

The Benefice of Langelei

Hear the Gospel According to John

4.5-42

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

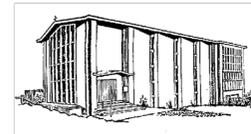
Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."

But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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



St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,



St Mary's,



All Saints,

Third Sunday of Lent

8th March, 2026

The Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Exodus

17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Third Sunday of Lent

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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 Parish Eucharist

President Rev Dr Diana Stretton
Preacher Rev Tim Bourne

Hymns 552, 157, 31, 238
HON 141, 300

Junior Church Suzanne

11.45am Baptism of Peter-Philip Jenkins

This Sunday Revd Becky Leach is preaching at St Mary's, Apsley



This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 9th March

7.30pm CA Group

Tuesday 10th March

12.30-3pm Deanery Chapter Meeting
7.30pm Trinity Men's Group

Wednesday 11th March

9am Morning Prayer
10am Communion Service
2pm Craft Group
7.45pm PCC Meeting

Thursday 12th March

10am Toddlers & Babies Church

Friday 13th March

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 14th 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 15th March Mothering Sunday

10.00am All Age Service
Readings Exodus 2.1-10
Colossians 3.12-17
John 19.25b-27

PRAYERS

... for Peter-Philip being baptised today

... 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, Russell Matthews and Su. For those with immediate needs: Martin Meredith, Sue Page, Roy Platten, Mike Hawtin, Pauline Lindsey, Iain and Verity.

... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Jean Taylor, Mikey Carmichael, Tony Metcalfe and remembering those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 15th March 10am - All Age Service for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th March 6pm - TYG! The Youth Group is for young people school year 6 and older. Please contact Diana to find out more

Tuesday 17th March 11am - 1pm - Talking Elephants bereavement support group

Friday 20th March 12noon - 2pm - Lent Lunch

Saturday 21st March 10am-12 noon - Collection of Children's Society Boxes

Sunday 22nd March 10.30am - Team service at St Benedicts. All are welcome to celebrate and pray for the revitalization at St Bs

Thursday 26th March 2.30pm - 4pm - Friendship Tea

Saturday 28th March 9.30-12 noon - The Big Spring Church Clean

All that we do to support our community would not be possible without your generous donations. If you would like to support our work financially please follow the link from this QR code:



NOTICES

Lent course

The team Lent course has started but you can still join in! Sessions are on Tuesday lunchtimes at 11.30am at All Saints Kings Langley, Thursday evenings at St Benedict's (7pm for food, 8pm for course) and Saturday mornings at 10am at St Mary's. Full details and how to sign up in the flyers attached/at the back of church.

Lent Lunch 20th March

We are still looking for someone to run this. If you can help, please talk to Diana or a member of the Events team. Donations received at the Lent Lunches and from the Pancake Tea are for the Hospice of St Francis.

Cards for sale Mothering Sunday and Easter cards made by the craft group are available to purchase in the Trinity Room.

Children's Society Boxes

Will be opened on Saturday 21st March between 10am and 12. There will be coffee, cakes and a raffle. Please bring your boxes to church before, or on the day or I will be happy to collect them. Due to changes in cash availability and in consultation with the PCC and CS this will be the last year we will be doing the boxes. Forms and details on how to support this important charity will be available. Many thanks. Gillian Redman 07770 874744

Calling for unused items and presents!

Over the next few weeks there will be a box in the Trinity Room for you to donate unused items/presents that would be suitable for the regifting stall at the Christmas Fair in December. Do take advantage of this opportunity to get some unwanted items out of your way!

The Big Spring Clean! Will be happening in Church on Saturday 28th March from 9.30am to 12 noon. If you can help then just turn up - free tea, coffee and cake!