



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 19th July, 2026

Seventh Sunday After Trinity

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

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

HYMNS (NEW HYMNS AND WORSHIP SONGS):

- 95** God is Love: His the Care
59 Do Not Be Afraid
220 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
99 God is Working His Purpose Out

THE COLLECT:

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 Grange View, Grange View Road, Greenwood Avenue, and Garsdale Court.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: **Alasdair, Ian, Peter, Elwyn, Chris, and Barbara.**

We pray for the family and friends of **Lucie Marrinan, and Philip Vernon** who have recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Simon Mark Edwards, Deidre Dunn, Keith Simpson, William Sanderson, Doris Collison.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers: 'The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in Loving Birthday Remembrance of Jeffrey Timms. The flowers at the altar are in Loving Remembrance of Bridget Lane'

19th July - Youth Cafe- brought forward to start at 5.30pm instead of 6.30pm.

The Mothers' Union Diocesan celebration is taking place at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday 8th August 10:30 - 4. All are welcome to join in. There will be lots of displays and great activities for children. Bishop Philip is leading a Eucharist at 2:00pm. Our Deanery are providing a cake stall and you are welcome to bake for us. Cakes are being dropped off between 10 and 2 on Friday 7th August at the back of church(no fresh cream or custard please).

✚ Our Services and Events ✚

Tuesday, 21st July, 7pm: Deanery Youth Prayer - on Zoom

Tuesday, 21st July, 7.15pm: PCC Meeting, Holy Trinity Church.

Tuesday, 21st July, 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 22nd July, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 23rd July, 10am-1.30pm: Diocesan Safeguarding Training

Friday, 24th, 8pm: Men's Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor.

Sunday, 26th July, 9.15am: The 9.15 All-Age Service, Holy Trinity Church.

Sunday, 26th July, 10.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mark's

Sunday, 26th July, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

