

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12.12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke 4.14-21 **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

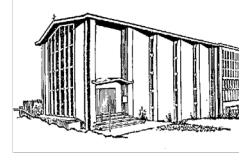
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your
mighty power;
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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by
your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his
glory, that he may be known,
worshipped, and obeyed to the
ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.

Amen

A reading from the book of Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

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The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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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 Revd Jos Perris

Hymns NEH 391, 388, 55, 361
Communion 302, 358

Junior Church Sarah and Roni

11.45am Baptism of Elsie & Abel

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 27th January

7.30pm CA Meeting

Wednesday 29th January 2025

10am Morning Service

2pm Craft Group

Thursday 30th January

10am Toddlers Church

7.30pm CA Group

Friday 31st January

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 1st February

10am-12 Coffee Shop

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 2nd February Candlemas

8am BCP Service

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2.22-40

PRAYERS

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

...**please pray** for Elsie and Abel Baptised today.

... for the **sick:** King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Eileen Adams, 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, Tony Coley, Reg Kent

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Prayer Hemel Saturday 1st February

at Adeyfield Free Church, Maylands Avenue. Refreshments available at 8am, worship and prayers begin at 8.30am. Parking is limited.

Saturday 8th February - Wine Tasting

in the Trinity Room at 7.30pm. Numbers are limited to 30. Sign up sheet is in the TR. Tickets available from Kathy or Terry Perry - 07748 555333

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 - all ensuite rooms for the retreat, which will be led by our future Vicar, Rev'd Dr Diana Stretton, have been booked. However if you can manage steep stairs and don't mind sharing a bathroom with one other, there are a couple of possibilities, including two rooms in a cottage in the grounds. Leaflets are available at the back of church and, if you are interested, please contact Linda Cooke.

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

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, Bennet's End
Friday 10-11.30 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 will be a sign up sheet at the back of Church.