



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



The Link

Sunday, 9th August, 2026

Tenth Sunday After Trinity

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

St Marks, 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 (ANCIENT & MODERN):

690 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

358 Be still for the Presence of the Lord

621 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

700 King of Kings, Majesty

THE COLLECT:

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Today's reading is **from the first book of Kings**.

1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

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 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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: Alasdair, Ian, Peter, 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: Charles Marsh, Betty Riley, Gwyneth Gummersall, Carlos Noice, Kyra Elizabeth Jackson, Paul Nicholas Cooper and John Martin.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of

your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Children's Society Boxes: It's that time of the year again, so if you're a box holder please contact me on 01524 824110 to arrange its emptying (or to give your annual donation). My sincere thanks as always, Margaret.

Flowers in Church 🌸: If anyone wishes to have flowers in church in memory of loved ones, the most recent list is at the back of church.

PARISHES IN BLOOM: Blackburn cathedral is celebrating its centenary by holding a flower festival from 21st-24th August. Churches have been invited to contribute a display depicting their parish, so we are representing Holy Trinity and St Marks. In all 38 parishes will be on display so worth a visit!

Parish Finance: The Treasurer recently presented the half-year figures to the PCC, and Parish finances are, as ever, delicately balanced. He estimates a shortfall upwards of £5000 by the year end if current trends continue. Whilst this is clearly a large figure it does only represent about 4% of total expenditure. Could you consider increasing your giving by a similar amount to ease the pressure?

✝ Our Services and Events ✝

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

Tuesday, 11th August, 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting, Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 12th August, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Saturday, 15th August: NO MESSY CHURCH in August

Saturday, 15th August, 2pm: Horticultural Society Summer Show

Sunday, 16th August, 10.30am: Sunday Morning Praise Service with Baptism, Holy Trinity and on Zoom.

Sunday, 16th August, 6.30pm: Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.