

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

Gospel image by Maximino Cerezo Barredo



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,
Jon, Pat Greenwood,
Michael Bungay, Emer,
Matthew, Leanne, Sandy,
Brendan, Rebecca & Sam &
Evelyn.

We remember those who
have died including Mel
Becket; and those whose
anniversary of death falls at
this time Helen Tross (20th),
Arthur Richards (21st),
Norman Apthorpe (22nd).



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: Lord we come to ask your healing (ONE-240)

Gradual hymn: Immortal, invisible (ONE-306)

Offertory hymn: And can it be (ONE-31) (refrain: last lines of each verse)

Sending hymn: Thou whose almighty word (ONE-673)

Collect for Trinity II:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now

do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

(Gen 45: 1-15)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he fore-knew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

(Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32)

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A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

(Matthew 15: 21-28 NRSV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 16th August

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).

Thursday 20th August

Art Club drop-in 10 am – 12 pm HT

Saturday 22nd August

Working party 10 am – 12 pm HT

Sunday 23rd August

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NOTICES

Video: Our 9.45 Eucharist is live-streamed to YouTube. Sit behind the first two pews to stay off-camera. (We never show congregants receiving Communion.)

Mel Becket's funeral: to support Sue Sandry at her wife's funeral on 19 August you are welcome to her requiem mass at 11.30 at St Thomas More in Knebworth (Anglicans will be offered a blessing at Communion), &/or the committal at Oak Hill Crematorium in Hatfield at 1 pm.

MacMillan fundraiser: the Indian food fundraiser (Saturday September 5th from 10 am until 1 pm) must be pre-ordered by Tuesday August 17th via Mary Barton. £10 for mung beans curry, Rice & 2 Samosas.

Convenor needed: We have several members willing to interview outside firms who might take on our parish bookkeeping and treasurer tasks, but we need someone to organise this. Might that be you? Speak to Vicar Ruth.

Bike 'n' Hike: Saturday 12th September 9 am to 5 pm. All money raised will be shared between the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust and our own parish funds. Info from Glynis Ireton.

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

Bible storytelling and worship with children ages 0-9. Are you interested in helping to shape how we might provide for our children? &/or: Want to go to a book launch in London on the evening of Thursday 1 October to explore one option? Please speak to Vicar Ruth.

Still Waters group for those outside the church, who fear they can't join us because they won't fit in, launches on 16 September. More details on flyer.

Vicar's book club aimed at ages 9-99 launches on 3 Oct. More details on flyer.

LGBTQ+ retreat seeks to affirm and encourage LGBTQ+ Christians of all traditions in their faith and identity as beloved by God. Fri 30 Oct - Sun 1 Nov at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in North Wales. More info from Vicar Ruth.

Community Donations: Every week we invite donations for the Vineyard Church's Food-Shed & Grace Community Church's Children's Clothes Bank.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday 30 August: Back to School Sunday: bring your satchels, backpacks, etc

Saturday 12 September: Friends of Holy Trinity Ploughman's lunch fundraiser

Saturday 12 September: Bike 'n' Hike 9 am to 5 pm

Saturdays from October: Vicar's book club, 4.30-5.30 pm in HT Parish Room.