



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 16th August, 2026

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

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



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HYMNS (NEW HYMNS & WORSHIP SONGS)

- 87** Give me joy in my heart
5 All heaven declares
51 Come, now is the time to worship
113 Great is thy faithfulness

THE COLLECT:

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **All: Amen**

PSALM READING:

Today's reading is **Psalms 67**.

Psalms 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear 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 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 Main Road B-le-S, Main Road Nether Kellet, Meadow Drive, Meadowcroft and Merefell Road.

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

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Gwyneth Gummersall, Carlos Noice, Kyra Elizabeth Jackson, Paul Nicholas Cooper, John Martin, Helen Budden, Marjorie Johnson, Jacqueline Victoria (Jacqui) Spence.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (where needed):

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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.

Thursday 20th August, Coffee Morning in aid of "Stagestruck" an all inclusive amateur dramatics group based in BLS. Tickets from Pat Davey £1.

Swing Commanders Concert 26th September: Community centre. Tickets £20. Tickets are selling well. Don't miss out. See Andy W.

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?

The Blackburn Diocese Mission Weekend is from 11-13th Sept

We will be having a **24hr prayer relay from Friday 11-12th 12 pm -12pm**. On **Saturday 12th** Sept we are hosting a free Barn dance in the community centre, bring your own drinks and snacks contact Helen Wadeson on helenwadeson@parishbls.co.uk for more details. **Sunday 13th** there will be a special Mission service at 10:30am. Then at 7:30pm we will be launching our new Cafe church

✚ Our Services and Events ✚

Sunday, 16th August, 6.30pm: **NO Youth Cafe this month.**

Tuesday, 18th August, 7pm: Deanery Youth Prayer - on Zoom

Tuesday, 18th August, 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 19th August, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 21st August, 12.30pm for 1pm Start: MU Summer lunch at Morecambe Golf Club.

Sunday, 23rd August, 9.15am: The 9.15 All-Age Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 23rd August, 10.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mark's.

Sunday, 23rd August, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in Church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 23rd August, 12.15pm: Christening of Gracie Horner and Katie Meah.