

**Sunday next before Lent**  
**15<sup>th</sup> February 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

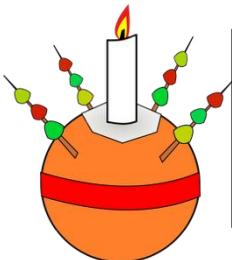
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**Thank you for adding your voice to our worship today**



This week we are asked to pray for Albert & Joyce, 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 Colin Milburn; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Peter Highsted (18<sup>th</sup>), Rosina Tapsell (19<sup>th</sup>), John Chapman (21<sup>st</sup>). May they rest in peace **and rise in glory!**



*Thank you to everyone who joined in and contributed so generously to the Children's Society collection at Christ the King's Christingle service. We raised £158.94.*

*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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Holy Trinity):

Gathering hymn:	238 (AMNS)	Blest are the pure in heart
Gradual:	166 (AMNS)	Lord, thy word abideth
Offertory:	262 (AMNS)	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Sending out:	4 (AMNS)	Christ, whose glory fills the skies

## A reading from Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandments, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again, for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. *[Exodus 24: 12 - 18]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## A reading from Second Peter

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. *[2 Peter 1: 16-end]*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

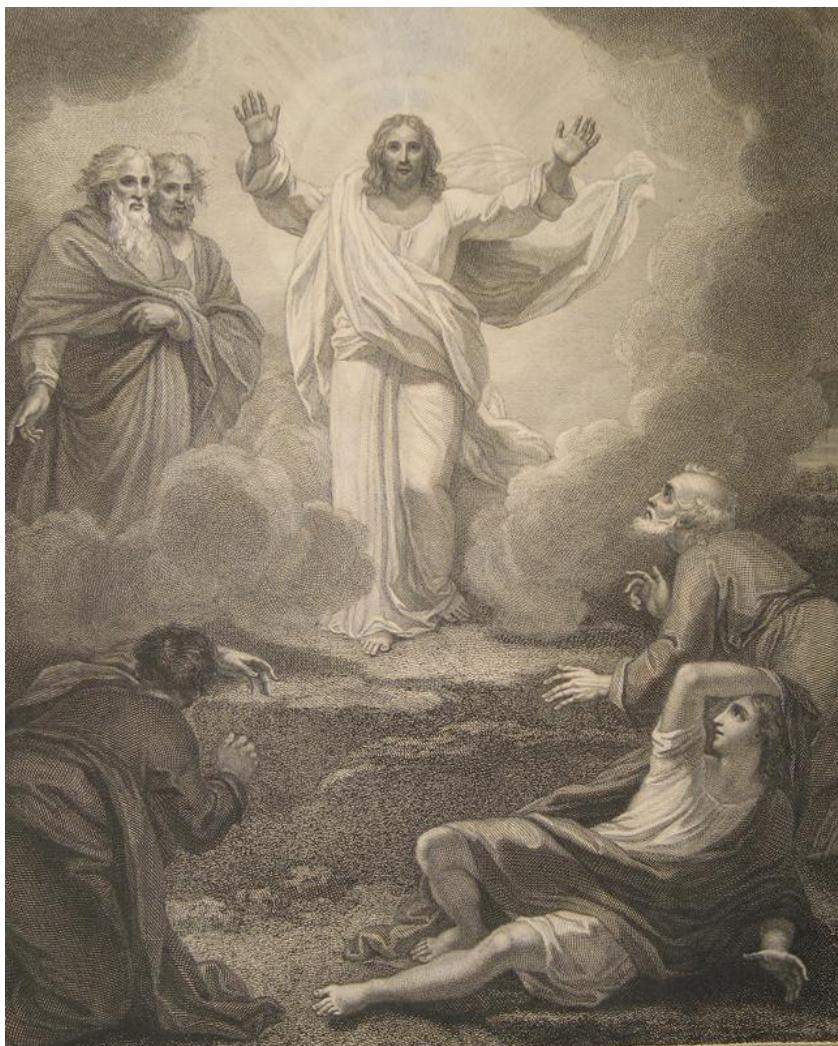
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and let them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud

overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome with fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up, and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*[Matthew 17: 1 - 9]*

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



## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

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 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 3.30 pm CtK  
Short service with Ashing 3.45 pm CtK  
Ash Wednesday Eucharist 7.30 pm HT

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT  
Eucharist 9.45 am HT  
Eucharist 11.30 am CtK  
JCC AGM 12.30 pm 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.)

**Thank you** to all who came along to the CtK working party last week.

**Palm crosses:** Bring old palms this week to be burnt for...

**Ash Wednesday**, 18 February, marks the start of Lent. It is a time to renew our commitment to *using aright the time that is left to us on earth*. Come receive a mark of ashes on your forehead, either at CtK at 3.45 pm, or at HT for our Eucharist with ashing at 7.30 pm.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting:**

This year's APCM 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.

**Parish representation:** Would you represent our parish and our liberal catholic perspective at Deanery Synod (meeting 3-4 times /year)? It's a 3-year term. These reps will be our electors for General Synod, and are also entitled to a place on church council.

**School visit** Thomas Alleyne pupils will visit Old Town churches from 9 – 12 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Would you help Vicar Ruth welcome them?

**Next Steps in Faith:** To explore baptism, Holy Communion, confirmation, a more active role in church... ask Vicar Ruth about joining a group for preparation and reflection.

**Community Donations:** Every week we collect for the Vineyard Church's Food-Shed and Grace Community Church's Children's Clothes Bank.

## UPCOMING

### **Lenten series of reflections with Churches Together in Stevenage:**

Ash Wednesday 18 Feb 12 – 12.45 pm  
All Saints, Pin Green, SG1 5RD

Saturday 28 Feb 10 – 10.45 am St Hugh & St John, Chells, SG2 0HL

Friday 13 Mar 9.30 – 10 am Prayer Time @ Trinity Church Knebworth, SG3 6PD

Wednesday 25 Mar 1.30 – 2 pm St Mary's Shephall, SG2 9XR (church open till 3 pm & a chance of a cup of tea too).