

Pentecost
24th May 2026

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer with Eucharist 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 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 Jenny Orme, Margaret Brendish, Luke Rowland-Morris; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Ashley Richards (26th), Emma Martin (27th).

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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 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

Mon - Thu Morning Prayer 8.15 am in

church (Holy Trinity) and via Zoom

(meeting ID 853 6081 3492 ask for
passcode).

Wednesday 27th May

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

Thursday 28th May

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Sunday 31st May (Trinity Sunday)

Morning Prayer with Eucharist 8.30 HT

Festal Eucharist 9.45 am HT

Service of the Word 11.30 am CtK

Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

NOTICES

Come early this week (Pentecost), especially if you don't have English as your native tongue. Vicar Ruth would love people to read John 7:38(b) in several languages during the service! (This will be at both churches.)

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, and previously sub-dean at the Cathedral. He is well-known in St Albans for leading carol services in pubs: “Carols till Closing”.

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.

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.

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

Community Donations: Every week we contribute to the Vineyard Church's Food-Shed and Grace Community Church's Children's Clothes Bank. The Food-Shed's current wish-list includes long-life milk, rice pudding, tinned meat and fish, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, fruit squash, and sanitary items. The Clothes Bank particularly needs socks and underwear for ages 3-18 (but please no babywear).

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 Pentecost (HT)

The president greets the people.

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We review our fire safety plan!

Come, Holy Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

fill us with your wisdom and understanding.

As we worship you,

fill us with your knowledge and true godliness.

As we long for your equipping,

fill us with your counsel and inward strength.

As we long for your refreshment,

let us delight in awe of you.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We sing: Christians, lift up your hearts (AMNS 444)

We are invited to confess our sins.

... Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

... Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

... Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president declares absolution.

We rejoice using these words.

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 & 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.

**Holy Spirit, come! Holy Spirit, come!
Come, come! Spirit, come!**

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From the 1st letter to the Corinthians:

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit..

(1 Cor 12:3b-13)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Acts:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the

eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”’

(Acts 2:1-21)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing: Breathe on me, breath of God (AMNS 157)

We stand as able to listen to the Gospel.

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.**

Come, Holy Spirit,
to your faithful people.
Fill our hearts, and kindle in us
the fire of your love.
**Alleluia! Your words, O Lord,
are spirit and life. Alleluia!
Open our hearts to your word.**

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

Glory to you O Lord.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said,

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Now Jesus said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We listen to the sermon

We stand to declare the Church's faith.

**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, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.**

**In your mercy, fill us with your Spirit
hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with
joy for ever. 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 sing: Come down O Love Divine (AMNS 156)

The President takes bread and wine.

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.

Please pray the Lord's Prayer in the translation closest to your heart.

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.

The president invites us to Communion.

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:

**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.**

Prayer after Communion:

**Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening the way of life eternal
to every race and nation:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices are given.

We sing: O thou who camest from above (AMNS-233)

We vow to live as the Church of God:

By the Spirit's power, we will.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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