

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to John

14.1-14

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **Amen**

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St Benedict's,



Holy Trinity,



St Mary's



All Saints

Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May, 2026

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:
we humbly beseech thee that,
as by thy grace preceding us thou dost put into our minds good desires,
so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Book of Acts

7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

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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

8.00am BCP Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

President & Preacher Father James McDonald

Hymns 206, 464, 201, 115
NEH 477, 118

Junior Church Sarah

4.30pm Sacred Space



This Sunday Revd Dr Diana Stretton is at All Saints, Kings Langley.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 4th May

7.30pm CA Group

Wednesday 6th May

9am Morning Prayer

10am Communion service

11.30am Wedding Blessing of Rhona & Gian

2pm Craft Group

7.15pm LG Parish Trust Meeting

Thursday 7th May

10am Toddler & Babies Church

7.30pm Exploring Matthew's Gospel

Friday 8th May

10.30am Funeral of Carol Court

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 9th May

10am-12 Coffee Shop

Sunday 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Eucharist

Acts 17.22-31

Readings 1 Peter 3.13-end
John 14.15-21

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 3rd May 4.30pm - Sacred Space.

Our service this Sunday will be in the Iona style. Reflective and similar to Taizé but with a bit more structure. Do come along and try!

Saturday 9th May 7pm - Quiz Night! Put on your thinking caps and gather your team! If you don't have a team, then Beverley can find you one. Full details in the attached flyer. Contact Beverley to book your place.

Thursday 14th May 8pm - Deanery Ascension Day Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. All are welcome!

Saturday 23rd May 9.30am - 4pm

Prayer walk around the Team.

Sunday 24th May 9.30am - Team Service at All Saints - note the earlier time!

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

Prayer walk around the Team - Saturday 23rd May 9.30am - 4pm

Each year the CofE marks the time between Ascension and Pentecost as a time of prayer called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. As part of our prayers this year, we are going to do a prayer walk around the Team. All are welcome to join us for all or some of the walk. You could just walk the leg between two churches, or join us for our prayer and refreshment stop at one of the churches if walking is not for you. Full timings in the newsletter (or ask Diana or James). Sign up in the Trinity Room for breakfast at HT.

Exploring Matthew's Gospel

Our series Exploring Matthew's Gospel has its first sessions on the 7th May at 7.30pm and the 13th May after the 10am service. You don't need to have come to the Saturday session to join in! The first sessions we will be exploring the teaching on lifestyle in chapters 5-7. Daytime sessions are on Wednesdays after the 10am communion service on the 13th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October and 4th November. Evening sessions are on Thursdays at 7.30pm on the 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September, 8th October and 5th November. All in the Trinity Room.

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.

All that we do to support our community

would not be possible without your generosity.

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