

A reading from the Letter of James

1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Mark

7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

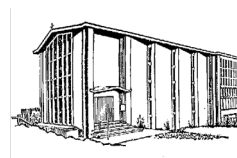
You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

The Benefice of Langelei



St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity - Year B

1st September, 2024

The Collect

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

A reading from the Fifth book of Moses

Deuteronomy

4.1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

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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Holy Trinity Bulletin 1st September, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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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

8.00am BCP James McDonald

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Presiding & Preaching James McDonald

Hymns HON 51, 89, 244, 171

Communion: 609, 557

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 2nd September

7.30pm CA Group in TR

Tuesday 3rd September

7.15pm Fabric Committee Meeting

Wednesday 4th September

10am Morning Prayer

2pm Craft Group

7.30pm Events Committee Meeting

Thursday 5th September

10am Toddler Church

Friday 6th September

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 6th September

10-12 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/holytrinityeverstockgreen

Sunday 8th September All Age Back to School

10.00am Parish Eucharist
With Baptisms

Readings:
Luke 5.1-11

PRAYERS

... **for the Benefice** as Mother Alice returns to ministry and our Vacancy is advertised.

... **for the sick:** King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Maureen Bellett, Sheila Daly, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Lynn Freeman, Kay Hawes, Lesley Hawtin, Mike Hawtin, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts, Carole Robson and Su.

... **for the departed:** We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Alec Bates, Richard Mayhew and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All Age Back to School Service 8th September at 10am

The service will be led by Jos, and will be an all-age service to mark the children's return to school for the new academic year. Children are invited to bring their backpacks, satchels etc to the service to be blessed.

Bike 'n Hike Saturday 14th September

If you plan to join in, visiting as many churches as possible on foot or by bike, please ask me for a sponsorship pack. Nearer the time I'll be asking for volunteers to help to welcome any visitors. Note the date now!
Tim Bourne

Sunday 29th September

10.30 Team Service at All Saints

Sunday 5th October at 7.30pm Harvest Supper

Save the date!

NOTICES

Church Foodbank – Please support this important resource. Cash donations welcome. Items especially needed LL Milk, tinned meat, shower gel, shampoo, laundry products along with items of in-date, non-perishable food. Leave items at the donation point in the TR.

Saturday Coffee Shop — more helpers needed! If you can help then please put your name on the list in the TR. Thank you.

Are you considering being Confirmed?
A Deanery Confirmation Course will be starting in the Autumn.
Talk to James or Jos if you want to know more.

Hall Hire: To reserve the Trinity Room, Alban Room or Church please email lght.pccsec@gmail.com



Items to be included in the Bulletin:
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