





# Last Sunday after Trinity 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer at Holy Trinity9.45 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity and onlineCoffee (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!

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.



This week we are asked to pray for Lee J, Pat Greenwood, Michael Bungay, Emer, Pat, Joan Amis, Sue Thomas, Matthew, Jane King, Danny & Kathy Fraylick, Leanne, Sandy, Brendan, Fran Carroll, Rebecca & Sam & Evelyn.

We remember those who have died including Anthony Matthews; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Philip Day (26<sup>th</sup>), Alfred Hale (31<sup>st</sup>).



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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (Holy Trinity):

Gathering hymn: Angel voices, ever singing (AMNS 163)

Gradual: Light's abode, celestial Salem (AMNS 185)

Offertory: We hail thy presence glorious (AMNS 266)

Sending out: Give me joy in my heart (AMNS 459)

## Collect for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October:

Blessed Lord. who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. 40There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body

must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

<sup>55</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

(1 Corinthians 15: 3-7, 12, 35-38, 40, 50-55)

## This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

<sup>5</sup>For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.

<sup>6</sup>Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>7</sup>While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, LORD, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."

<sup>8</sup>Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>9</sup>I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

<sup>10</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.

<sup>12</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

(Psalm 30)

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

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, <sup>37</sup>"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, <sup>38</sup>for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

(John 6: 37-40)

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

#### THIS WEEK

### Sunday 26th October

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT
Eucharist 9.45 am HT
followed by interment of ashes
Eucharist 11.30 am CtK
Service for Peace 3 pm 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 28<sup>th</sup> October CtK singers 7.30 pm at CtK

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October
Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Saturday I<sup>st</sup> November – All Souls All Souls Requiem 10.30 am HT followed by refreshments

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Saints** Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT
Eucharist 11.30 am CtK
followed by Fellowship Lunch
Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

#### NOTICES

**We welcome** the Revd Kate Sharples from St Peter's, Stevenage who will be preaching and presiding at Holy Trinity and Christ the King today.

**Bob Sage:** Bob's ashes will be interred in the Holy Trinity churchyard after the 9.45 am service today at Holy Trinity.

**TODAY** is the Service for Peace at 3 pm at Christ the King with the Christ the King singers. All welcome, this promises to be a lovely event.

Cake donations please for the refreshments after the All Souls Requiem on I<sup>st</sup> November and the Deanery Confirmation service on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

All Souls Requiem: If there are loved ones you wish to have named during this service, please add them to the list at the back of either church.

### Flamenco comes to Holy Trinity;

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Flamenco performance by Rebeca Ortega and Ramon Ruiz, 6 – 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity. Tickets can be obtained from EventBrite or at <a href="https://www.skiddle.com/e/41466113">www.skiddle.com/e/41466113</a> See poster in the porch.

Funeral Arrangements leaflets are available at both churches if you would like to record arrangements you wish for your Funeral Service.

Community Donations: Every week we collect for the Vineyard Church's FoodShed and Grace Community Church's Children's Clothes Bank.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** All Saints Sunday. Stephen will be playing the organ for us.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** Deanery Confirmation Service 7.30 pm Holy Trinity.

**Tuesday I I** th **November** PCC meeting 7 pm at Holy Trinity.

**Monday 24**<sup>th</sup> **November** Working party 6.30 – 8.30 pm at HT. Lots of help needed to prepare for the Advent Carol service!