



The Link
Sunday, 5th October, 2025
Harvest Festival

Holy Trinity, 10.30am: Harvest Festival Service (non-communion)

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HYMNS

A & M 290	We plough the fields and scatter
NHWS 329	Think of a world without any flowers
Screen -	The Golden Rule is Love
Screen -	Cauliflowers Fluffy

THE COLLECT:

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

READING:

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

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.

For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth."

She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.

The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

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 Sunnybank Road, The Shore and Pasture Lane.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Andrea, Derek, Julie, Poppy, John, Elijah, Lauren and Richard.

We pray for the family and friends of Sheila Rigby, Bill Stockdale, and Rita Cardwell who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Harry Johnson, Ian Francis William Howe, Bertha A. Bradshaw, James Peter Bland, Robert Whitehead, Alan Chesworth, Dennis John Budden and Eileen Frances Wilson.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (where needed):

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The First Tuesday Hub will be meeting in church at 1.30pm on Tuesday 6th October. All are welcome 😊

✝ Our Services and Events ✝

Monday, 6th October, 9am: BLS School Harvest celebration.

Tuesday, 7th October, 10.30am: St Mark's Holy Communion Service.

Tuesday, 7th October, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 7th October, 7.30pm: Lectio Divina @ Old Boys School.

Wednesday, 8th October, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 10th October: The Lord's Prayer Tour with Archbishop Stephen Cotterell.

Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Blackburn BB1 5AA.

Saturday, 11th October, 9am: Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 12th October, 9.15am: All Age Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 12th October, 10.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mark's.

Sunday, 12th October, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 12th October, 12.15pm: Christening of Reya Gallagher.

