



Worshipping, caring, loving, sharing: inviting all



## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**8.30 am Sunday morning prayer** at Holy Trinity

**9.45 am Eucharist** at Holy Trinity and online

**Coffee (11 am), Eucharist (11.30) 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!**

*Catholic and apostolic church*



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

We remember those who have died; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Trevor Smith (12<sup>th</sup>), Tina Roney (14<sup>th</sup>), Phyllis Lindoe, Leonard Smith (15<sup>th</sup>), Frank Richards (18<sup>th</sup>).

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

Gathering hymn: All who would  
valiant be (ONE-27)

Gradual: The day thou gavest  
(ONE-624)

Offertory: Let us build a house  
(ONE-383)

Sending out: Forth in the peace of  
Christ we go (ONE-171)

## **Collect for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October:**

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they  
find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and  
draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your  
heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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 book of the  
prophet Isaiah:*

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon  
me because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to  
the oppressed, to bind up the  
brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to  
the captives and release to the  
prisoners, <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the  
LORD'S favour and the day of  
vengeance of our God, to comfort all  
who mourn, <sup>3</sup>to provide for those  
who mourn in Zion – to give them a  
garland instead of ashes, the oil of  
gladness instead of mourning, the  
mantle of praise instead of a faint  
spirit. They will be called oaks of  
righteousness, the planting of the  
LORD, to display his glory. <sup>4</sup>They shall  
build up the ancient ruins; they shall  
raise up the former devastations; they  
shall repair the ruined cities, the  
devastations of many generations.

*(Isaiah 61: 1 - 4)*

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

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Ephesians:*

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved  
through faith, and this is not your own  
doing; it is the gift of God – <sup>9</sup>not the  
result of works, so that no one may  
boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made  
us, created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared  
beforehand so that we may walk in  
them.

<sup>11</sup>So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” – a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, <sup>15</sup>abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; <sup>21</sup>in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*(Ephesians 2: 8 - 22)*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

*(Matthew 10: 1 - 4)*

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

*We are grateful to today's sermon author for sharing their text. The original can be found at*  
<https://liturgy.co.nz/creed-in-slow-motion>

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

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).

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Working party 6.30 – 8.30 pm HT

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Friendship Café 2 – 4 pm CtK

NO Christ the King Singers this week

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Working party 10 am – 12 noon CtK

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

followed by Fellowship Lunch

Service of the Word 11.30 am CtK

Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

## NOTICES

**We welcome** Adam Prior to HT and CtK today to preside and preach. Adam is the pioneer minister (vicar) of Oak Church Stevenage, loves seeing family and friends and playing cricket!

**Cakes in the parish room** after the 9.45 am service today to celebrate Terence's birthday 8<sup>th</sup> October and his graduation from Sandhurst 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**Bob Sage:** Bob's ashes will be interred in the Holy Trinity churchyard after the 9.45 am service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**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.

### **St Nicholas CofE (VA) Primary School & Nursery** requires 2

foundation governors to join the governing board. There are 6 meetings in the of the governing board a year, plus other events in school. If you would be interested in this important role please speak to Revd Karen Mitchell (chair), [kmitchell@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk](mailto:kmitchell@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk), or Lee Slater (vice-chair) [lslater@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lslater@stnicholas120.herts.sch.uk)

**Next week 19<sup>th</sup> October** there will be a Fellowship Lunch at Holy Trinity after the 9.45 am service. Last month 12 people stayed and it was very enjoyable. Bring your own lunch, tea & cake will be provided.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> October** Service for Peace (with Christ the King singers) 3 pm at Christ the King

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** All Souls Requiem 10.30 am Holy Trinity

**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.