

Welcome! It's good to see you.

We are the family of God and all are welcome at his table. If you are used to receiving **communion** you are welcome to do so here. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please indicate this by bringing this leaflet up with you. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Both churches are equipped with a **hearing loop** system. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

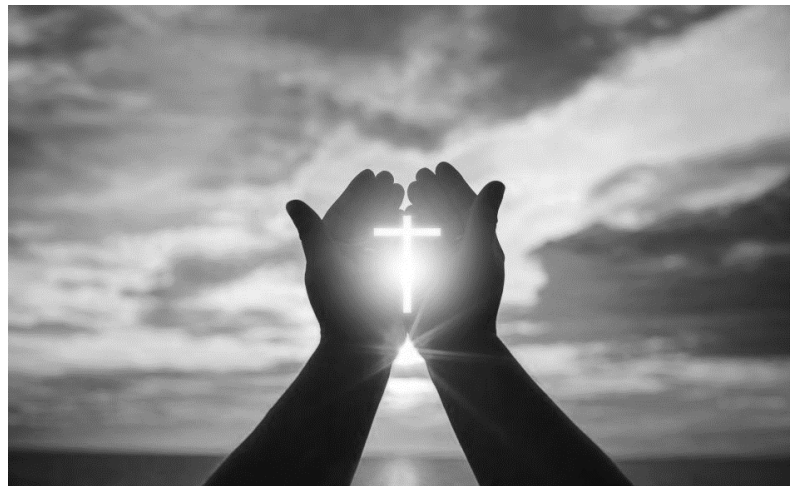
Toilet facilities: at Holy Trinity through the vestry door at the front of church on the right. At St John's at the back of church on the right. At both churches there are also toilets in the hall across the car park. All facilities are accessible.

You may wish to use the prayer below to help you to **prepare for worship** this morning.

Lord Jesus, I receive your love
poured out for me
in bread and wine.

Accept this gift of my life,
brought to the altar
without conditions.

Do your work in me,
and let me be, like you,
taken, blessed,
and given for others;
for, in spite of my failings,
you know that I love you.
Amen

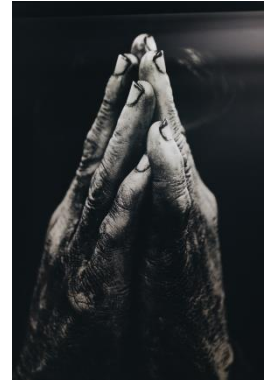


Prayers

We remember in our prayers....

- all in our church family who are unwell at this time,
in hospital or at home.

- those who feel isolated and lonely
- those who have no-one to pray for them
- those who are anxious
- those who have lost loved ones in recent weeks
- those whose years' mind falls at this time



We give thanks for the lives of all who have died recently.

Rest eternal grant unto them, oh Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.

This week:

Pray **in the morning** for the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life; and **in the evening** for peace, individuals known to us personally and their needs.

Prayer diary

On *pray for:*

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| Mon | all missing persons and their loved ones |
| Tue | guidance for those exploring lay or ordained ministry |
| Wed | all asylum seekers longing for a decision |
| Thu | those who work to solve crimes |
| Fri | the homeless and rootless |
| Sat | those who feel disregarded because they are seen as different |

*Prayer requests can be left on the board in the Lady Chapel at HT and in the
Baptistry at St John's.*

*They are gathered weekly, placed on the altar and offered to God at the
Wednesday Eucharist.*

Readings

Malachi 3.1-4 | *The Coming Messenger*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hebrews 2.14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2.22-40 | *Jesus Is Presented in the Temple*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child

Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary,

This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Notices

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Launch of Lent Appeal, Tuesday 13th February, 6.30pm, St John's Church Hall. More details in next pew sheet.

The next **Litany of Reconciliation** will be on Thursday 15 February 12 noon by the war memorial at St. John's. All welcome to join in this short prayer for peace and forgiveness. *Future dates - third Thursday of each month i.e. 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November and 19 December.*

From Val Wiley ...

To introduce a new season of coffee mornings it has been suggested that we have a Bring and Share Lunch at Holy Trinity Church Hall on Thursday 15th February from 12noon until 2pm.

In the comfort and warmth of the church hall we will be able to enjoy a time together, meet friends old and new and have a wonderful opportunity to 'catch up' with each other. So please bring a dish to share, there will be a warm welcome for everyone.

A list will be available at the back of each church for you to sign for seating arrangements.

Our 'in house' coffee mornings begin in February, we meet fortnightly on alternate Mondays and Tuesdays. All addresses and dates appear on the church calendar and in the weekly pew sheet.

Come and sing with us! - at Holy Trinity on 29th March at 6.30pm

Good Friday Evening Service with Music and Readings

The Joint Choirs of Holy Trinity and St John's invite you to join them in the singing of anthems and hymns for this special Service.

Come and sing with them! Whether you have experience of singing in a choir, or you would like to try this for the first time, do come to a rehearsal at St John's on Fridays at 8.00 - 9.00 from February 9th onwards. You and your like-minded family and friends will be made most welcome.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mary Cobbold by email: marycobbold5@gmail.com

A note from the Grace Foodbank

Holy Trinity has been involved with the Grace Foodbank for approximately 12 years and St John's has been involved ever since we joined together. I never thought that in those 12 years there would be such an increase in the number of foodbanks and the clients whom they serve.

The Grace Foodbank has been wonderfully supported by Holy Trinity and St. John's and other churches in the area.

I would like to thank you all on behalf of the Foodbank and their clients for everything you've donated over that period of time and assure you that your donations of food and money are hugely appreciated.

Please do continue to support the Grace Foodbank throughout 2024, as the need is greater than ever. Thank you again, Chris W.

Paperback books needed! We are in short supply of paperback books for our bookcase in the Church Hall at Holy Trinity. Donations would be gratefully received and can be left in the box on the floor on the right-hand side of the bookcase in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Thank you.

Wanted: used birthday cards for recycling. Would you please leave them in the box in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Thank you, Pat Roddis

From Gail ...

Many thanks for all your kind prayers and felicitations. Much appreciated.

Diary

*Our churches are open this week for private prayer from 10.00am as follows:
Holy Trinity Mon-Sat; St John's Mon-Thu*

There will be no 8.00am Communion Services until further notice

Mon 5th Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	1.30pm	Handbell Practice	94 Room St John's
	6.30pm	Snooker	St John's Hall
Wed 7th Feb	10.00am	Community Café	Holy Trinity
	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Mothers' Union coffee	St John's
Thurs 8th Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer	HT & Zoom
	10.00am	Trinity Tots	Holy Trinity
	11.00am	Lunch Club	St John's
	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls	St John's
Fri 9th Feb	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Next Sunday 11th February – Sunday next before Lent			
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St John's
	6.30pm	Wholeness and Healing Service	St John's
Looking ahead:			
Wed 14th Feb Ash Wednesday	10.00am	Communion	Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Communion	St John's
Thurs 15th Feb	12.00noon	Bring and Share Lunch	Holy Trinity

Items for next week's pew sheet to Bev by **latest 5.00pm Wednesday**, please.

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