



### **The Link**

Sunday, 8th February, 2026  
2nd Sunday Before Lent

Holy Trinity, 9.15am- The 9.15 All-Age Service

St Marks, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service

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

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### **HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):**

**545** Morning Has Broken

**775** Seek Ye First

**669** I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

**690** Jesus Is Lord

### **THE COLLECT:**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Today's reading is from **St Paul's Letters to the Romans**.

#### **Romans 8:18-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 6:25-34**

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and

the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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 Keats Avenue, Kellet Lane, Laithbutts Lane, Lindeth Close, Lowlands Road and Madison Avenue.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Julie, Peter, Helen, Elijah, Peter, Beryl, Rodney, Andrea, Alasdair, Avril, and Gemma .

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Kathleen Makinson, Edward Marcham, Malcolm Smalley, Wilfred and Muriel Cousins, Ethel Hulme, Cecil Ernest Foxcroft and Eleanor Sanderson.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All: Amen.**

## Notices and Announcements

**Flowers in Church** 🌸: The flowers at the altar are in Loving Remembrance of Dorothy Quinn

**Mother's Union lunch at Morecambe College** on Tuesday 24th February, please can all money and menu choices be given to Kathy Edwards or any committee member by Sunday 8th February. Any men from the Mens Breakfast wishing to go please give their money and menu choice on the 8th February too.

We are planning to repeat the popular **Lenten Lunches** for the 6 weeks of Lent starting Ash Wednesday 18th Feb. Any volunteers to make or serve the soup please sign the list at the back of church or contact Helen Williams 07866629041. Any profits will be shared between The Olive Branch and Holy Trinity.



## ✝ Our Services and Events ✝

**Tuesday, 10th February, 7.45:** Prayer Meeting, held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

**Wednesday, 11th February, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

**Wednesday, 11th February, 4pm:** Confirmation Preparation Week 4

**Saturday, 14th February, 9am:** Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

**Sunday, 15th February, 10.30am:** Sunday Morning Praise with the Baptism of Luca Wilkinson, Holy Trinity.

**Sunday, 15th February, 12.15pm:** Christening of Luca and Lyla Hodkinson.

**Sunday, 15th February, 6.30pm:** Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.

