



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 11th January, 2026

Baptism of Christ

Holy Trinity, 9.15am: The 9:15 All-Age Service

St Mark's, 10.30am: Morning prayer Service

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

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU OR GIVE IT TO A NEIGHBOUR

HYMNS (NEW HYMNS & WORSHIP):

- 9** A man there lived in Galilee
28 Blessed Assurance
226 Meekness and Majesty
91 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

THE COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **All: Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

GOSPEL READING:

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

All: Glory to you, O lord.

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you

come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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 Eden Grove, Fern Lea and Fir Tree Close.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Julie, Peter, Helen, Elijah, and Peter.

We pray for the family and friends of Margaret Townley and George Mason who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Pamela Moore, Maree Aldren, Frederick James Thomas, James Shaw Morris, Mary Alice Hayes, Barry Beakley, Barbara Beakley and Anthony Wilson.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church 🌸: The flowers at the Book of Remembrance and at the altar are In Loving Memory of Noel Richard Cooper.

Congratulations and Blessings

To the new Mr & Mrs Poole-Kneale on their wedding. We wish you every happiness in your married life together.



Christian Unity Week: We have found it difficult to arrange something for the third week of January because it is rather soon after Christmas. We would prefer this year to hold an outdoor celebration on Trinity Sunday, inviting Christians from other churches to the event and focusing on Christian unity. A prayer card will be available in all churches from Sunday 18th January for individual prayer.



Parish Finance: this is the time of year when many of us review our Giving for the next twelve months. Most of our donors use the Parish Giving Scheme and changes can be made online at www.parishgiving.org.uk or by phone, 0333 002 1260. If you would like to join the scheme there are information brochures in the dispenser on the noticeboard near the kitchen.

Happy New Year. Our Social Calendar begins! **BLS Community Centre Coffee Morning, Thursday 22nd January 9.45 to 11.15am** Helpers needed to bake cakes, serve coffee, man the stalls. Contact Helen 07866629041 Please invite friends, neighbours and family.

✝ Our Services and Events ✝

Tuesday, 13th January 2026, 7.45pm: Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 14th January, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Saturday, 17th January, 10am: Messy Church in Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 18th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.

Sunday, 18th January, 10.30am: Sunday Morning Praise Service Holy Trinity and on Zoom

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

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

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

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