

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians

4.1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Matthew

9.9-13

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

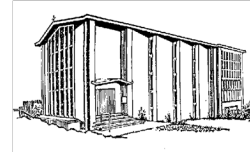
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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

21st September, 2025

The Collect

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive
love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
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 Book of Proverbs

3.13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare
with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and
honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are
peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold
her fast are called happy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

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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

Leading and Preaching Revd Dr Diana Stretton

Hymns HON 114, 69, 282, 647
Communion 605, 538

Junior Church Miles

This Sunday Revd Jos Perris is leading the service at St Francis, Welwyn Garden City and Revd Becky Leach is leading the services at St Mary's and St Benedict's.



This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 22nd September

7.30pm CA Group

Wednesday 24th September

9am Morning Prayer
10am Communion Service
2pm Craft Group

Thursday 25th September

10am Toddler & Babies' Church
7.30pm CA Group

Friday 26th September

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 20th September

10am-12 Coffee Shop

Please let Diana know if you would like anything included in the bulletin.

Sunday 28th September
15th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am All age service celebrating LG Primary School
Readings: Proverbs 2.1-11
Galatians 3.23-28

PRAYERS

... for the **Ministry team**, especially for Revd David Jones and his family, Janey, Hannah and Autumn, as they prepare to join us.

... for the **sick**: Eileen Adams, June Buxton, Laurence Blythe, Barbara Chapman, Greg Coulshed, Phyllis Duncan, Amelie Flatt, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts, Pamela Sanvoisin, Alison Parkyns, Martin Meredith, Anne Ball, Sue Page, Evelyn, Iain and Su.

... for the **departed**: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Beryl Millar, Vanda Palosz and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 21st September 6pm - TYG! Young people school year 6 and up are welcome to join us for games and some talent show planning... Talk to Diana or Miles for more details

Sunday 28th September - Our 10am service will be an all-age celebration of the 40th anniversary of Leverstock Green Primary.

Saturday 11th October 6pm - HT's Got Talent! and Harvest Supper.

Tuesday 14th October 7.30pm - Installation of Revd David Jones at St Mary's.

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 - 9am MP, 9.30am HC
Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

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NOTICES

Confirmation Course

Fr James, Rev Diana and Rev Jos will be running Confirmation preparation sessions. Please contact one of us to sign up. For adults and young people 12+ in our churches. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd Oct, 15th Nov visit to St Albans, 20th Nov concluding session. 23rd Nov 6.30pm Confirmation service at St John's Boxmoor.

Help wanted - cleaning rota!

There are spaces on the church cleaning rota which need filling. If you are able to help then please talk to Gillian.

Talent Show and Harvest Supper

On the 11th October at 6pm our Harvest Supper will also feature HT's Got Talent! Led by our very own TYG. All ages and levels of talent are welcome to enter. The theme is 'a night at the movies' so feel free to add a little showbiz sparkle to your entry! Register your act using the QR code below, or by talking to Diana or Miles. Whether or not you have an act, please come along to support the event. Tickets include the harvest supper and are £8 for adults, £4 for children. Tickets can be purchased from Gillian 07770 874744.

Holy Trinity Presents 'A Night At the Movies' Talent Show! Act Registration Form

