

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer at Holy Trinity

9.45 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity and online

Coffee (11 am), Service of the Word with Holy Baptism (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 Bernie, Virginia, 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, Rebecca & Sam & Evelyn.

We remember those who have died including Margaret Brendish, Luke Rowland-Morris; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Kate Cope (20th), Louie Richards (22nd).

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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 17th May

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

Service of the Word 11.30 am CtK
including Holy Baptism

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 19th May

Working party 6.30 – 8.30 pm HT

Wednesday 20th May

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

Thursday 21st May

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Saturday 23rd May: 7.30 pm

Confirmation service at St Albans Cathedral. Come along to support Barry and Carl as they are confirmed!

Sunday 24th May (Pentecost)

Morning Prayer with Eucharist 8.30 HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

Eucharist 11.30 am CtK

“Holy Spirit, we welcome you!”

Pentecost service with our CtK
community choir 3 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.)

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

Is your native tongue something other than English?

Please come early next week (Pentecost). Vicar Ruth would love people to read John 7:38(b) in several languages during the service!

Churches Together for Stevenage on Sunday June 14: Stevenage Day.

Local Christians want to be a visible presence at the King George V playing fields that afternoon. Can you volunteer for one hour to: hand out leaflets and smile at those who walk past, help with a children's craft, &/or talk to people and offer prayer? Speak to Becky Birch or contact rogern2007@hotmail.co.uk

Trinity Sunday, 31 May: Please join us on the 31st for the 9.45 Eucharist if you possibly can. It's our Feast of Title, when we give thanks for this parish as well as rejoicing in the mystery of our Trinitarian God! Our guest preacher is the Revd Canon Richard Watson, vicar of St Saviours, St Albans, "*an inclusive parish church in the catholic tradition of the Church of England: More than Beer & Fizz; More than Bells & Smells!*"

Community Donations: Every week we contribute to the Vineyard Church's Food-Shed. Their wishlist includes long-life milk, tinned meat and fish, tinned tomatoes, and sanitary items. 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 20 June: Pilgrimage to St Albans for a vibrant procession, powerful worship, and a festival that fills the streets with colour, music, and life.

Saturday 4 July: Working party 10 am – 12 noon at HT

Eucharist for 7th Sunday of Easter

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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: Hail the day that sees him rise (ONE-242; omit starred verses)

We kneel or sit to pray.

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.

We sing: 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.

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. *(1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11)*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Acts:

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. *(Acts 1: 6-14)*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing: Rejoice the Lord is King (565)

A cantor sings, and then we repeat:

**Alleluia! Your words, O Lord,
are spirit and life. Alleluia!
Open our hearts to your word.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

to your faithful people.

Fill our hearts, and kindle in us

the fire of your love. **Alleluia! ...**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

(John 17:1-11)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We listen to the sermon and then 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 of intercession.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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: Alleluia, sing to Jesus (ONE - 11)

The President takes bread and wine.

We use Eucharistic Prayer H.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**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.**

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.**

**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.

Those who cannot move forward receive Communion first. Please join us in Communion if you have been confirmed or formally prepared for Holy Communion. If this is not the case for you, you're 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, before saying "Amen".

Those at home are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion.
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.

After notices, we sing: All hail the power (ONE-15)

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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