



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 2nd August, 2026
Ninth Sunday After Trinity

Holy Trinity, 10.30am: Sunday Family 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):

- 332** This is The Day
10 Amazing Grace
323 There is A Redeemer
35 Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

THE COLLECT:

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is **from the book of Genesis.**

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When

he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 Halton Road, Hawthorn Road, Hill Lane, Hillcrest Avenue and Hornby Bank.

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

We pray for the family and friends of Philip Vernon who has recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Jack L. M. Helme, Derek Uttley, Moyra Warbrick, Ronald Michael Albert Duckett, Joseph Richard Huntington, John Derek Varley, Elizabeth Ann Stokes, Kenneth Townson and Clive Partridge.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The First Tuesday Hub will be meeting at 1.30pm on Tuesday 4th August as usual. We will be celebrating the work of AgeUK since its original foundation 80 years

ago, and helping to plan the programme for the coming year. A warm welcome for everyone - and it's free. Do come and join us.

**Mother's Union lunch Morecambe Golf Club 21st August
12.30 for 1pm.**

Please can menu choices and money be given to me by
Sunday 9th August, or to your committee member. Thank you,
Kathy Edwards.



Parish Coffee Morning 6th August. Cakes and helpers
needed.

† Our Services and Events †

Tuesday, 4th August, 11.30am: Funeral Service and Celebration of the life of Philip Vernon.

Tuesday, 4th August, 1.30pm: First Tuesday Hub, Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 4th August, 7pm: Deanery Youth Prayer Meeting, on Zoom.

Tuesday, 4th August, 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 5th August, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service with MU Corporate Worship, Holy Trinity.

Thursday, 6th August, 9.45am: Holy Trinity Coffee Morning.

Friday, 7th August, 10am: MU Cake Collection.

Saturday, 8th August, 9am: Men's Breakfast, Holy Trinity.

Saturday, 8th August, 2pm: MU 150th Celebration at Blackburn Cathedral

Sunday, 9th August, 9.15am: The 9.15 All Age Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 9th August, 10.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mark's

Sunday, 9th August, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 9th August, 12.15pm: Christening of Paloma Hodder