



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 26th January, 2025
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

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HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):

- 765** Praise to the Lord
700 King of Kings, Majesty
427 Behold the Lamb
510 Will you come and follow me?

COLLECT:

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership,

various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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 Greenwood Crescent, Greenwood Drive, Greenwood Court and Hawkshead.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Emily, Paul, Stuart, Steve, Marjorie, Rodney, and Paul.

We pray for the family and friends of Margaret Calder, Diana Banks and Noel Cooper who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Anne Simpson, Thomas William Gardner, Margaret Bateman, John William Owen, Oliver Thomas Mapp, Violet Lloyd, Frank (Tony) Macaulay, Joe Dugdale, Doreen Holbrook, a child of God, finally laid to rest, and Christina Lynch.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that may he be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Mothers Union Lunch at Lancaster and Morecambe College on Tuesday 25th February 12 noon for 12.30pm. Please can payment of £18 in cash with menu choices be given to Kathy Edwards by the end January. Thank you.

MND Musical Fundraising Party: Tickets now available from Holy Trinity for a Musical Fundraising Party with supper at Slyne with Hest church hall on March 15th, 7pm to 11pm. All monies to Motor Neurone Disease.



✝ Our Services and Events ✝

Sunday, 26th January, 12.15pm: Christening of Noah Kayley-Bell

Tuesday, 28th January, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 29th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 29th January, 4pm: Confirmation Preparation Wk 2

Friday, 31st January, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christchurch URC.

Friday, 31st January, 2pm: Candlemas Service at St James's Shireshead

Sunday, 2nd February, 9am: St Mark's Holy Communion Service

Sunday, 2nd February, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

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