

Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

12.49-56

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Post Communion

Holy Father,

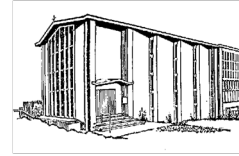
who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God:

in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,

gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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St Benedict's,
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The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;
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 the Prophet Jeremiah

23.23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from Hebrews

11.29-12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received

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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 Rev'd Becky Leach
Preaching

Hymns NEH 492, 359, 468, 134
Communion 416, 225, 389

Junior Church No junior church in August

We are pleased to announce that Revd David Jones has been appointed as Team Vicar in the Langelei Team Ministry with special responsibility for St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's, Bennetts End. This is subject to completion of the usual legal formalities. David's licensing service will take place on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm at St Mary's Apsley End. Please remember David, Janey, Hannah and Autumn in your prayers as they prepare for their move.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 18th August

7.30pm CA Group

Tuesday 19th August

11am-1pm Talking Elephants

1-2.30pm Toddler Church Planning Meeting

Wednesday 20th August

9am Morning Prayer

10am Communion Service

10.30am Coffee after Communion Service

Thursday 21st August

NO Toddler's Church

NO Trinity Women's Group

Friday 22nd August

NO Choir Practice

Saturday 23rd August

10am-12 Coffee Shop

Sunday 24th August Bartholomew the Apostle

10.00am Lay-led morning worship

Readings: Isaiah 43.8-13
Acts 5.12-16
Luke 22.24-30

PRAYERS

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

... for the sick: Eileen Adams, June Buxton, Laurence Blythe, Barbara Chapman, Greg Coulshed, 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, 9.30am HC

Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

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

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. 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.

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!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR REGULAR SOCIAL EVENTS

COFFEE SHOP - EVERY
SATURDAY FROM 10AM -
12 NOON



FRIENDSHIP TEAS - 4TH
THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 2.30PM - 4PM

TRINITY MEN'S GROUP - 2ND
TUESDAY 7.30PM - 9.30PM

TRINITY WOMEN'S GROUP -
3RD THURSDAY 8PM - 10PM



ALL HELD IN THE TRINITY ROOM - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LEVERSTOCK GREEN