, 10am:** Christmas Day Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church.