

**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**

*Come to me'*

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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 Gwen  
Cole (7<sup>th</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: All ye who seek a comfort sure (AMNS-64) (repeat v1 at end)

Gradual hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say (AMNS-247)

Offertory hymn: All creatures of our God and King (AMNS-105) (odd-numbered verses)

Sending hymn: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (AMNS-143)

## Collect for Trinity 5:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban: "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the

way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the

servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

*(Gen 24: 34-48, 42-49, 58-end)*

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

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

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*(Romans 7: 15-25a)*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said, “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*(Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end NRSV)*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THIS WEEK

### 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

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

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CTK

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 pm HT

No Bible Study this week at HT

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

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.)

**Alison Baker** is continuing her mini-Bible study on Old Testament women: Thurs evenings July 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30 – 7.45 in the Parish Room at Holy Trinity.

**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.

**Sunday prayer requests:** If you would like public prayer for yourself, we are always willing to put you on the list for 3 weeks or 3 months, as desired. If you'd like prayer for longer, simply ask again!

**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.

**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).

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Thursday 16 July:** Evening Bible Study on Leah and Rachel, 6.30 at HT.

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

**Thursday 23 July:** Evening Bible Study on Bilhah and Zilpah, Dinah and Tamar, 6.30 at HT.

**Thursday 30 July:** Evening Bible Study on the 'much maligned Eve', 6.30 at HT.