

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 14.25-33

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

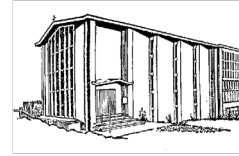
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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12th Sunday After Trinity - Year C

7th September, 2025

The Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

30.15-end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon

1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

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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 Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Leading and Preaching Revd Dr Diana Stretton

Hymns HON 144, 608, 203, 493
Communion 578, 329

Junior Church Suzanne

This Sunday Tim Bourne is preaching at All Saints Kings Langley



This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday 8th September

7.30pm CA Group

Tuesday 9th September

1pm Funeral of Vanda Palosz
7.30pm Trinity Men's Group

Wednesday 10th September

9am Morning Prayer
10am Communion Service
2pm Craft Group
7.30pm PCC meeting

Thursday 11th September

10am Toddler & Babies' Church

Friday 12th September

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday 13th September

10am-12 Coffee Shop

Sunday 14th September Holy Cross Day

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Readings: Numbers 21.4-9
Philemon 2.6-11
John 3.13-17

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, John May, Anne Ball, 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

Saturday 13th September - Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike. Journey round local churches on foot, by pedal power or whatever other way you prefer! We need volunteers to offer refreshments in Holy Trinity - please sign up in the Trinity Room to help out with this. If you want more information about the day, or you want to be sponsored for a hike or bike, please talk to Tim Bourne.

Sunday 28th September - Our 10am service will be an all-age celebration of the 40th anniversary of Leverstock Green Primary. If you have memories of the school over this time then please talk to Diana.

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.

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

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

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.

Leverstock Green WI - open meeting

9th September, 7.30pm in the Village Hall there will be a talk and demonstration-animal encounters with an educational twist. Open meeting - all welcome!

HT's Got Talent!

On the 11th October 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! Sign-up sheets and more details to follow but for now think about what talent you might like to enter.

Food bank - donations needed

In addition to the usual donations, the food bank at St Benedict's Church would be grateful for clean, unlabelled jam jars and small plastic drinks bottles with functioning lids (500ml size) so that they can decant produce into smaller containers when required.

Strawberry tea - thank you

Thank you to everyone who made this such a lovely event. For all the setting up and tidying up, and for all the cakes!

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:

