



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



## **The Link**

Sunday, 12th April, 2026  
Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity, 9.15am: The 9.15 All-Age Service  
St Mark's, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service  
Holy Trinity, 10.30am: Morning Praise Service

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

- 219** This Joyful Eastertide  
**193** All Heaven Declares  
**208** Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky  
**453** Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

## **THE COLLECT:**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **All: Amen**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Today's reading is from the **first letter of Peter**.

### 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to

them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name

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 Swallow Close, Tarn Cottage, Tarnbrook Close and Tennyson Close.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Rodney, Andrea, Alasdair, Ian, Julie, Helen, Peter, and Tony.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Mary Elisabeth Corlett, Bill Wilkinson, John Gee, Roger Martin, Marjorie Dugdale, John Edward Dawson, Leonard Pearce Entwistle, Iris Cowperthwaite, James Russell, Ethel Whiteside and Mary Davies.

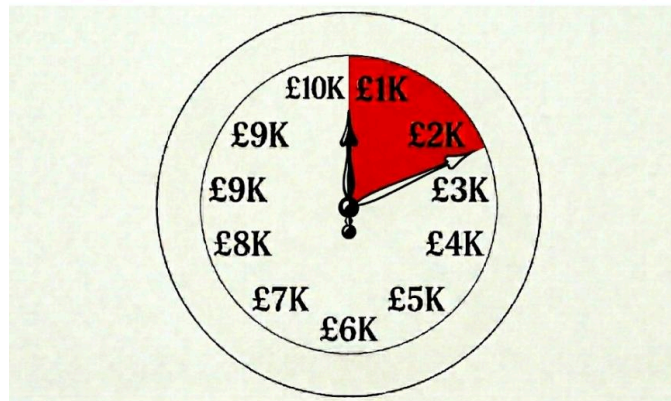
### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER (where needed):**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us to the new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

## Notices and Announcements

**CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL:** Calling all church attenders! If your name is not already recorded on our Electoral Roll then please see Rob Daunt or one of the church wardens to obtain a form, prior to the forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26 April 2026.

**Parish Finance:** The Tower Repair Fund is up and running:-



**£2560 donated as at 4 April**

**GARDENERS NEEDED!** Our lovely church gardens are in urgent need of more help as the growing season comes around, once again. If you can offer help, however great or small, then please get in touch. Contact Rob Daunt at : [robdaunt@parishbls.co.uk](mailto:robdaunt@parishbls.co.uk)

### **✝ Our Services and Events ✝**

**Monday, 13th April, 9.15am:** BLS School Service for new headteacher.

**Tuesday, 14th April, 7.45pm:** Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

**Wednesday, 15th April, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

**Saturday, 18th April, 10am:** Messy Church, Holy Trinity.

**Sunday, 19th April, 10.30am:** Sunday Holy Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.