



THE PARISH OF

HOLY TRINITY

BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



The Link

Sunday, 27th September, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday, 27th September, 9.15am: The 9.15 All-Age Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 27th September, 10.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mark's

Sunday, 27th September, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

**.PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU AND GIVE IT TO A
NEIGHBOUR**



HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN):

671 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

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THE COLLECT:

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

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

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and

trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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: St Michael's Crescent, St Michael's Place, St Nicholas Lane and St Nicholas Crescent.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Alasdair, Ian, Peter, Andrea, Hazel, Sally, and Margaret.

We pray for the family and friends of Marion Jolly, who has recently died.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Jack Helme, Ron Baker, Arthur Bell, Elizabeth (Lyla) Whitaker, Paul Tolcher, James Davies, Eunice Hutchinson, Jeanna Whyte, Clifford Mills Hulme, baby Kathryn Mary Briggs, Harry Metcalfe, Marion Martin and Anne Dales Spence.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church 🌸: The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Ron Baker.

First Friday 2nd October: The Theme is: A year in God's nature: Time: 7pm. There is a WARM welcome for people to come, enjoy and celebrate this important event! There will be hot drinks and a time of fellowship afterwards.

4th October Harvest Festival Parish Meal (12.30): Please add your name to the list at the back of church to attend the meal. Any helpers appreciated.

26th October Quiet Day at Hyning: The sign-up sheet is now up at the back of church, for anyone wishing to attend the retreat.

GARDENS: AUTUMN TIDY UP!: Please come along on Saturday morning 10 October from 9.30am to help tidy the church gardens. 'Bring your garden tools both big and small, you'll be very welcome, one and all'

✝ Our Services and Events ✝

Sunday, 27th September, 12.15pm: Christening of George Richardson.

Tuesday, 29th September, 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting.

Wednesday, 30th September, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Friday, 2nd October, 7pm: First Friday Service, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 4th October, 10.30am: Harvest Festival Service (non-communion) in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.

Sunday, 4th October, 12:30pm: Harvest Festival Lunch.