





11th Sunday after Trinity 31st August 2025

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer at Holy Trinity9.45 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity and online

Coffee (II am), Eucharist (II.30) at Christ the King

7 pm Evening Prayer by phone: dial 0333 016 0300

Enter Room number: 34424525# ... then Enter PIN: ask for PIN#

Thank you for adding your voice to our worship today!

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.



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This week we are asked to pray for Dianne Rowland, Pat, Philip Purdon, Mike Bungay, Joan Amis, Tracey, Anji, Sue Thomas, Matthew, Jane King, Danny Fraylick, Leanne, Sandy, Brendan, Fran Carroll, Rebecca & Sam & Evelyn.

We remember those who have died including George Hedger, Gerald Thomas; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Aris Mariner (Ist), Victor Graham (2nd), Joan Hale (3rd), Peter Cheesmer (5th).

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!



Holy Trinity church costs £22.60 per day to maintain. If you would like to contribute to our running costs, you can donate via this QR code.

Hymns for 31st August 2025 (Holy Trinity):

Gathering hymn: Praise my soul the king of heaven (AMNS-192)

Gradual: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour (AMNS-263)

Offertory: Alleluia, sing to Jesus (AMNS-262)

Sending out: Ye servants of God (AMNS-149)

Collect for Sunday 31st August:

O God, you declare your almighty power

most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 161 do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

(Ephesians 1: 15 - end)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 47:

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

²For the LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.

³He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

⁴He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

⁵God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

⁸God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

(Psalm 47)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

(Luke 24: 44 - end)

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

THIS WEEK

Sunday 31st August

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT Eucharist 9.45 am HT Eucharist 11.30 am CtK Evening Prayer 7 pm (phone: see overleaf)

Tue & Thu only: Morning Prayer 8.15 am in church (Holy Trinity) and via Zoom (meeting ID 853 6081 3492 ask for passcode).

Tuesday 2nd September

Christ the King singers 7.15 pm CtK

Wednesday 3rd SeptemberCoffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

Thursday 4th September Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Sunday 7th September

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT Eucharist 9.45 am HT Service of the Word 11.30 am CtK followed by Fellowship Lunch. Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

NOTICES

Privacy notice: Our 9.45 Eucharist is live-streamed to YouTube to reach out to those who cannot attend in person. If you sit behind the first two pews, you will not be on camera. (We never show congregants receiving Communion.)

Today we welcome the Revd Clare Baynes to lead our Eucharist at Holy Trinity, and the Revd Elizabeth Bunker at Christ the King.

Indian Coffee Morning Saturday 6th September 10 am – 1 pm at Holy Trinity in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Vina and her friends will be offering a takeaway of Blackeye beans, 2 samosas and rice for £10 per person.

This must be pre-ordered by the **3rd September** please, contact Vina on 07972 585498. Other home cooked food also available for sale on the day.

Bike 'n' Hike: This year's sponsored Bike 'n' Hike organised by the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will be held on **Saturday 13**th **September** 9 am to 5 pm. For more information, a sponsor form or if you are willing to be a welcomer at Holy Trinity or Christ the King please speak to Glynis Ireton.

Sunday prayer requests: We only use surnames if you request that for yourself. We put people on the list for 3 weeks or 3 months, as requested, then the names will be removed. If you'd like prayer for longer, simply ask again!

Community Donations: Every week we collect for the Vineyard Church's FoodShed and Grace Community Church's Children's Clothes Bank – please see the poster on the noticeboard for the current list of items requested.

Eucharistic elements: Our wafers meet the requirements both of Coeliac UK and the Church of England. We offer the common cup at both churches. There is no obligation to drink (to receive in one kind only is to receive the full Sacrament), but please do not dip anything into the chalice.

Sunday Evening Prayer: Just pick up the phone at 7 pm and dial in. After a brief chat, we press *I ("mute") so we can concentrate on the voices of the 2-3 people leading that day. Once or twice a month we use BCP (traditional language), Our half-hour service ends with everyone saying The Grace together.