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BOLTON LE SANDS & ST MARK'S NETHER KELLET



## **The Link**

Sunday, 18th October, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

*Holy Trinity, 10.30am- Sunday Morning Praise Service and Christening of Erin & Maeve Sharkey-Bond*



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**We warmly welcome the family and friends of Erin & Maeve Sharkey-Bond, who are to be Christened in today's morning praise service.**



**HYMNS (New Hymns and Worship Songs):**

**194** Let there be Love

**67** Father I place into Your hands

**82** From Heaven You came

**SCREEN:** Joy (what the world calls foolish)

**THE COLLECT:**

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

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

**Exodus 4:1-5**

Then Moses answered, 'But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, "The Lord did not appear to you."' The Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' He said, 'A staff.' And he said, 'Throw it on the ground.' So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail'—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— 'so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.'

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 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are

sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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: The Green, The Rise, Thwaite Brow Lane and Town End.

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

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Rene Morris, Doris Wood, Margaret Madeline Uttley, Anthony Bettison, Amy Huntington Jeremy, Clive Helliwell and Doris Russell.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (where needed):**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

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## **Notices and Announcements**

**Golden Wedding thank-you:** John and Lesley Bailey would like to thank everyone who joined them for the celebrations of their Golden Wedding last weekend. It was truly memorable.

**22nd October Quiet Day at Hyning:** Sunday (18th October) is the last chance to sign up for the Quiet day at Hyning on 22nd. Please sign up at the back of church.

**31st October: Parish Heritage and Eco Church Day.** We are looking for items which make up our history. What can you do to help protect the fragile world that God has given us? Will you help with our parish archive? Contact : Andy Williams.

[andywilliams@parishbls.co.uk](mailto:andywilliams@parishbls.co.uk)



**31st October: 7pm. Holy Trinity** Screening of “**Peoples Emergency Briefing**”. Considered by many to be a major call to action to combat global warming. This affects all of us and our children and grandchildren



**Recent Events:** Social Team is pleased to announce the financial profit results as follows: Swing Commanders: £760. Harvest Lunch: £535. The total for the donations to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal: £556.04. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

**Ignite Project:** Brilliant news! The diocese has announced that Tunstall Deanery will receive funding for two Youth Workers. One of which will be based in our parish. More news as it comes through.

**"Coffee or no coffee!"** Having relied on our 80+ year old faithfuls to serve coffee to everyone we need more volunteers to allow them to have a well earned rest. Please contact Helen Williams with your availability. Tel:07866629041

### **✚ Our Services and Events ✚**

**Sunday, 18th October, 6.30pm:** Youth Cafe, Slyne with Hest Church Hall.

**Tuesday, 20th October, 7.30pm:** Prayer Meeting. Held in the Vicarage Prayer Room.

**Wednesday, 21st October, 10am:** Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

**Wednesday, 21st October, 11am:** Heritage Day Meeting - All welcome.

**Wednesday, 21st October, 2pm:** MU meeting at Holy Trinity. Opening Service & Wave of Prayer

**Thursday, 22nd October:** Parish Quiet Day at Hying Monastery.

**Friday, 23rd October, 8pm:** Men's Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor.

**Saturday, 24th October, 2pm:** Horticultural Society Autumn Show, Community Centre.

**Sunday, 25th October, 9.15am:** The 9.15 All-Age Service, Holy Trinity Church.

**Sunday, 25th October, 10.30am:** Morning Prayer at St Mark's

**Sunday, 25th October, 10.30am:** Sunday Communion Service in church and on Zoom, Holy Trinity.