

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**According to Matthew**

**2.13-end**

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

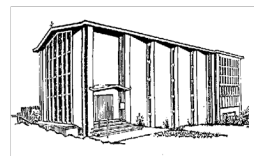
**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

**Prayer after Communion**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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**First Sunday of Christmas**

**28<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
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 Isaiah**

**63.7-9**

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favour to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely';  
and he became their saviour  
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**A reading from the Book of Hebrews**

**2.10-end**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying

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# First Sunday of Christmas

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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

**10.30am** Team Eucharist

**President Preacher** Revd Ian Pankhurst

**Hymns** 508, 687, 626, 364  
**HON** 573, 427

**Junior Church** N/A



## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 29th December**

7.30pm CA Group

**Wednesday 31st December**

10am Communion

**Thursday 1st January**

7.30pm CA Group

**Saturday 3rd January**

10am-12 Coffee Shop

## Morning services around the team

The usual mid-week Morning Prayer and Communion services around the team will be paused during the weeks of the 22nd and 29th December. There will be a service of morning prayer on the 31st December at 10am at Holy Trinity.

## Sunday 4th January Epiphany

**8.00am** BCP Communion

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**Readings:** Isa 63.7-9  
Heb 2.10-end  
Matt 2.13-end

## PRAYERS

**... for peace in the coming year**

**... for the sick:** 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, Martin Meredith, Anne Ball, Sue Page, Roy Platten, Frances Lawson, Mike Hawtin, Iain and Su.

**... for the departed:** We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, remembering those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 28th December 10.30am** - Team Eucharist at Holy Trinity

**Wednesday 31st December 10am** - Morning Prayer

**Saturday 17th January 7pm** - Board Games Night! More details to follow!

**Sunday 18th January 10am** - All Age Christingle service for the Children's Society

**Sunday 25th January 3pm** - Calm Church - a service for children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families

**Saturday 7th March 10am - 4pm** - Team Quiet Day. Pause in Lent for reflections on the Lord's Prayer. Pick up a flyer in church for full details and how to book.

**Thank you to everyone who supported and helped with our Christmas services!**

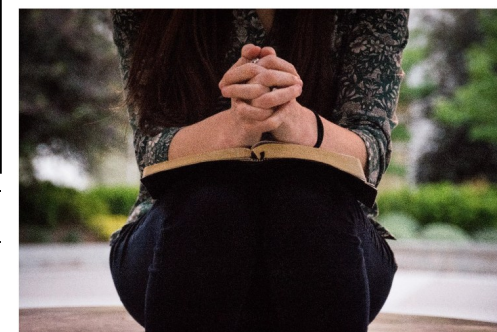
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## NOTICES

**Diana will be on leave** from the 26th December to the 2nd January inclusive. Please contact the wardens for anything urgent during this time.

**'Lord, teach us to pray' - reflections on the Lord's Prayer**



**Langelei Team Quiet Day**

**St Peter's, London Colney**

**10am – 4pm; 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



**Christingle!**

Light up the new year by joining us for our Christingle service. Fun for all ages. Supporting The Children's Society.