



THE PARISH OF  
**HOLY TRINITY**  
BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



### **The Link**

Sunday, 16th November, 2025  
Safeguarding Sunday  
Second Sunday Before Advent

Holy Trinity, 10.30am- Sunday Communion Service in Church and on Zoom.

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### **HYMNS ANCIENT & MODERN:**

**SCREEN** - He who would valiant be  
**628** - In Christ Alone  
**725** - Make me a channel of your peace  
**SCREEN** - The Safeguarding Hymn

### **THE COLLECT:**

Lord Jesus, you blessed the children who came to you and welcomed the vulnerable and the outcast, giving hope and healing; help us to be a church where everyone is welcomed and can truly belong. **All: Amen**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Today's reading is from the **First book of John**

1 John 3:16-24

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant[b] does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love 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: Derek, Julie, Elijah, Richard, Avril, Paul, Joyce, Peter, Eden, the Sisters of Hyning, and Pat.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: William Albert Howe, Joan Pyrah, Barbara Leigh, William (Bill) Ginn, Barrie Ewbank Leeming, George Geoffrey Coward, baby William Mace, Ada Hibbert, Ronald Whitehead Thistlethwaite, Jessie E. Johnson, David Alan Tennant and George Henry Alan Beston.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give us substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **All: Amen.**

## **Notices and Announcements**

**Thank You:** Our family would like to thank you all for your love, prayers and support during our 7 year old granddaughter Eden's recent stay in ICU on life support at Manchester Children's Hospital. The power of prayer is wonderful as she is now back at home, awaiting further procedures. Chris and Andy Hampshire.

**Flowers in Church** 🌺: The flowers at the altar are in loving remembrance of Barbara Leigh.

**Can you work a computer?** We are desperately short of volunteers to help for 1 hour on Sunday every 6 weeks to run Zoom for those who are unable to get to church. Flexible working, good rates of pay (in heaven). Ring Andy 07866260728

**Cake Stands for Advent Afternoon Teas:** Does anyone have cake stands that we could borrow for the Advent afternoon teas please? If so could they be brought to church (labelled please) on either 16th or 23rd Nov. Many thanks.

## **✝ Our Services and Events ✝**

**Sunday, 16th November, 12.15pm:** Christening of Eric and Ada Ashford.

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

**Tuesday, 18th November, 10.30am:** St Mark's Holy Communion Service.

**Tuesday, 18th November, 7.15pm:** PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity.

**Wednesday, 19th November, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity

**Wednesday, 19th November, 2pm:** MU meeting. Holy Trinity.

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

**Sunday, 23rd November, 10.30am:** Morning Prayer at St Mark's

**Sunday, 23rd November, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.