

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer at Holy Trinity

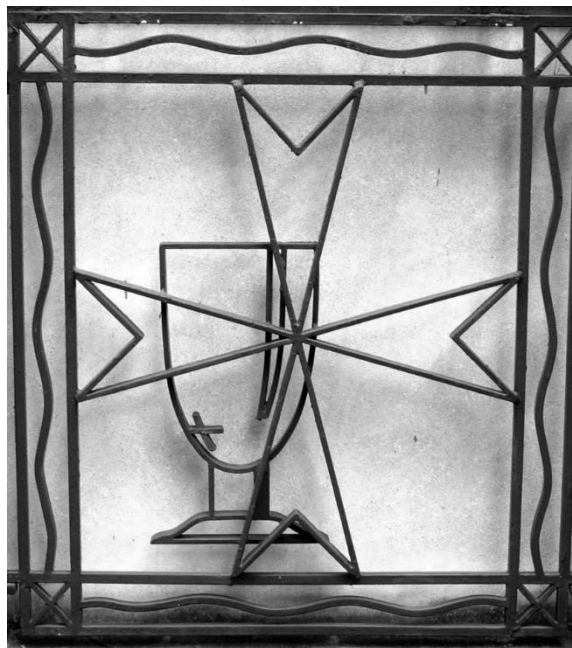
9.45 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity and online

Coffee (11 am), Service of the Word (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



ironwork Greek cross with chalice, 1960, Benton Chapel, Vanderbilt University

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 Luke Rowland-Morris; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including George Amis (16th), Harold Herbert (17th).



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.



at 9.45 at Holy Trinity:

Gathering hymn: All people that on earth do dwell (ONE-22)

Gradual hymn: City of God, how broad (ONE-94)

Offertory hymn: Thy hand, O God, has guided (ONE-678) (omit verse 2)

Sending hymn: Take my life and let it be (ONE-605)

Collect for Trinity 2:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis:

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your

feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that they had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.' (*Gen 18: 1-15*)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – through perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

(Romans 5: 1-8)

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A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them,

because they were harassed and helpless, like a sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send our labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.'

(Matthew 9: 35-10: 8 NRSV)

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14th June

Morning Prayer 8.30 HT

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 17th June

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm Ctk

Thursday 18th June

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Saturday 20th June

Alban Pilgrimage – see Notices

Sunday 21st June

Morning Prayer 8.30 HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

Service of the Word 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.)

Stevenage Day: If you go to Stevenage Day (14 June), please look for the *Churches Together in Stevenage* display, and stop by to say hello. CTIS will be giving away prayer leaflets and Bibles, offering a children's activity, and sharing information about local churches, including ours.

Vicar Ruth also plans to seek out the LGBTQIA+ stall to wish them a Happy Pride Month. You might like to do the same!

Alban Pilgrimage: Great news!

Although in past years we were too far back in the procession to hear and see the storytelling, this year Vicar Ruth convinced them to place us further up – in the red group! To process to the Cathedral, meet at St Peter's Church at 10.30 am (with the crowds it can take half an hour to get from the Cathedral to St Peter's). Who will carry our banner? Let Ruth know! The pilgrimage Eucharist is at noon (with children's worship in the Cathedral House Garden). There follows afternoon fun in the Abbey Orchard – or – for the very keen, an Orthodox service at the shrine at 2 pm, anointing for healing at 3 pm, &/or Evensong at 4 pm, after which pilgrims place a rose on Alban's shrine.

Eucharistic elements: Our wafers meet the requirements both of Coeliac UK and the Church of England.

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.

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

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

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