

## A reading from Philippians

4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## Hear the Gospel According to Luke

3.7-18

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

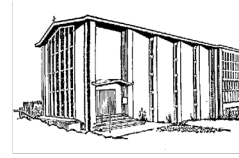
So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

*This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings, is for you to take home to study at your leisure. Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish.*  
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# The Benefice of Langelei



St Benedict's,  
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,  
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,  
Apsley



All Saints,  
Kings Langley

## Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

15<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

### The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### A reading from the book of Zephaniah

3.14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.  
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame  
into praise and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## CONTACT DETAILS

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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** Toddler Nativity

**Presiding & Preaching** Rev'd Jos Perris

**Hymns HON** 563, 249, 53, 280, 474  
**Communion** 790, 745

**11.45am** Baptism of Amelia & Rosalia

**6pm** TYG - The Youth Group

## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 16th December**

7.30pm CA Meeting

**Tuesday 17th December**

11am Talking Elephants

**Wednesday 18th December**

10am Communion Service

10.30am Coffee in TR

2pm Craft Group

**Thursday 19th December**

10am Toddler's Church

8.00pm Trinity Women's Group

**Friday 20th December**

9.30am LG School Christmas Service

7pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 21st December**

10am-12 Coffee Shop

*Did you know?*

You can find details of parish activities on our website at [www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](http://www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk) and we have a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/holytrinityleverstockgreen](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityleverstockgreen)



## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10am** Parish Eucharist

**Readings:**

Micah 5.2-5a  
 Hebrews 10.5-10  
 Luke 1.39-45

**6.30pm** Carols by Candlelight

## PRAYERS

... for the **Ministry Team** and especially for the Rev'd Dr Diana Stretton.

...for **Amelia and Rosalia** being baptised today.

... for the **sick:** King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Barbara Batten, Pat Brown, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Mike Hawtin, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts and Su.

... for the **departed:** We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Yvonne Holt, Paul Lipscomb and those whose anniversary

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**All Saints KL Christmas Tree Festival.**

Last chance today to visit the church full of magical trees and twinkling lights. Open 11am - 4pm

**Sunday 15th December 6pm TYG**

Christmas Party with Secret Santa, food and games at Jos Perris' home - for further details email Abby at: [tygholytrinity@gmail.com](mailto:tygholytrinity@gmail.com)

**Thursday 19th December 8.00pm**

Trinity Women's Group - Christmas fun

**Friday 20th December 9.30am**

LG School Christmas Service in Church

**Sunday 29th December 10.30am**

Team Service at St Benedict's

**Looking Forward to 2025**

**Saturday 18th January**

Concert - Just Acappella  
 Details to follow - save the date!

## NOTICES

**Christmas Fair** - Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last Saturday. We have made a fantastic profit of **£3100** for church funds.

**Food Bank** - Please support this important resource. Non perishable in date food (especially LL milk) can be put into the donation box in the Trinity Room.

Please check out **Jos' Ted Talk on You Tube:** <https://youtu.be/WBNfvYa-TpE?si=RBxQ3BeEC16qHC0k> about the important role we can all take in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe.

Please pray for the Rev'd Dr Diana Stretton who will be joining Holy Trinity as Vicar in April 2025.

## Christmas Services at Holy Trinity

**Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm**

Carols by Candlelight

**Tuesday 24th December**

Crib Services at **3pm & 5pm**

**Tuesday 24th December 11.15pm**

Midnight Mass

**Wednesday 25th December 10am**

Christmas Day Service

Items to be included in the Bulletin:  
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