

Parish Press

Sunday March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sentence

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.' John 11.25–26

Prayer of the Day

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Ezekiel 37.1-14	Page (OT) 625
Psalms 130	Page (OT) 445
Romans 8.6-11	Page 120
John 11.1-45	Page 80

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Holy Communion Service followed by morning tea

This week we pray for all who live in Amiens St, Surrey Hills

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8.28)

Mark's Reflection

The story of the raising of Lazarus reminds us that even in the darkest moments, God is at work. Mary and Martha send word to Jesus when their brother becomes ill, trusting that he cares. Yet Jesus does not come immediately, and Lazarus dies. To those watching, it must have felt confusing and painful. Why did Jesus wait?

When Jesus arrives, we see both the compassion and the power of Christ. Standing with the grieving sisters and their friends, Jesus is deeply moved and even weeps. This reminds us that God is not distant from our sorrow. In Jesus, God shares in our grief and understands the pain of loss.

Yet the story does not end with tears. Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life." Then he calls Lazarus out of the tomb. With this powerful sign, Jesus reveals that God's life is stronger than death itself.

For us today, this passage offers hope. In times of waiting, grief, or uncertainty, we are reminded that Christ is present with us. The one who wept with friends also brings life, hope, and renewal. In Jesus, death and despair never have the final word.

God bless

Mark

Treasures and Tastes Market

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our market yesterday. You helped to create another wonderful Market!

AN EASTER MESSIAH

On Sunday March 29 at 7pm, an enlarged Holy Trinity choir will present a meditation entitled "An Easter Messiah". It is the story of Easter using selected music from Handel's beloved oratorio Messiah. The evening will include the solo "I know that my redeemer liveth", the Hallelujah Chorus and some Easter hymns to sing. There will be a retiring offertory and light supper to follow. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate.

Working Bee - Thursday March 26, at 11 am

Can you spare an hour or two to help us clean the church? Easter is often a time for newcomers or irregular churchgoers to come to Holy Trinity. So help us show off our beautiful church with a good cleaning.

Food for Asylum Seekers

At Holy Trinity, we are collecting food for the Migrant Resource Centre in partnership with the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. So this Lent, instead of giving up something, why not show an act of care and compassion and donate each week to our food collection?

Every bit helps, and our generosity reflects our faith and trust in Jesus

Thank you to everyone for the amazing response to the food collection for those in need.

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, Thelma Fiddymont, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Mark.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Betty Hall, Beverley Jones, William Welch, Geoffrey Hughes.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday

10am Service of
Holy Communion followed by
morning tea

Thursday

**Grab something for our
community pantry from the
shops.**

10am Parish Prayer Service
7-10pm Choir Practice

Sunday

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy
Communion followed by
morning tea

Readings this week

Monday John 8.1-11
Tuesday John 8.21-30
Wednesday John 8.31-42
Thursday John 8.51-59
Friday John 10.31-42
Saturday John 11.45-57

Sunday

**Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 31.9-18
Philippians 2.5-11
Matthew 21.1-11**

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