

**8.30 am Sunday morning prayer** at Holy Trinity

**9.45 am Eucharist** at Holy Trinity (not online this week)

**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**



image: Abraham and Isaac (engraved by the Brothers Dalziel after a Simeon Solomon original) public domain from Metropolitan Museum of Art

We are asked to pray for  
Laura & Lewis Maiella,  
Bernie, Rodney, Carol  
Martin, Caroline, Audrey,  
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; and those whose  
anniversary of death falls at  
this time including Edith  
Hale (29<sup>th</sup>), Raymond  
Frampton (1<sup>st</sup>), Rosemary  
Fletcher (2<sup>nd</sup>), Anne Watts  
(3<sup>rd</sup>).



*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: New every morning is the love (ONE-460)

Gradual hymn: From heaven You came, helpless Babe (ONE-175)

Offertory hymn: Come now the table's spread (ONE-113)

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

## Collect for Trinity 4:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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:

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham

said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

(Gen 22: 1-14)

*This is the word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:***

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the

free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Romans 6: 12-end)*

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***A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.***

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus said to the twelve: “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple— truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

*(Matthew 10: 40-end NRSV)*

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

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Morning Prayer 8.30 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).

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm Ctk

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

NO Art Club this week

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Working party 10 am – 12 pm at HT

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Morning Prayer 8.30 HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

followed by Fellowship Brunch

Service of the Word 11.30 am Ctk

followed by Fellowship Lunch

Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

## NOTICES

**The 9.45 am service at Holy Trinity** this week will not be livestreamed or recorded due to technical issues.

**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.

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

**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 & underwear (not babywear) in the basket near the entrance to either church.

**'Easy Fundraising'** If you shop online and are willing to accept 'cookies' (e.g. what sent you to the retailer, & whether you made a purchase), those shops will donate money to our parish. Ask Vicar Ruth for an email link or search online. So far this year we've raised £33.42 for church funds.

**One Town One Table:** Food charities often report that donations are fewer in summer. Churches from across Stevenage are joining together to support our neighbours by collecting donations for the Foodshed, Clothing Bank and other local charities. *Let's try for an extra-large collection on Sunday 19 July!*

You might also like to help on Saturday 18 July either by volunteering for an hour at the Sainsbury's Coreys Mill donation rally (see poster to sign up via QR code) or lifting crates at the end of the day at the Vineyard Centre, Unit 1, Cockerell Close SG1 2NB (just show up around 3.15 pm).

**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 ("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 of our ministers.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Saturday / Sunday 18-19 July:** One Town One Table: Churches Together collecting to share with our neighbours.