

said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

**8.18-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### **Hear the Gospel According to Matthew**

**6.25-end**

#### **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

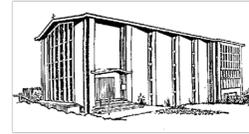
"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

### **Prayer after Communion**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## Second Sunday before Lent

**8th February, 2026**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **A reading from the Book of Genesis**

**1.1-2.3**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God

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**Prayer of preparation**  
Spirit of God, come among us, work within us.  
Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts, and light into our witness.  
Cleanse us and make us new.  
Touch us and make us whole.  
Receive our worship in Jesus' name.  
**Amen**

**Holy Trinity is open every day** from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

**Children** from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join Junior Church in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! There is also a children's corner at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are through the Trinity Room.

Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. Please sit on the far left if you wish to remain off camera.

## Services Today

**10.00am** All-Age Eucharist

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**President** Rev Dr Diana Stretton  
**Preacher** Rev Becky Leach

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**Hymns** 167, 386, 6, 238  
**HON** 575, 219

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**Junior Church** N/A



## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
7.30pm CA Group

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**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
7.30-9.30 Trinity Men's Group

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**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
9am Morning Prayer  
10am Communion  
7.30pm Events/Publicity Committee Meeting

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**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
10am Toddler & Babies Church

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
7pm Choir Practice

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
10am-12 Coffee Shop

**Morning services around the team**  
All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services  
Tuesdays St Benedict's - 9am MP  
Thursdays St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC  
Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 10am HC

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February Sunday Next before Lent

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**Readings:** Exodus 24.12-end  
2 Peter 1.16-end  
Matthew 4.1-11

**11.45am** Word on the Third

## PRAYERS

**... for the ministry team, lay and ordained.**

**... for the sick:** For those with ongoing needs: Eileen Adams, June Buxton, Laurence Blythe, Barbara Chapman, Greg Coulshed, Phyllis Duncan, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts, Pamela Sanvoisin, Alison Parkyns, Anne Ball and Su.  
For those with immediate needs: Martin Meredith, Sue Page, Roy Platten, Mike Hawtin, Iain and Verity.

**... for the departed:** We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially John Carlton-Ashton and remembering those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm** - Pancake Tea in the Trinity Room

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at Holy Trinity at 10am and also at St Mary's at 8pm. Everyone across the Team is welcome to either of these services.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 4.30pm** - Sacred Space. A new service to explore different and reflective styles of worship. More details to follow.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 4pm** - Team Quiet Day. Pause in Lent for reflections on the Lord's Prayer. Pick up a flyer in church for full details and how to book.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30am** - Team service at St Benedicts. All are welcome to come and celebrate at the 'soft launch' of the revitalization of St Benedicts.

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## NOTICES

**Lent course**  
The team Lent course will be starting the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February for 5 weeks and will be exploring the theme of prayer. There will be a Tuesday lunchtime session in Kings Langley and a Thursday evening session at St B's. More details very soon!

**Palm Crosses**  
It is time for last year's Palm Crosses to be turned into ash for the beginning of Lent. Please bring your old Palm Crosses back to church over the next couple of weeks.

**Team Quiet Day**  
All are welcome to the Team Quiet Day taking place on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am - 4pm at St Peter's Church, London Colney. The cost is £5, but please do talk to Diana if that would be difficult. Please email Sue in the Benefice Office to book your place - this is very important so that we know numbers! Flyers at the back of church.

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