



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 18th May, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity 10.30am Sunday, 18th May - Morning Praise Service
with Talk from Adullam Charity

St Mark's 10.30am Tuesday, 20th May- Holy Communion Service

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HYMNS (NEW HYMNS & WORSHIP):

SCREEN - Light of the World you stepped down (Here I am to worship)

133 - How Deep the Father's Love

13 - A new Commandment

SCREEN - The Lord's my Shepherd (or red book (800)

COLLECT:

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **All: Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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 worship at Christ Church, St Mary's and Nether Kellet Congregational Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Rodney, Angela, Andrea, Derek, Ann, Stuart, and Oliver.

We pray for the family and friends of Lesley Guise and Betty Hampshire who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Kenneth Porter, Alice Procter, Barbara Webb, Sister Mary Anthony of Hynning, Walter William Whiteside and Dave Bayfield.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (where needed):

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, and rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

First Friday Service, Friday 6th June: Have you a favourite hymn that has impacted on you either because of the words, the composer or the hymn writer? Would you share your reasons at the next FF and we will sing the hymn/song afterwards. Please tell Jane or Peter John.



Mothers Union Coffee Morning: Thursday 29th May at 9.45 in the Community Centre. Cakes needed please. All welcome.

✚ Our Services and Events ✚

Sunday, 18th May, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.

Tuesday, 20th May, 10.30am: St Mark's Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, 20th May, 7.15pm: PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity Church.

Tuesday, 20th May, 7.30pm: Community Centre AGM.

Tuesday, 20th May, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 21st May, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 22nd May, 12pm: Clergy Chapter Meeting & Eucharist

Friday, 23rd May, 8pm: Mens Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor.

Sunday, 25th May, 9.15am: The 9.15 All-Age Service, Holy Trinity Church.

Sunday, 25th May, 10.30am: Service at St Mark's, Nether Kellet.

Sunday, 25th May, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in Church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

