

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer at Holy Trinity

9.45 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity and online

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



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 including George
Clibbens; and those whose
anniversary of death falls at
this time including Ernie
Tapsell (27th), Nan Grewe
(28th), Anne MacDonald
(30th), Warren Carroll (1st).



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: God is love: let heaven adore him (ONE-202)

Gradual hymn: King of glory, king of peace (ONE-369)

Offertory hymn: The God of Abraham praise (ONE-627)

Sending hymn: All for Jesus (ONE-12)

Collect for Trinity 8:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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:

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban,

"Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country— giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

(Gen 29: 15-28)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he

also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8: 26-end)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a

tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

(Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 NRSV)

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th July

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 29th July

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK

Thursday 30th July

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 pm HT

Bible study 6.30 – 7.45 pm HT

Sunday 2nd August

Morning Prayer 8.30 HT

Eucharist 9.45 am HT

followed by Fellowship Brunch

Holy Baptism 11.30 am HT

Service of the Word 11.30 am CtK

followed by Fellowship Lunch

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.)

To aid your worship: Every Sunday we have available large print copies of the bulletin and liturgy, doodling sheets for those who find that helpful, and materials for children to work with during the service. At Trinity when we are using the AMNS hymnbook, you can ask for a large print copy or a melody-line copy with some of the musical notes.

Working parties: Saturday August 15th 2 – 4 pm at Christ the King; Saturday

August 22nd 10 am – 12 noon at Holy Trinity. Please come along if you are able.

Coffee, Craft & Chat at CtK is taking a break for August. We will resume on Wednesday 2nd September.

Bike ‘n’ Hike: This year’s sponsored Bike ‘n’ Hike organised by the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will be held on Saturday 12th September 9 am to 5 pm. Would you **bike, hike, or drive:** plan a challenging but achievable route to visit as many churches as you can, and find sponsors who will donate an amount per church you visit. Or would you be a **greeter:** greet participants at your church, sign their sponsorship forms and maybe offer refreshments. And of course you could be a **sponsor:** sponsor someone either with a lump sum or (a little more fun and challenging) pledging a certain amount for each church they manage to visit. All money raised will be shared equally between the historic trust and our own parish funds. For more information please speak to Glynis Ireton.

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. THANK YOU to everyone who brought extra last week for One Town One Table!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

Saturday 12 September: Friends of Holy Trinity fundraising Ploughman’s lunch at HT.

Saturday 12 September: Bike ‘n’ Hike at both our churches and across Beds & Herts, 9 am to 5 pm