

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 Rodney, Carol Martin, Caroline, Audrey, Keith Battarbee, Jasmine, Phil, Martin Beaumont, Desiree, Valerie Lines, Albert & Joyce, Pearl Evans, Dowler, Tony Smith, Lauren, Jon, Mel, Lee J, Pat Greenwood, Michael Bungay, Emer, Matthew, Leanne, Sandy, Brendan, Fran Carroll, Rebecca & Sam & Evelyn.

We remember those who have died including Jane King, Danny Fraylick, Luke Rowland-Morris; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Doris Moules (26th), Gordon Johnson, Beverley Bungay (27th), Eric Holmes (29th).

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Holy Trinity church costs £23.01 per day to maintain (an increase of 41p on last year). If you would like to contribute to our basic running costs, you can donate via this QR code.



THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th April

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

Eucharist 11.30 am Ctk

Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

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

Tuesday 28th April

Christ the King singers 7.30 pm Ctk

Wednesday 29th April

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm Ctk

Thursday 30th April

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Saturday 2nd May

FOHT Afternoon Tea 2 pm HT

Sunday 3rd May

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Eucharist 9.45 am HT

Eucharist 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.)

Friends of Holy Trinity Afternoon Tea Saturday 2nd May at 2 pm. Tickets £15 per person (£13.50 for Friends' members). Contact Karen or Becky for tickets. Donations for raffle or hamper welcomed.

Invitations to sit, kneel and stand are suggestions. Please feel free to adopt whatever posture works for you as an aid to worship and prayer.

Induction loop: Our audio system can transmit sound directly to hearing aids with a "T-coil" setting, reducing background noise for clearer audio.

Sunday Evening Prayer: Just pick up the phone at 7 pm and dial in. Usually there are 6-10 of us on the line. After a brief chat, we press *1 to mute so we can concentrate on the voices of the two-to-three people leading that day. Once or twice a month we use BCP (traditional language), Our half-hour service ends with everyone saying The Grace together. Questions? Ask any minister.

Christ the King Singers are a friendly, community choir. You don't have to read music; you don't have to attend Christ the King! If you are willing to have a go, and SMILE while you sing, we'd love you to join us as we prepare a Pentecost celebration. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings at Ctk.

Community Donations: Every week we contribute to the Vineyard Church's Food-Shed. This month they especially need: baked beans, UHT milk, and tinned meat or tinned fish. We also collect for Grace Community Church's Children's Clothes Bank, particularly underwear and socks for ages 3-18 (no babywear, please).

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 23 May: evening confirmations at St Albans Cathedral. Do save the date to come along and support our candidates!

Saturday 20 June: Pilgrimage to St Albans for a vibrant procession, powerful worship, and a festival that fills the streets with colour, music, and life.

Eucharist for 4th Sunday of Easter

The president greets the people.

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We pray:

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful people,

and kindle in us the fire of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sing: Thine for ever! (AMNS 234)

We kneel or sit to confess our sins.

My God, for love of you

I desire to hate and forsake all sins

by which I have ever displeased you;

and I resolve by the help of your grace

to commit them no more;

and to avoid all opportunities of sin.

Help me to do this,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The president declares absolution.

Glory to God

and peace for all his people;

we worship you, give thanks so true, honour and praise.

Glory to God in Jesus, Son and Saviour:

you take away our sin

and for mercy we pray.

Glory to God! Glory to God!

Peace from the highest heaven: sing glory to God!

Glory to God whose majesty and mercy

seen in the Son, love's holy one,

Jesus the Lord.

Glory to God

for Jesus Christ our Saviour

who with the Holy Spirit and Father

is one.

Glory to God...

**Glory to God the hope of every people;
Give us that light in human sight,
Spirit and truth.
Glory to God whose love in Jesus risen
takes every life and moment
to heaven above!
Glory to God...**

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The president prays the collect prayer.

We may sing:

**When all the world was sleeping,
and the sun had gone to bed...
up jumped Lord Jesus
and this is what he said:
I have risen, risen, risen,
I have won us a new start!
I have risen, risen, risen,
I have won us a new start!**

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A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

(1 Peter 2: 19-25)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Acts:

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in

common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

(Acts 2: 42-47)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing: Happy are they (AMNS-176)

Gospel reading:

Alleluia! Your words, O Lord,
are spirit and life. Alleluia!

Open our hearts to your word.

**Alleluia! Your words, O Lord,
are spirit and life. Alleluia!**

Open our hearts to your word.

Rejoice, all the earth,
for the night is gone!

Our God has raised us up from death
in Christ Jesus the Son.

Alleluia! ...

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’ *(John 10: 1-10)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We listen to the sermon

**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 intercessions.

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

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

We share the peace with a wave.

We offer our gifts as we sing: Now is eternal life (AMNS 402)

The President takes bread and wine.

We use Eucharistic Prayer D.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 leads our praises to 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 join the prayer:

This is his/our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest

We recall the Last Supper, the Prayer continues, and concludes

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:.

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

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence 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.

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

O Lamb of God,

you bear the sin of all the world away;

you suffered death our lives to save;

have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God,

you bear the sin of all the world away;

you set us free from guilt and grave;

have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God,

you bear the sin of all the world away;

eternal peace with God you made;

give us your peace, we pray.

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Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please join us in Communion if you regularly receive Communion in another Christian church, or have ever been confirmed or formally prepared for Holy Communion. Others are warmly invited to carry this leaflet to the front and the priest will pray a blessing for you.

Our communion wafers meet the requirements both of Coeliac UK and the Church of England. We offer the common cup. If you do not wish to drink from the cup but want to acknowledge the sacramental presence, you may choose to touch the chalice base, or take it into your hands for a moment, before saying "Amen".

Those at home are invited to pray:

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,

present in bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit.

In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community.

May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart, may you, present

in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul,

may you, who gives yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing.

Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace

increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your kingdom shall

come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

The Post Communion prayer is said.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.**

**Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

We hear notices, and reflect upon vocation (God's calling).

We sing: Loving shepherd of thy sheep (AMNS-134)

We remain standing for the blessing.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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