





The Link

Sunday, 29th December, 2024 First Sunday After Christmas

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

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HYMNS (BETHLEHEM CAROL SHEET):

- 10 Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- 23 What child is this?
- **16** God rest ye merry, gentlemen
- 1 O Little Town of Bethlehem

COLLECT:

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us to your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ, **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from St Paul's Letters to the Colossians.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all

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who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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 Church Court, Church Hill, Clarksfield Road and Claylands Drive.

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

We pray for the family and friends of Margaret Calder who has recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Edward Cowperthwaite, Thomas George Broughton, Elsie Pearce, Charles Seth Lloyd, Thomas James Jeremy, Collin Wright and Ron Exley.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

<u>Advent 2024.</u> Early figures indicate that we will have raised about £4,000. Thank you to everyone who was involved with this tremendous result.

Shining Stars will recommence on Friday 10th January 2025.

<u>The First Tuesday Hub</u> will be meeting at Holy Trinity on Tuesday 7th January at 1.30pm as usual.

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Our New Year 2025 Services and Events

Wednesday, 1st January, 2025, 10am: New Years Day Communion Service, Holy Trinity Church Bolton le Sands.

Friday, 3rd January, 7pm: First Friday Service, Holy Trinity Church. Bolton-le-Sands

Sunday, 5th January, 9am: St Mark's Epiphany Holy Communion Service, St Mark's Nether Kellet

Sunday, 5th January, 10.30am: Epiphany Holy Communion Service in church and on Zoom. Holy Trinity

Sunday, 5th January, 12pm: Christening of Charlie Gillespie

Tuesday, 7th January, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 7th January, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 8th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 10th January, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christ Church.

Saturday, 11th January, 9am: Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 12th January, 9.15am: Second Sunday Service, Holy Trinity Church. 10:30 – 11:30am

Sunday, 12th January, 10.30am: Holy Communion Service with the Christening of Bobby McColl, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 12th January, 10.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mark's Nether Kellet



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