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HOLY TRINITY
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The Link

Sunday, 22nd November, 2026

Christ the King Sunday

Holy Trinity, 9.15am: The 9.15 All-Age Service
Holy Trinity, 10.30am: Sunday Communion Service
St Marks, 10.30am: Morning Prayer Service

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HYMNS (ANCIENT & MODERN)

797 The Lord is King
700 King of Kings, Majesty
453 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour
612 Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

THE COLLECT:

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **All: Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

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 Acorn Meadow, Addington Road, Alpine View, Ashmeadow Road and Ashmeadow Grove.

We pray for those who are sick or in need: Alasdair, Ian, Peter, John, Linda, and Charlie.

From our Book of Remembrance, we remember in prayer: Jessie Johnson, David Tennant, George Beston, John Carter, Margaret Bean, ‘Harry’ Hill, Bertha Houghton, Eric Cross, Colin Sutton, Ann Coxon, Elizabeth Deacon, Catherine Handley, Victor Thornber and Peter Morkin.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

Flowers in Church💐: The flowers at the altar are in Loving Memory of James Davidson Watson Hunter.

Holy Trinity Silver Eco Church Award. Brilliant news for us to receive this award. Well done to the team for getting us here. We now need the support of the whole community to "go for gold".

Parish Finance: Parish Giving Scheme, interesting facts, No. 3: How things change: In 2021, the year before we adopted the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), Regular Giving in our Parish consisted of 13 numbered weekly envelopes raising £4131 during the year, plus 60 standing orders raising £36136. In 2026 we have 5 envelopes (£3600), 16 standing orders (£10800) and 43 PGS payments (£39000). (All figures exclude Gift Aid).



Advent 2026: We will not be having an Advent Fair this year but there are lots of events throughout Advent to get involved in to prepare for Christmas. See the programme on the television at the back of church.

Christmas Wreaths and Plants: Order forms available at the back of church or on the website.

Carnforth Community Choir Concert: Saturday 5th December, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Tickets available at church, or through our website https://bolton-le-sands.org.uk/product-category/tickets/

✝️ Our Services and Events ✝️

Tuesday, 24th November, 7.30pm: Deanery Synod @ Holy Trinity.

Tuesday, 24th November, 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting, Vicarage Prayer Room.

Wednesday, 25th November, 10am: Wednesday Communion Service, Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 25th November, 7.45pm: Church Christmas Choir 2026 Rehearsal.

Friday, 27th November, 8pm: Men's Intensive Care Meeting, The Blue Anchor

Sunday, 29th November, 10.30am: First Sunday of Advent Sunday Morning Praise Service in church and on Zoom.

Sunday, 29th November, 11.30am: Bacon Butties after Service