

A reading from the book of Isaiah

43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Hear the Gospel According to Luke

3.15-17, 21-22

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

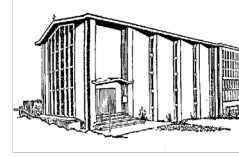
As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

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The Baptism of Christ - Year C

12th January, 2025

The Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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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 Revd Jos Perris
Preaching Tim Bourne

Hymns HON 125, 274, 589, 205
Communion 132, 591

Junior Church Lisa

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 13th January

7.30pm CA Meeting

Tuesday 14th January

7.30pm Trinity Men's Group

Wednesday 15th January 2025

10am Communion Service followed by Coffee

2pm Craft Group

Thursday 16th January

10am Toddlers Church

Friday 17th January

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 18th January

10am-12 Coffee Shop

7pm for Just A Cappella and BURP

7.30pm Concert

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 19th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 62.1-5

1 Cor 12.1-11

John 2.1-11

PRAYERS

... **for the Ministry Team** and especially for Revd James McDonald and Revd Dr Diana Stretton.

... **for the sick:** King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Eileen Adams, Pat Brown, Barbara Chapman, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, 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, Tony Coley and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15th January Craft Group resumes

Thursday 16th January Toddlers Church resumes

Saturday 18th January 10am - 12 noon during Coffee Morning in the Alban Room - Volunteers are needed to help make up the Christingles to be handed out during the All Age Service on Sunday 19th January. Everything will be provided including coffee - just come along and help.

Sunday 19th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

All Age Service - there will be a collection for the Childrens' Society during this Service.

Saturday 25th January 10am

Bible Bites will be looking at St Paul's letter to the Romans. We will meet in Jean Britt's home. Everyone is welcome.

NOTICES

Bishop Alan will be retiring on 31st May 2025 after 16 years of Service as Diocesan Bishop of St Albans. During his time of Office he has encouraged us to 'Live God's Love'. There will be opportunities to say farewell but in the meantime please keep him in your prayers.

Parish Retreat 18 - 20 July - Our future Vicar, Revd Dr Diana Stretton, will be leading our retreat at Pleshey on the theme "Trusting God through Change". Further information and booking forms are available in a leaflet at the back of church.

Bible Bites is back for 2025 looking at St Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet at 10am on the 4th Saturday of every month with the first session of the New Year on 25th January at the home of Jean Britt. Everyone is welcome.



Saturday 18th January

Just A Cappella and BURP

Concert in Church plus Refreshments. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets cost £15 (children go free) available from:

Gillian 07770 874744

An Evening not to be missed!