



The Link

Sunday, 12th January, 2025 Baptism of Christ

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

We warmly welcome Bobby McCall who is to be baptised in this morning's service, and also welcome his family and friends.

HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):

650 Great is thy faithfulness

805 There is a Redeemer

246 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

800 The Lord's my Shepherd

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **All: Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **The Acts of the Apostles**.

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 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 3:15-17, 21-22

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.'

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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 Eden Grove, Fern Lea and Fir Tree Close.

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

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: Pamela Moore, Maree Aldren, Frederick James Thomas, James Shaw Morris, Mary Alice Hayes, Barry Beakley, Barbara Beakley, Anthony Wilson, Nellie Hutchinson and Steve Taylor.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church:

Should anyone wish to have flowers in church in memory of loved ones, there is a new list at the back of church together with contact details

<u>Tuesday 21st January. 10.30am:</u> St Mary of the Angels RC church, Bolton le Sands invites everyone to celebrate the week of Christian Unity followed by refreshments.



<u>Thursday 23rd Jan. 9:45 to 11.15 am:</u> Holy Trinity coffee morning. Bolton le Sands Community Centre. Volunteers and saleable goods to Helen 07866629041. Invite friends, neighbours and relatives: all are welcome.

Tuesday 14th January, 11.30am: Funeral service for Margaret Calder

Tuesday 14th January, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday 15th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity Church Bolton le Sands.

Friday, 17th January, 9.30am: Shining Stars, Christ Church URC.

Saturday, 18th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Commences

Saturday, 18th January, 10am: Messy Church in Holy Trinity

Sunday, 19th January, 9am: Holy Communion Service St Mark's (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday, 19th January, 10.30am: Sunday Morning Praise Service, Holy Trinity and on Zoom

Sunday, 19th January, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.

Tuesday, 21st January, 10.30 am: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Joint Service (in church and on Zoom), St Mary of The Angels. Bolton-le-Sands

Tuesday, 21st January, 7.15 pm: PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity Church.

Tuesday, 21st January, 7.45 pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Prayer Room.

