

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer at Holy Trinity

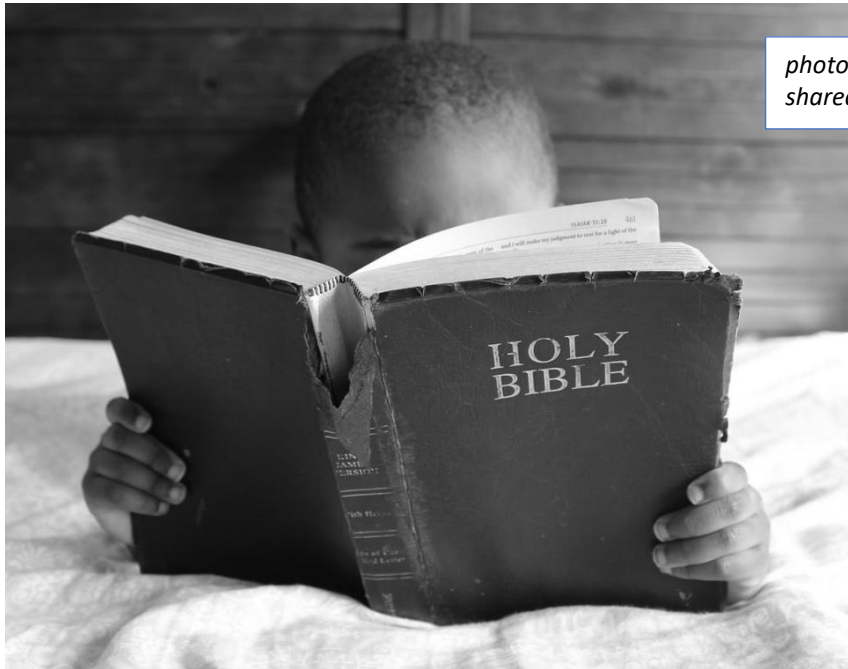
9.45 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity and online

Coffee (11 am), Eucharist (11.30) at Christ the King

7 pm Evening Prayer by phone: dial 0333 016 0300

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Thank you for adding your voice to our worship today



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We are asked to pray for Mike, Dianne, Robin Staff, Sue Sandry, Bernie, Rodney, Caroline, Audrey, Jasmine, Phil, Martin Beaumont, Desiree, 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 Ted Coughlan; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Dora Monks, Bob Sage (25th), Philip Day (26th), Alfred Hale (31st).



The full cost of maintaining Holy Trinity church is around £260 per day. If you would like to contribute to our running costs, you can donate via this QR code.



at 9.45 at Holy Trinity:

Gathering hymn: Thanks to God whose word was spoken (AMNS-423)

Gradual hymn: Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking (AMNS-509)

Offertory hymn: The church's one foundation (AMNS-170)

Sending hymn: The God who rules this earth (AMNS-425)

Collect:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that through patience, and comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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 Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the

presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the Law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

So they read from the book, from the Law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to the Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy, do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

(Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Psalm 119:

⁹How shall the young cleanse their way? By keeping to your words.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart, that I should not sin against you. ¹²Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes.

¹³With my lips will I recite all the judgements of your mouth. ¹⁴I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways. ¹⁶My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

(Psalm 119:9-16)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit
**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and shall be forever.
Amen.***

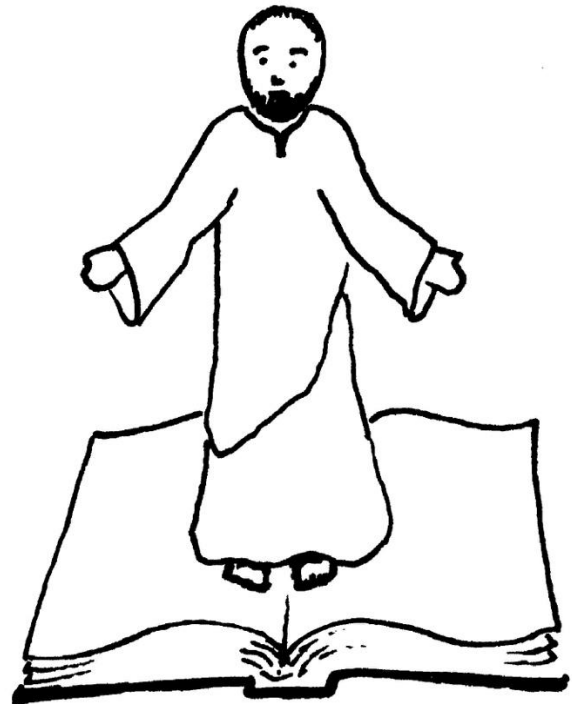
**A reading from the Gospel
according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the

greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.'

(Matthew 22: 34-40)

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



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday 28th October: Evensong with the Prayerbook Society (members of our choir will be amongst the singers), 7 pm at St Nicholas Church.

Sunday 1st November: Reminder of Fellowship Brunch / Lunch after the morning services at HT and CtK.

Saturday 7th November: Interfaith Showcase, 7.15 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A deanery choir will be singing the Christian faith, as expressed in a hymn-version of our creed.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 25th October Bible Sunday

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).

Tuesday 27th October

Christ the King Singers 7.30 pm Ctk

Wednesday 28th October

Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm Ctk

Thursday 29th October

NO Art Club drop-in this week.

Saturday 31st October All Souls

All Souls Requiem 10.30 am HT

Vicar's book club, 4.30 – 5.30/6 pm HT

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NOTICES

Live-streaming: Our 9.45 Eucharist is on YouTube for 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.) As per C of E guidance, CCTV is disabled during worship services.

Eucharistic elements: Our communion wafers meet the requirements both of Coeliac UK and the Church of England. If you do not wish to drink from the cup but want to acknowledge the sacramental presence, you may choose to touch the chalice base, or take it into your hands for a moment, before saying "Amen".

Can you help? We have had an urgent unexpected and unbudgeted cost: to

replace expired fire extinguishers (something not picked up by previous yearly servicing). The cost is over £500 for Holy Trinity and over £300 for Christ the King. Donations can be made in a suitably marked envelope in the collection plate or by electronic means (email (admin@holytrinity-stevenage.org.uk the amount so it can be assigned to this need). Thank you so much for all you give and for reading this extra appeal.

Ted Coughlan's funeral will be held at Harwood Park on Monday November 2nd, 12 noon, with a reception to follow at Stevenage Golf & Conference Centre.

Happy Black History month! Our closing hymn addresses race relations but uses gendered language. Feel free to substitute *humankind* for *brotherhood*!

All Souls Requiem: There's still time to add the names of beloved departed to the list at the back of either church.

Sing to share our faith: Anyone who has sung before, especially if you know the tune, 'Ode to Joy': please consider joining us to sing the Creed at the Interfaith Showcase event on Saturday evening 7 November (rehearsal on Friday 30 October, 6.30 – 8.30 pm).

The Diocesan healing & deliverance team offer a half-day event about how past hurts and family patterns can shape our lives. Receive gentle teaching, a simple service of Holy Communion, and -if you wish- prayer for generational healing. Saturday morning, 7 November, in Watford. No cost but you must book – details on poster.

Vicar's book club: Saturdays, starting promptly at 4.30 pm. Readers of any age are welcome. Leave at 5.30 or stay till 6 for refreshments and extra discussion. Topics for 24 October include *Diversity* and *Death*. For 31 October topics include *Easter*, *Evangelism*, & *Emancipation*.