

A reading from 1 Corinthians

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If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

6.17-26

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

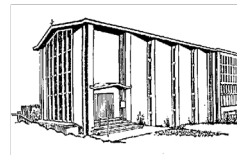
'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

The Benefice of Langelei



St Benedict's,
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St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

Third Sunday before Lent - Year C

16th February, 2025

The Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful
humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this
world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us
the bread of life,
that those who come to him should
never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and
love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom, where
he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

Amen

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

17.5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt
land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.
The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to
their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Presiding Preaching Rev Jos Perris

Hymns HON 290, 429, 416
Communion 69, 77

Junior Church Lisa

6pm-7.30pm TYG at Jos'

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 17th February

7.30pm CA Meeting

Tuesday 18th February

11am-1pm Talking Elephants

Wednesday 19th February

10am Morning Service

2pm Craft Group

Thursday 20th February

10am NO Toddlers Church Half-Term

8pm Trinity Women's Group

Friday 21st February

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 22nd February

10am-12 Coffee Shop

This bulletin, with the notices, prayers and readings, is for you to take home to study at your leisure.

Did you know?

You can find details of parish activities on our website at

www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk
 and we have a Facebook page at
www.facebook.com/holytrinityleverstockgreen



Sunday 23rd February Second Sunday Before Lent

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end
 Revelations 4
 Luke 8.22-25

PRAYERS

... for the **Ministry Team** and especially for Father James McDonald, Revd Dr Diana Stretton and Mother Alice Jolley.

... for the **sick**: King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Eileen Adams, Lawrence Blythe, Pat Brown, Barbara Chapman, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts and Su.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bible Bites 22nd February at 10am at Anne Twiggs home. We will be looking at 'St Paul's letter to the Romans'. The book is now available - speak to Tim Bourne if you are interested.

TODAY TYG (the youth group) are meeting at Jos' house at 6-7.30. Please email Abby (tygholytrinity@gmail.com) for the address and to confirm if you are able to come.

The date for the Trip to the Puttshack in Watford Atria is on 16th March. The cost is fixed at £20 per child, covering a round of Crazy golf, food and a drink. In order for us to secure the booking please email Abby for your place, and make payment to the HTC bank **no later than 28th February**.

Lent Lunches

Two dates are now confirmed, 26th March and 2nd April 12 - 2pm.

If anyone has **items for re-gifting** please place them in the box in the TR. Gillian is happy to collect and store them.

NOTICES

Langelei Lent Course: 3rd March-14th April

This year, we are running a Team Lent Course starting on 3rd March to 14th April. There will be 3 sessions/locations available each week. Each location will be using the same material each week over the 6 week period:

Monday 3.30-5pm at Jos' house in Bedmond

Tuesday 7.30-9pm at Alice's house, Bennetts End

Friday 10-11.30am at All Saints Church, KL

We will be using a book written by Paula Gooder called 'Women of Holy Week'. You do not have to purchase the book but can do so if you would like to. If you would like to know more, please contact: Alice, Jos or Keith/Andy at All Saints. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

Upcoming Events....

4th March 4.30-6pm Pancake Tea

5th March 8pm Benefice Ash Wednesday Service at Holy Trinity

26th March & 2nd April 12-2pm Lent Lunches

15th March 3pm Scrabble Tea

18th April - Good Friday Childrens' Workshop

Sunday 20th Easter Day

Hot cross buns & coffee and Easter Egg hunt

Monday 21st 9.45am

Easter Pilgrimage breakfast

Parish Retreat 18-20 July - Someone has sadly had to pull out of the retreat at Pleshey, which will be led by our incoming Vicar, Revd Dr. Diana Stretton. This means there is now space for a couple, two friends who don't mind sharing a bathroom or someone on their own; you need to be able to manage some steep stairs and sloping roofs. The brochure at the back of church gives details of the retreat and this accommodation is slightly cheaper than that advertised. If you are interested please contact Linda Cooke as soon as possible.

Food Bank - Please support this important resource. Non perishable in date food can be put into the donation box in the Trinity Room.