

**Conversion of Paul**  
**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

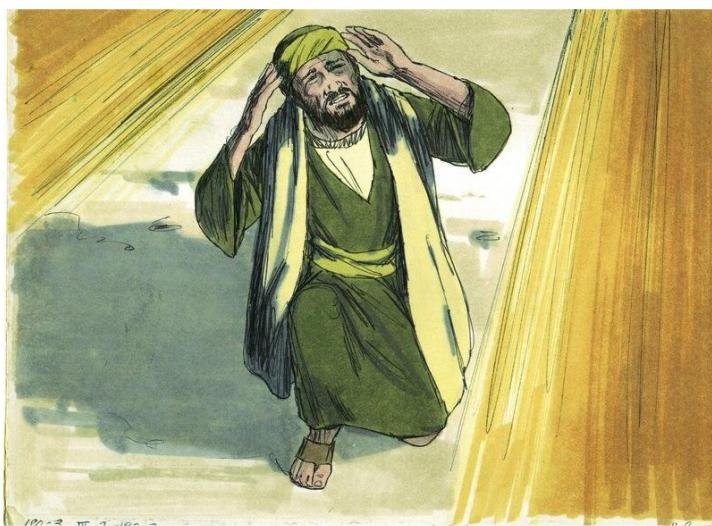
**9.45 am Eucharist** at Holy Trinity and online

**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!**



This week we are asked to pray for Barry, Pearl Evans, Dowler, Tony Smith, Lauren, Jon, 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 Barbara Lock, Lily Hilman, and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Sharon Thornton, Helen Shaw (25<sup>th</sup>), Miriam Cheesmer (27<sup>th</sup>), Florence Milburn, Pat Hawkins (29<sup>th</sup>), Vashti Grant (31st). 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 25<sup>th</sup> January Culmination of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT  
Eucharist 9.45 am HT  
Eucharist 11.30 am CtK  
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).

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

#### **Candlemas**

Morning Prayer with Eucharist 8.30 am HT  
Eucharist 9.45 am HT  
Christingle 11.30 am CtK  
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.)

**Sing Christingle!** Come and join us at Christ the King on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 11 am for 11.30 and make your own Christingle for Candlemas. If you would like to fill a small collection box for the Children's Society to bring to the service please ask Glynis or Clive for one.

**Working Party at Holy Trinity:** Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Tasks include putting away Christmas shelving, crib etc so lots of help will be appreciated!

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** Comments have been received from parishioners following recent APCMs that a

start time of 4 pm has not been convenient for a number of people. The PCC have proposed that the APCM should be held on a Sunday morning, and alternate between Holy Trinity and Christ the King to allow attendance from both sets of congregations. So, the APCM this year will be held on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am at Christ the King**, following a shortened 9.45 am service at Holy Trinity. Coffee will be served from 10.30 am at CtK.

To be able to vote at the APCM or to stand for membership of the PCC you must be on the Church Electoral Roll. Electoral Roll forms are available at both churches, and should be returned to John Morgan (SL), any member of the ministry team, or the Parish Administrator **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Parish Church Council:** If you are interested in serving on the council, please take a leaflet about what's involved, and speak with anyone already on PCC and the vicar. This year we have 3 vacancies to fill on the PCC. Plus, this year elections for Deanery Synod will take place, and we have 2 places to fill there. Deanery Synod members are also ex-officio members of the PCC. Thanks!

**Community Donations:** Every week we collect for the Vineyard Church's FoodShed and Grace Community Church's Children's Clothes Bank. No more egg boxes, thank you.

## **FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January through Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: This year's theme, "One Body One Spirit", reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere.

**Sun 25/1** Evening worship 6 pm St Hugh & St John church, SG2 0HL

## **Eucharist for Conversion of Paul (HT): 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

*We hear a seasonal Scripture sentence. The president greets the people.*

The Lord of glory be with you.

**And also with you.**

*We sing: O for a thousand tongues to sing (AMNS 125) (repeat v1 at end)*

*We kneel or sit to confess our sins*

**God of mercy,  
we acknowledge  
that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong that  
we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The president declares absolution.*

*Receiving forgiveness, we sing:*

**Glory to God! Our hearts we raise  
To you our heavenly King!  
We give you thanks, we worship you  
As we your praises sing.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,  
You banish this world's sin.  
Have mercy as we hail your birth  
And grant us peace within.**

**You only are the Holy One  
You are the One Most High,  
With Father, Spirit: Three-in-One,  
And now in flesh come nigh.**

**'All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth  
from heav'n to men  
Begin and never cease.'**

*The president prays the collect prayer.*

*We may sing with children:*

**We are marching  
in the light of God. (4x)**  
**We are marching,  
We are marching – Oh!  
We are marching  
in the light of God.**

Traditional Zulu

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:*

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing

them bound before the chief priests?’ Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah. (*Acts 9: 1 - 22 NRSV*)

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

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

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being. (*Galatians 1: 11 – 16a*)

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing: Firmly I believe and truly (AMNS 118)*

*We stand as we are able.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter said to Jesus, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’ (*Matthew 19: 27 - end*)

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We listen to the sermon*

*We stand (as we are able) to 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 are led in prayers  
for the Church and the world.*

**Lord, in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer.**

**Merciful Father,**

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*The president introduces the Peace with a sentence.*

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

*We share the peace with a wave.*

*We sing: Immortal love, for ever full (AMNS 133)*

*The President takes bread and wine. We use Eucharistic Prayer B.*

**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.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues, and concludes*

... all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*We respond boldly: AMEN!*

*We kneel or sit for the Lord's prayer*

... as our Saviour has taught us

**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 the bread of life,

and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*We sing:*

**Dona Nobis Pacem ("Give us peace")**

*The president invites us to Communion.*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

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

*Those at home are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:  
Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock. You wait for me  
and only I can let you in. I believe and trust in you and ask you now to  
fill me with presence. Feed me with your body and unite me in your  
blood, that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said.*

*Notices are given.*

*We sing: We have a gospel to proclaim (AMNS 431)*

*We receive God's blessing.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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