

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



We are asked to pray for Bernie, Virginia, 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 including Luke Rowland-Morris; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Roy Rowland (24th).



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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (AMNS-207)

Gradual hymn: O for a closer walk with God (AMNS-231)

Offertory hymn: For all the saints (AMNS-305) (verses 1-4)

Sending hymn: Take up thy cross (AMNS-237)

Collect for Trinity 3:

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 child Isaac grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to

you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

(Gen 21: 8-21)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How

can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 6: 1b-11*)

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A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master

of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

(*Matthew 10: 24-39 NRSV*)

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21st June

Morning Prayer 8.30 HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

followed by interment of ashes
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 24th June

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

Thursday 25th June

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 noon HT

Sunday 28th June

Morning Prayer 8.30 HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

Eucharist 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.)

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

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.

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.