



The Link

Sunday, 22nd June, 2025

First Sunday After Trinity

Holy Trinity, 9.15- The 9.15 All-Age Service

Holy Trinity 10.30am - Sunday Communion Service

St Marks, 10.30- Morning Prayer

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HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):

800 The Lord's my Shepherd

669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

621 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

546 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

COLLECT:

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in the ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **All: Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is from **the first book of Kings**.

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree.

He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat'. He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by'. Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'. He answered, 'I have been very

zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away'. Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'

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 8.26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large head of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man for whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 on Chestnut Avenue, Church Brow and Church Brow Close.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Angela, Andrea, Stuart, Gayle, Dorothy, Derek, Ann, and Julie.

We pray for the family and friends of Eric Coates, Cameron, and Jeanne Smith who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: John David Omer, Derek Crossley, Marie Wilson, Stanley Wilson, Olive May Cornthwaite, Alex Fryatt, Evan Makinson, Lillian Russell, Marion Booth and Ronald Edwin Vernon.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: May our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

✝ Our Services and Events ✝

Monday, 23rd June, 9.30am: BLS School Worship, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 24th June, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 25th June, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 25th June, 2pm: MU Strawberry Tea, Community Centre. Mizzen Crew, Sea Shanties. BLS School.



Friday, 27th June, 8pm: Men's Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor.

Sunday, 29th June, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 1st July, 10.30am: St Mark's Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, 1st July, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 1st July, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 2nd July, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service with MU Corporate Worship, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 4th July, 7pm: First Friday Service, Holy Trinity.