

Trinity Sunday
31st May 2026

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer with Eucharist at Holy Trinity

9.45 am Festal Eucharist at Holy Trinity and online

Coffee (11 am), Service of the Word (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



Trinity detail from Baptism of Christ image, freely shared by Maximino Cerezo Barredo

This week we give thanks that Rodney is home from hospital (and Virgina thanks everyone for their prayers). 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 Peggy Johnson (31st), Ken Adams (4th), Arthur Monks (6th).



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 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

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

Wednesday 3rd June

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

Thursday 4th June

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Sunday 7th June (Corpus Christi Sunday)

Morning Prayer 8.30 HT
Eucharist 9.45 am HT
followed by Fellowship Brunch
Eucharist 11.30 am CtK
followed by Fellowship Lunch
Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

NOTICES

Today is our Parish Feast of Title!

Please join us for the 9.45 Eucharist if you can. We give thanks for this parish and celebrate 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".

We also welcome Reader Anne Price back to lead a Service of the Word at Christ the King today. Thanks, Anne!

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.)

We rejoice with Alison Baker!

After a year on the Enabling Ministry Course, and a panel of Diocesan discernment interviews, Bishop Jane has recommended Alison to train for reader ministry. Living God, stir her, strengthen her, teach and inspire her!

Alison is offering a mini- Bible study on Old Testament women: Thurs evenings June 4th (Deborah) and June 11th (Ruth).

Stevenage Day: Can you volunteer for one hour on Sunday June 14 with others from Churches Together 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. On Sunday mornings, place tinned food &/or socks and underwear (not babywear) in the basket near the entrance to either church.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday 4 June: Bible Study on Deborah, 6.30-8 pm at Holy Trinity.

Thursday 11 June: Bible Study on Ruth, 6.30-8 pm at Holy Trinity.

Saturday 20 June: Pilgrimage to St Albans. Talk to Gentian about the possibility of walking there! However you travel, look for our banner when you get there. We'll process from St Peter's Church and then worship together at the Cathedral Eucharist.

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

18-19 July: One Town One Table: Churches Together helping community food projects all across our town.

Eucharist for Trinity Sunday 2026,

Today is our parish Feast of Title. We shall distribute Communion at the altar rail. If you cannot manage steps, please alert an usher so that ministers will know to come to you with the body and blood of Christ (or offer you a blessing) where you are.

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.

The president greets the people, and we sing: Holy, holy, holy (AMNS-95)

We are invited to confess our sins.

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips
to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The president declares absolution.

We rejoice, singing:

**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...**

© Neil Thompson 2018

The president prays the collect prayer.

We may sing with young children:

**1,2,3, the Trinity!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Let us praise the Trinity!
God is one and God is three –
God is a mystery!**

© Sharon Moughtin-Mumby 2017

A reading from second Isaiah:

Who has measured the waters of the sea in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?
Who has directed the spirit of the Lord
or as his counsellor has instructed him?
Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?
Who taught him knowledge
and showed him the way of understanding?
Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.
Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt offering.
All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.
... Why do you say, O Jacob,
and assert, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31 NRSVue)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians:

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. *(2 Cor 13:11-13 NRSVue)*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing: Father of heaven (97)

Gospel reading: John 16: 12-15 NRSV
We stand as we are able & comfortable.

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.**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
One God, who was, and is, and
is to come: the Almighty!

**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.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify

me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We welcome our guest preacher, The Revd Canon Richard Watson

As the Church, we declare our 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 kneel or sit for the intercessions

We bring our prayer to you.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

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

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 ourselves and our gifts, saying, **Blessed be God for ever.***

We sing: I bind unto myself today (Patrick's breastplate)

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.

... 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 this bread.
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing:

**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.**

© 1998 Augsburg Fortress

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.**

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 may pray this prayer:

**My Jesus,
I desire to receive You into my soul,
thanking you for your death and passion,
and for all your gifts to me.
Since I cannot now receive You physically,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You.**

The Post Communion prayer is said.

Notices are given.

We sing: Father all-loving (355(ii))

We receive a four-fold blessing.

Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen.

*We are sent back to our daily lives,
refreshed by the Holy Spirit.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Common Worship, Pastoral Services, Times & Seasons material included here is copyright © The Archbishops' Council (2000, 2005, 2006). Song lyrics are reproduced by ONE LICENSE with license A-733947 and/or CCLI Church Copyright Licence 818930 and Music Reproduction Licence 81894