



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



The Link

Sunday, 23rd August, 2026
Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

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

St Mark's, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service

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



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NEIGHBOUR**



HYMNS (NEW HYMNS AND WORSHIP SONGS):

319 The King Is Among Us

17 As The Deer

354 What A Friend We Have in Jesus

217 Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

THE COLLECT:

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the

Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 Laverick Road, Long Dales Lane, Mill Lane, Monkswell Avenue, Monkswell Drive and Mount Pleasant Lane.

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

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: George Robert Alexander, Phoebe Marian Daniells, Robert Irving (Bobby) Cooper, Lloyd Tose, Jean Tose, Kenneth M. Rigby, Joseph Charles Fryer and Harry Smith.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of 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.

Swing Commanders Concert 26th September: Community centre. Tickets £20. Tickets are selling well. Don't miss out. See Andy W. 07866260728

Flowers in Church: The flowers at the altar are in Loving Remembrance of George Robert Alexander. The flowers at the Book of Remembrance are in memory of my Mum, Phoebe Marian Daniells.

Parishes in Bloom: Grateful thanks for very generous donations to enable our Parishes in Bloom display at Blackburn Cathedral.

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

CHURCH 'BIG CLEAN': Your help is much needed for our Big Clean on **Friday 25th September from 6pm (high level dusting) and Saturday 26th September from 9am (polishing, dusting and floor cleaning)**. Please let me know if you are able to help! Remember that 'cleanliness is next to Godliness'! Rob Daunt
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✝ Our Services and Events ✝

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

Tuesday, 25th August, 10.30am: St Mark's Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, 25th August, 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 26th August, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

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Friday, 28th August, 8pm: Men's Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor.

Sunday, 30th August, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.