

A reading from Revelations

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After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,

who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God,

to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,

and by your will they existed and were created.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

8.22-25

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Prayer after Communion

God our creator,

by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross

and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Benefice of Langelei



St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

Second Sunday before Lent - Year C

23rd February, 2025

The Collect

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the book of Genesis

2.4b-9, 15-end

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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 273, 540, 554, 754
Communion 590, 61

Junior Church No Junior Church

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 24th February

7.30pm CA Meeting

Wednesday 26th February

10am Morning Service
 2pm Craft Group

Thursday 27th February

10am Toddlers Church
 2.30pm Friendship Teas
 7.30pm CA Group

Friday 28th February

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 1st March

10am-12 Coffee Shop

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

Electoral Roll

In 2025 there must be a complete renewal of the Electoral Roll, not just a revision. **Every person who wishes to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, must apply for enrolment.** The period for application of enrolment will commence on 9th March and close on 14th April. More details and application forms will be made available from 9th March.

Sunday 2nd March Next Before Lent

8.00am BCP Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Exod 34.29-end
 2 Cor 3.12-4.2
 Luke 4.1-13

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TYG (the youth group)

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** .

Pray Hemel

1st March - Worship and pray at the Liberty Tea Rooms, 12 Bank Court, HP1 1BS. Refreshments from 8.00am, prayers from 8.30am.
 Future dates: April 5th at St Barnabas, Adeyfield, May 3rd at St Mary & St Joseph, Boxmoor and June 7th at Belmont Road Baptist Church.

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

10am Morning Prayer and Ashing led by Tim
8pm Benefice Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Ashing at HT

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

15th March 3pm - 5.30pm 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

24th April - Licensing and Installation of Rev Dr Diana Stretton

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