



Worshipping, caring, loving, sharing: inviting all



**Sunday next before Advent
Feast of Christ the King
23rd November 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#



**Today at Christ the King
Church, WE CELEBRATE OUR
FEAST OF TITLE!**

**Today at Holy Trinity Church,
we lay to rest the mortal
remains of Philip and Claire Day**

This week we are asked to pray for Mel, 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 including Mary Donald, Bob Butcher, Philip and Claire Day, and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Mike Sage, Jean Linton (26th), Peter Rawlinson (28th), Merle Sanders (29th). 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.



THIS WEEK

Sunday 23rd November – Feast of Christ the King

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

followed by Fellowship Brunch

Eucharist 11.30 am CtK

followed by free buffet lunch

Evening Prayer 7 pm (phone: see overleaf)

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

Monday 24th November

Working party 6.30 – 8.30 pm at HT

Tuesday 25th November

CtK singers 7.30 pm at CtK

Wednesday 26th November

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

Thursday 27th November

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

Service of the Word 11.30 am CtK

Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

Interment of ashes: Today, after the service at 9.45 am at Holy Trinity, the ashes of Philip and Claire Day will be interred in the churchyard.

Bike 'n' Hike September 2025:

Thanks to the valiant fund-raising stalwarts who braved the rain-soaked Bike 'n' Hike this year. The sum of £672 has been sent to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust, of which half (£336) will be returned to benefit us!

Egg Boxes: The Foodshed now have someone who supplies them with eggs, but they are in need of boxes to put them in! So if you can donate half-dozen or dozen-sized egg boxes (clean and empty) they would be most appreciative. Boxes can be left on the back pew with the food basket on Sundays at HT.

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.

NOTICES

Today is Christ the King Feast of Title. We shall be having a buffet lunch after the service

Our guest preacher is Mother Kath Long, Team Vicar in the Watling Valley Ecumenical Partnership, an inclusive and intergenerational LEP of four denominations, which covers most of the west of Milton Keynes. Before ordination Kath was a librarian, and then served her title in Durham Diocese. She lives with her elderly, rather grand cat, Cosmo, and – when she can spare a weekend – is an early medieval re-enactor!

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th December Fellowship lunch at Christ the King, following the 11.30 am service.

Sunday 14th December Carol service 3 pm Christ the King.

Monday 15th December Folk carols 7.30-9.30 pm Holy Trinity

Sunday 21st December Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 4.30 pm at Holy Trinity.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (HT)

The president greets the people.

We sing: 15 All hail the power (omit starred verse)

When we are invited to confess our sins, we sit or kneel.

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

The president declares absolution.

Receiving forgiveness, we sing:

**Glory in the highest
to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people
through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father,
thanks and praise we bring,
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.**

**Jesus Christ is risen,
God the Father's Son;
With the Holy Spirit
you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners,
all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy,
now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour,
high and holy One,
seated now and reigning
from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you!
Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory,
all the praise be yours!**

The president prays the collect prayer.

We may sing for the children:

**In November, we remember,
all the good things that God gives.
So that nothing is forgotten,
and our special mem'ries live.**

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Bible reading: Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the
mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its
tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold!

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation
of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at
the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken,
and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold!

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things he
has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and
shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the
nations; I will be exalted in the earth.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold!

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.**

Bible reading: Colossians 1: 11 - 20

Give joyful thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of
darkness, and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom
we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation: For in him all things in heaven and earth were

created,
things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers:
all things have been created through him, and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the
head of the body, the Church: he is the beginning, the firstborn from the
dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God
was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing: 768 Jesus, remember me

Gospel: Luke 23: 33 - 43

We stand as we are able.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there
with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said:
Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. And they cast
lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying: He
saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Messiah of God, his Chosen
One!

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and
saying: If you're the King of the Jews, save yourself!

There was also an inscription over him: This is the King of the Jews.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying:
Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

But the other rebuked him, saying: Don't you fear God, since you're under the
same sentence of condemnation? And after all, we have been condemned
justly, for we are getting what we deserve for what we have done; but this man
has done nothing wrong.

Then he said:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

He replied:

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon.

We declare the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

*We sit or kneel, and are led in prayers
for the Church and the world.*

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The president introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

*A collection is taken and the President takes bread and wine; as we sing:
554 Praise to the holiest in the height*

An authorised Eucharistic prayer is used. We stand as we are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and we respond

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We recall the Last Supper.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

We sit or kneel.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The choir sing, then we repeat:

**O Lamb of God who takes away
the world's sins, this we doubly pray.**

Have mercy on us here today.

Have mercy on us for always.

**O Lamb of God,
take and release the world's sins
and grant us your peace.**

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The president invites us to Communion.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia. The Lord our God
has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

We respond to the authorized words of distribution, saying **Amen.**

All are invited to come to the front. (Those at home are urged to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion.) If you regularly receive Communion in another Christian church (or have ever been confirmed or formally prepared for Holy Communion), we invite you to Communion. If this is not the case for you, place your hands over your heart: the priest will pray a blessing for you. If you do not wish a blessing or Communion, it is also fine simply to remain where you are.

Our communion wafers meet the requirements both of Coeliac UK and the Church of England.

We offer the common cup. To receive in one kind is to receive the full Sacrament, so there is no obligation to drink, but please do not dip wafers into the chalice.

The Post Communion prayer is said.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste**

**of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Notices are given.

*We process to the churchyard to lay to rest the mortal remains of Philip
and Claire Day. As we go, we sing hymn
48 At the name of Jesus*

*We receive God's blessing and are sent into the world, refreshed by the
Holy Spirit.*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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