

And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Hear the Gospel According to Matthew 13.31-33,44-52 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

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St Benedict's,

Holy Trinity,

St Mary's

All Saints

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

26th July, 2026

Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Reading from the book of 1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

A Reading from the book of Romans 8.26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

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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



10am Parish Eucharist

President Revd Dr Diana Stretton
& Preacher Tim Bourne

Hymns 449, 434, 440, 427
NEH 139, 357

Junior Church Sarah

3pm Calm Church

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 27th July

7.30pm CA Group

Wednesday 29th July

9am Morning Prayer

10am Communion service

Thursday 30th July

7.30pm CA Group

Saturday 25th July

10am-12 Coffee Shop

10.30am Burial of Ashes

Note that some regular events are paused over the summer

Sunday 2nd August Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Isaiah 55.1-5
Readings Romans 9.1-5
Matthew 14.13-21

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

PRAYERS

...for Rosemary as she retires as Director of Music for Holy Trinity

... for the sick: For those with ongoing needs: June Buxton, Laurence Blythe, Barbara Chapman, Greg Coulshed, Phyllis Duncan, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, Pamela Sanvoisin, Alison Parkyns, Anne Ball, Russell Matthews, Sue Page and Su.

For those with immediate needs: Abla, Roy Platten, Mike Hawtin, Pauline Lindsey, Pete Channell, John Buxton, John Warden, David Roberts, John May and Verity.

... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed and remember those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families, friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 26th July 3pm – Calm Church. Our next Calm Church service is at the end of the month – a service especially designed to support children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families.

Sunday 30th August 10.30am – Team All-Age Eucharist at Holy Trinity

Sunday 30th August 2-4pm – Strawberry Tea at the Vicarage – save the date! Cakes will be needed, more information to follow.

Sunday 13th Sept 3pm – Hymns and Pimms!

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th Sept – Kings Langley Beer and Fizz Festival – all welcome!

Sunday 4th October 10am – Harvest service

Saturday 10th October 6pm – Harvest Supper and TYG-organised Talent Show. Theme 'Film Noir' – get your talents ready!

Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week services.

Tuesdays St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

Thursdays St Benedict's - 9am Fuel Prayer

Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 10am HC

NOTICES

Food Bank We are always looking for donations to support the food bank in Bennetts End. Donations can be left in the Trinity Room in the bags provided and are delivered every Wednesday. Non-perishable items such as tins, long-life milk, rice, pasta, coffee, tea and toothpaste are all welcome.

Diana on leave – Diana is away from the 3rd to the 7th August inclusive. Please contact the wardens for anything urgent during this time.

Exploring Matthew's Gospel – will be taking a summer break in August. Back on Wednesday 2nd September at 11am and Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm

Hymns and Pimms 13th September 3pm – come along to the churchyard for a lovely sing with Pimms! We want you to pick the hymns so please let Diana know your favourites to add to the list.

Harvest Supper and Talent Show 10th October 6pm – This year we are once again having a talent show organised by TYG. Everyone of all ages is welcome to enter – start preparing your talents now so we have a good show!

Rosemary! Today is Rosemary's last Sunday as our Director of Music. We have been very grateful for all her years of service, enriching and guiding the music and worship of Holy Trinity. Please stay after the service to thank Rosemary and to wish her well for her retirement.

All that we do to support our community would not be possible without your generosity. If you would like to support our work financially please use the link in the QR code:

