

## A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

10.5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## Hear the Gospel According to Luke

2.41-end

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

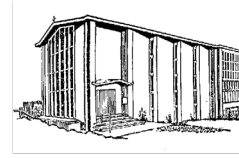
Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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

**First Sunday of Christmas - Year C**

**29<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

### 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**

### 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.**

### A reading from the First book of Samuel

2.18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

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

**10.30am** Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's

**Presiding & Preaching** Mother Alice Jolley

**Hymns CAH** 641, 729, 486\*, 370  
**Communion** 588

## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 30th December**

7.30pm CA Meeting

**Thursday 2nd January**

7pm CA Group

**Friday 3rd January**

7pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 4th January**

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 5<sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany

**8am** BCP Holy Communion

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

### Readings:

Isaiah 60.1-6  
 Ephesians 1.3-12  
 Matthew 2.1-12

## PRAYERS

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

... **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 and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

## NOTICES

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

*The Church will be **CLOSED** for private prayer and reflection on New Year's Day, Wednesday 1st January 2025*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### An Evening of Music!

Featuring Just A Capella and BURP  
 (Berkhamsted Ukulele Random Players)

**Saturday 18 January**

Holy Trinity Church, Leverstock Green, HP3 8LJ

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Adults £15 Children £0

Ticket price includes admission and refreshments

Tickets available from Gillian

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