

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

12.32-40

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

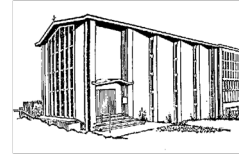
Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;

and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Amen

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8th Sunday after Trinity - Year C

10th August, 2025

The Collect

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 Genesis

15.1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reading from Hebrews

11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

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Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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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 church is open everyday
for private prayer and reflection from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Children from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join the Junior Church which meets in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! They go out to JC after the Collect prayer and return for Communion. There is a children's corner for tots at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are available 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

Presiding Preaching Rev'd Jos Perris

Hymns HON 200, 67, 238, 403
Communion 368, 30, 132

Junior Church No junior church in August



This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 11th August

7.30pm CA Group

Tuesday 12th August

2.30-5pm WI Summer Garden Party

7.30-9.30pm Trinity Men's Group

Wednesday 13th August

10am Morning Prayer

7.15-9pm LGVA

Friday 15th August

NO Choir Practice

Saturday 16th August

10am-12 Coffee Shop

Sunday 17th August Ninth Sunday in Trinity

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings: Jer 23.23-29
Hebrews 11.29-12.2
Luke 12.49-56

PRAYERS

... for the Ministry team James, Diana, Jos, Becky, Carole, Tim, Jane, Bob

... for the sick: Eileen Adams, June Buxton, Laurence Blythe, Barbara Chapman, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts, Pamela Sanvoisin, Alison Parkyns, Martin Meredith, John May, Evelyn and Su.

... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Stuart Greig, Christine Bedwell and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 31st August 3-5pm - Strawberry Tea in the Vicarage Garden.

Saturday 13th September - Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike. Journey round local churches on foot, by pedal power or whatever other way you prefer! We need volunteers to offer refreshments in Holy Trinity or you could be sponsored to take part in the journey. Contact Tim Bourne to get involved.

Sunday 28th September - 40th Anniversary Celebration for Leverstock Green Primary.

Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services
Tuesdays St Benedict's - Paused
Thursdays St Mary's - 9am MP
Fridays All Saints - 9am MP
No HC mid-week services during this week

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NOTICES

Diana on leave

Diana is on leave from the 4th to the 18th August inclusive. If anything comes up that you need help with during that time then please contact one of the wardens. Wednesday services on the 6th and 13th August will be Morning Prayer at 10am. During August, each church in the team will have a lay-led Sunday morning service to enable priestly cover to be shared.

Confirmation Course

Fr James, Rev Diana and Rev Jos will be running Confirmation preparation sessions in the autumn. Please contact one of us to sign up. For adults and young people 12+ in our churches. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd Oct, 15th Nov visit to St Albans, 20th Nov concluding session. 23rd Nov 6.30pm Confirmation service at St John's Boxmoor.

Coffee shop help

Our regular Saturday morning coffee shop is a wonderful chance to come together and share some company. It would be great to have some more people able to set up and serve for this. Please talk to Sam if you are interested.

School Governor opportunity

One of the Foundation Governors for Leverstock Green Primary School is stepping down. The PCC has the option to nominate a suitable candidate to take on this role. Being a school governor is a significant time commitment but very rewarding. If you would be interested in finding out more please talk to Diana.

Leverstock Green WI - open meeting

9th September, 7.30pm in the Village Hall there will be a talk and demonstration-animal encounters with an educational twist. Open meeting - all welcome!

Please let Diana know if you would like anything included in the bulletin. Please take the bulletin home with you.