

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyful giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

23.33-43

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

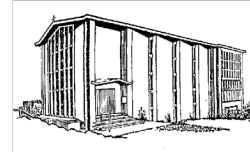
PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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23rd November, 2025

The Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

This bulletin with the notices, prayers 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 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. 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

President Revd Jos Perris
Preacher Revd David Jones

Hymns 436, 48, 125, 92
HON 369, 768

Junior Church Lisa

This Sunday Revd Dr Diana Stretton is leading the service at All Saints Kings Langley.



This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 24th November

7.30pm CA Group

Tuesday 25th November

2.30pm Funeral of Sheila Davies

Wednesday 26th November

9am Morning Prayer

10am Communion

2pm Craft Group

Thursday 27th November

10am Toddlers & Babies Church

2.30pm Friendship Teas in TR

7.30pm CA Group

Friday 28th November

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 29th November

10am-12 Coffee Shop

Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services

Tuesdays St Benedict's - 9am MP

Thursdays St Mary's - 9.30am HC

Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Readings: Isa 2.1-5
Rom 13.11-end
Matt 24.36-44

PRAYERS

... for Ollie who is being Confirmed this Sunday at 6.30pm at St John's Boxmoor.

... for the sick: 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, Martin Meredith, Anne Ball, Sue Page, Roy Platten, Coral Driscoll, Iain and Su.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 30th November 4.30pm - Team

Advent Carols service at All Saints Kings Langley, featuring the combined choirs.

Saturday 6th December 12.30pm onwards - Christmas Fair and Light up a Life

Sunday 14th December 10am - All Age

Communion with Toddler Church Nativity
Sunday 21st December 6.30pm - Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve:

3pm - Crib Service. Especially suitable for young children. Dress up if you want.

5pm - Carols and Chill. A moment to pause with carols, calm and the Christmas story.

11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10am - Family Communion

Flyers for the Christmas Fair are now available for distribution round the village. Help would be greatly appreciated!

All that we do to support our community would not be possible without your generous donations. If you would like to support our work financially please follow the link from this QR code:



NOTICES

Christmas Fair - 6th Dec 12.30-3.30pm

Next Sunday is the last before our Christmas Fair and we really need your help. Please support your very small committee by bringing in bottles for the bottle tombola, unused items for the regifting stall, (please note there is no bric a brac stall) jewellery – also broken items of gold, platinum or silver which we can sell in a job lot – in date chocolate for the tombola, good quality children's toys and books, modern paperback books, Jigsaws. There are boxes in the Trinity Room. I'm happy to collect just give me a ring Gillian 07770874744.

Also there's a signup sheet in the Trinity Room for helpers, there are 2 shifts 12.15 – 2pm and 2pm- 3.30. There is a separate signup sheet to help on Friday 5/12/25 from 10am – lunch will be provided - and to help clear up from 3.30 on Saturday to get ready for our service on Sunday. Many thanks.

Light up a Life - 6th December 4pm

Gather in the churchyard after the activity of the Christmas Fair for a moment of pause. Forms to sponsor lights on the Christmas tree are available in church.

Church Cleaning You will be delighted to know that the 2026 church cleaning rota is on the board in the Trinity Room. The more people volunteer the less frequently you have to do it. Don't be shy. I'm happy to buddy up to show you the ropes. If 2 people do it, it only takes an hour and it's the church only, not the Trinity Room. Gillian 0770874744

Team Quiet Day 7th March 2026

We are planning a Team Quiet Day exploring the Lord's Prayer on the 7th March 2026 at St Peter's Church, London Colney. The day will run from 10am-4pm, £5 per person. Pick up a flyer for full details of what is happening and how to book!