

## A reading from the First Letter of Peter

2.19-end

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## Hear the Gospel According to John

10.1-10

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

# Benefice of Langelei



Fourth Sunday of Easter

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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 Acts

2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.  
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

*You may take this home to study the readings and prayers at your leisure.  
Please also pray for the work of the church in this Parish. [www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](http://www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk)*

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# Vocations Sunday

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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. Please sit on the far left if you wish to remain off camera.

## Services Today

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**President & Preacher** Revd Dr Diana Stretton

**Hymns** 47, 637, 493, 120  
**HON** 382, 138

**Junior Church** Suzanne

**11.30am** APCM

**3pm** Calm Church

## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**  
7.30pm CA Group

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
7.30pm – 9pm Events management committee

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
9am Morning Prayer  
10am Communion Service

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
10am Toddler & Babies Church  
7.30pm CA Group

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
7pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
10am-12 Coffee Shop



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**8am** BCP Communion

**10am** Parish Eucharist

**Readings** Acts 7.55-end; 1 Peter 2.2-10  
John 14.1-14

**4.30pm** Sacred Space

## PRAYERS

... for the ministry team, lay and ordained.

... for the sick: For those with ongoing needs: 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, Anne Ball, Russell Matthews, Sue Page and Su.  
For those with immediate needs: Roy Platten, Mike Hawtin, Pauline Lindsey, Pete Channell, John Buxton, John Warden, Iain and Verity.

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am** - APCM! Please stay for our annual church meeting.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 3pm** - Calm Church. A service designed to support and welcome children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families. A simple service followed by biscuits and squash.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 4.30pm** - Sacred Space. Our service this time will be in the Iona style.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7pm - Quiz Night!** Put on your thinking caps and gather your team! Full details in the attached flyer. Contact Beverley to book your place.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 8pm** – Deanery Ascension Day Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. All are welcome!

**Morning services around the team**  
All are welcome to mid-week services.  
Tuesdays St Benedict's - 9am MP  
Thursdays St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC  
Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 10am HC

## NOTICES

**Canal Boat trip**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 3pm after the Team service at All Saints the AS Ladies Group are organising a canal boat trip with a fish and chips lunch and talk from Fr James. All welcome but there are only about 15 places left! To find out more or book a place contact [Jamie.brockhurst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Jamie.brockhurst@hotmail.co.uk) ASAP!

**Exploring Matthew's Gospel**  
Bible Bites is returning at a different time and a different format! Each year our readings focus on a different Gospel but it can be tricky to see how all the themes join up. To help put the pieces together we are going to be exploring Matthew's Gospel, our Gospel for this year. There will be an overview session on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in church followed by monthly deeper-dives. There will be a daytime and an evening session each month, in the Trinity Room. Pick whether daytime or evening works better for you! Daytime sessions will be on Wednesdays after the 10am communion service on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October and 4<sup>th</sup> November. Evening sessions will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Tech support!** We urgently need more volunteers to help with the AV desk. It is much less complicated than you think! Talk to Miles or Terry to find out more.

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