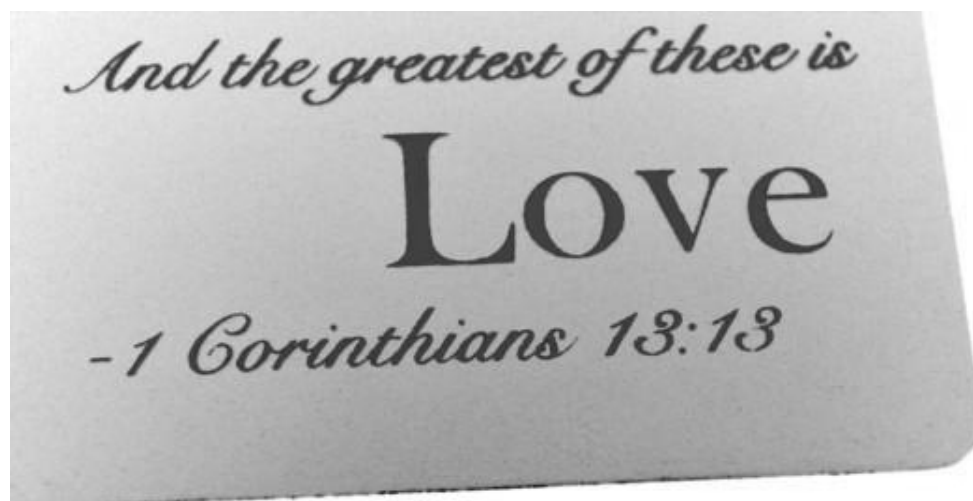




THE PARISH OF

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BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 16th February, 2025
3rd Sunday Before Lent

St Mark's 9am - Holy Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer)
Holy Trinity 10.30am - Morning Praise Service

HYMNS

(ANCIENT & MODERN):

721 Love Divine, all loves excelling

(NEW HYMNS & WORSHIP):

35 Brother, sister, let me serve you

719 Lord the light of your love is shining

354 What a friend we have in Jesus

COLLECT:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

GOSPEL READING:

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

All: Glory to you, O lord.

John 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

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 Main Road Bolton-le-Sands, Main Road Nether Kellet, Meadow Drive, Meadowcroft and Merefell Road.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Emily, Paul, Stuart, Rodney, Paul, Rachel, baby Vinnie, Barbara, Eden, and Angela.

We pray for the family and friends of Patricia Whitehead who has recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Mary Thistlethwaite, Betty Burrows, Bernard Nelson, baby Elizabeth Tennant, Charles Brookes Parker, James (Jim) Partington, Pat Bateson, William Hayton Whiteside, Nora Wallwork, Thomas Park Hill, Arthur Naylor, Peggy Naylor, Edith Lancaster, Gladys Cowperthwaite and Lucy Valerie Norris.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Where Needed):

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

All Health Professionals and students are invited to "A Celebration of Limitation": Saturday 1st March 2025 10:00-12:00 at Holy Trinity, Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands LA5 8DU.

Ultimately, busyness means living at our limits—and those limits can feel restricting. But what if human limits are a feature of our humanity? After coffee and croissant and time of worship we will look together at this topic.



Quiet Day at Hynning Thursday 6th March The list is up at the back of the Church to sign up.

Parish Finance: Several people who are members of the Parish Giving Scheme have asked recently how to make changes to their monthly giving. The easiest way is to phone the helpline on 0333 002 1260.

Monthly giving forms the backbone of our finances and the majority of this comes via the Parish Giving Scheme. We get 100% of your donation, plus an extra 25% from Gift Aid if appropriate. If you would like to join, ring the above number, or go online (www.parishgiving.org.uk), or pick up a leaflet at the back of the church.

Thank you for your support.

✝ Our Services and Events ✝

Sunday, 16th February, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.

Tuesday, 18th February, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 19th February, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 21st February: NO Shining Stars, as Half Term Holidays.

Sunday, 23rd February, 9.15am: The 9.15 All-Age Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 23rd February, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service, St Mark's.

Sunday, 23rd February, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.