

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 14.1, 7-14

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

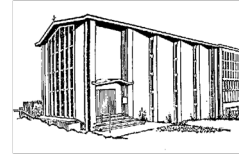
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 Ecclesiasticus

10.12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO 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 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

10.30am Team Eucharist at All Saints, KL

Presiding Fr James McDonald
Preaching Revd Dr Diana Stretton

No service in Holy Trinity



This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 1st September

7.30pm CA Group

Wednesday 3rd September

9am Morning Prayer
10am Communion Service
2pm Craft Group

Thursday 4th September

10am Toddler's Church

Friday 5th September

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 6th September

10am-12 Gardening party in the churchyard
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 - Paused
Thursdays St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC
Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

Sunday 7th September 12th after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings: Deut 30.15-end
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14.25-33

PRAYERS

... for the **Ministry team**, especially for Revd David Jones and his family, Janey, Hannah and Autumn, as they prepare to join us.

... 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, Iain and Su.

... for the **departed**: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Beryl Millar 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 10.30am -

Team Eucharist at All Saints, Kings Langley
(no service at Holy Trinity on the 31st)

Sunday 31st August 3-5pm - Strawberry Tea in the Vicarage Garden. Please do sign up to come along and to bring cakes. Please bring a chair with you on the day if you are able to. In the event of wet weather the event will be in the Trinity Room.

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. See the newsletter for more details.

Saturday 11th October - time TBC - TYG-led Talent Show and Harvest Supper.

Tuesday 14th October 7.30pm - Installation of Revd David Jones at St Mary's.

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

NOTICES

Confirmation Course

Fr James, Rev Diana and Rev Jos will be running Confirmation preparation sessions. 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.

Gardening party - 6th Sept, 10am - 12

On the first Saturday of the month, anyone able to help out with some gardening in the churchyard is very welcome to come along.

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!

Urgent help needed - Saturday Coffee Shop

Our Saturday morning coffee shop is a lovely community opportunity and quite a number of upcoming Saturdays have no one signed up to help. It is very easy and you don't have to bake or sign up on a frequent basis. Talk to Sam Stanbridge to find out more about what is involved.

Food bank - donations needed

In addition to the usual donations, the food bank at St Benedict's Church would be grateful for clean, unlabelled jam jars and small plastic drinks bottles with functioning lids (500ml size) so that they can decant produce into smaller containers when required.

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:

