

# Trinity News



Sunday 5th, 12th May 2024

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Ascension Sunday 12th May



**The Ascension by Peter Rogers (1963)**

From the Methodist Modern Art Collection

## Services at Trinity during May

Sunday 5 May	9:15am	<b>Early Church</b> led by Jo Baker
	10:30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> Rev Wallace Edwards
	6:00pm	<b>Evening Worship by zoom</b> led by Tina Salmon
Tuesday 7 May	10:00am	<b>Midweek service</b> led by Chris Lowe
Sunday 12 May	9:15am	<b>Early Church</b> led by Richard Bates
	10:30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> led by Ivor Mitchelmore
	6:00pm	<b>Evening Worship by zoom</b> led by Catherine Roots
Tuesday 14 May	10:00am	<b>Midweek service with Holy Communion</b> led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Sunday 19 May	10:30am	<b>Morning Worship with Holy Communion</b> led by Rev Seung-wook Jung. Retiring collection for Christian Aid. The service will be followed by the ACM
	4:00pm	<b>Messy Church</b> led by Tania Stanford
	6:00pm	<b>Evening Worship by zoom</b> led by Rev Nigel Bibbings
Tuesday 21 May	10:00am	<b>Midweek service</b> led by Catherine Roots
Sunday 26 May	9:15am	<b>Early Church</b> led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	10:30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> led by Colin Taplin
	6:00pm	<b>Evening Worship by zoom</b> led by Rev Sueng-wook Jung
Tuesday 28 May	10:00am	<b>Midweek service</b> led by Geoff Best



## Other activities at Trinity

Wednesday 8 May	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 9 May	2:00pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite
Thursday 16 May	2:15pm	Knit and Natter in the Chatteris Suite
Thursday 23 May	2:00pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite
Thursday 30 May	2:15pm	Knit and Natter in the Chatteris Suite

## Pastoral News

It is with great sadness that we announce the deaths of two much loved members of our congregation at Trinity.

**Phyllis Savage**, who worshipped at Linslade chapel for many years before moving to Trinity died on 24 April following a fall. Funeral arrangements will be circulated when they are available.

**Sarina Wray** died on 29 April following a stroke. The funeral will take place at Bierton Crematorium at 1pm on Tuesday 21st May, followed by a service at Trinity at 2pm. Refreshments will then follow the service.

Also, **Michael Underwood**, husband of Frances and father of Michelle who occasionally plays the piano at Trinity, died on Saturday 27 April after a long period of ill health.

# **Trinity News**

## **Annual Church Meeting Sunday 19th May after 10.30 service**

The next Annual Church Meeting will be held immediately after the 10.30 service on Sunday 19th May. Please would all church committees and groups send a report of last year's activities to Marina Mele by Sunday 12th May so that they can be displayed in the anteroom prior to the meeting.

There are several vacancies on Church Council for church representatives. This involves representing the views of the church congregation at the three Church Council meetings that take place each year. We would especially welcome church members to represent the Early Church and Messy Church congregations. If you feel that this is something that you are able to do, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team so that you can be elected to Church Council at the Annual Church Meeting.

## **Trinity Annual Report 2022-23**

Circulated with this week's Trinity News is the Annual Report from the Trustees (i.e. Church Council) of Trinity Methodist Church). This document includes all of the information which the Charity Commission requires us to make available to the public and is intended for anyone who attends, or has any interest, in our Church. It will be tabled at the Annual Church Meeting.

## **Single sex marriages at Trinity**

Church Council held an extraordinary meeting on Saturday 27 April to consider if we should register our church premises to hold same sex marriages. Following due process and consideration a vote was taken. (Votes included those handed to the stewards from those unable to attend.)

The key resolution presented at the meeting was:

“I agree that Trinity Church can be used for both same sex marriage services and services of blessing for same-sex couples who are already married.”

The votes cast were Yes—17; No –4

The motion was therefore carried. Leadership team will move to process the required paperwork and report back to the next Church Council meeting on 18 July.

## **Community Action**

Locally there has been some take-up recently of the cutlery etc we have been collecting for Kilgour Court, so if anyone has been holding back, we can now take more and it will be much appreciated.

And there is a lot going on nationally that might be seen to require action. A recent edition of Methodist News reported that Methodist leaders had joined the leaders of all the other main churches in the UK in signing a letter to our government about the Rwanda Bill and the recent tragic deaths by drowning in the Channel. The latest newsletter from JPIT focussed mainly on the Lets End Poverty campaign, which we as a church might wish to join.

We will talk about these along with other more local concerns, at the Community Action Group meeting after the 10.30 service on 12 May. So if you have any public issues you would like to be considered, do try to join us on 12th.

Charles Horsefield

## **Circuit News**

All are invited to the **90th anniversary celebration at Beech Hill Methodist Church on Sunday 12 May**. There will be a service at 10.30am followed by a bring & share buffet lunch. In the afternoon there will be a display of photos and memorabilia and afternoon tea. (See the poster on church noticeboard)

## Talking about Trinity 2

On Saturday 29 June we will be holding a meeting building on previous thinking about how Trinity takes forward its mission in Leighton Buzzard to which all are welcome. To support your thinking there will be two opportunities before the event to consider information gathered about our local community and its needs. Prayer stations will be set up in the church on Tuesday 4 June (after Tuesday worship) and Saturday 8 June (time to be confirmed). You are invited to come and look at the information gathered, pray, and put forward your thoughts and ideas before the main meeting.

Leadership team

Seung-wook, Anne, Charles, Sheila, Catherine, Alison,

### **How can we support our local community? Share your thoughts**

As part of the preparation for Talking about Trinity 2 we are seeking to better understand what people think is the role of the church in their locality. If you would like to put forward your ideas there is an (anonymous) online survey on our website.

[https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/Groups/418971/Looking\\_to\\_the.aspx](https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/Groups/418971/Looking_to_the.aspx)

Anyone is welcome to give their ideas, so please pass this on to your friends and family whether they live in Leighton Buzzard or not. If you would like to give your thoughts face to face please speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

## **Charity of the Month—Christian Aid**

Christian Aid Week is 12-18 May, and as is our custom, our charity of the month for May is Christian Aid (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>)



*“Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.”*

Our retiring collection will be taken on Sunday 19 May after the 10.30 service, and before the ACM.

## Community events...

*This new column is an opportunity for members to publicise activities and events they are involved in. Concerts, plays, coffee mornings, charity events etc. Send brief details (at least 4 weeks in advance) via the Trinity News email or anteroom pigeon hole c/o Anne Gray (No guarantees and inclusion is dependent upon space.)*

### **Stewkley Singers -Verdi Requiem**

The Stewkley Singers will be joined by members of All Saints church choir in a performance of the Verdi Requiem at All Saints Church on Saturday 18 May, starting at 7.30pm. (See the poster on the notice board.) Tickets £17 (£8.50 child) from Room No9 or Anne Gray 07749 757263.

### **Shambles Big Band & Beati Vocal Ensemble “I sing and I swing”**

Saturday 18 May, 7.30pm at The Square Dunstable. (See poster on the church notice board.) Tickets £7 (children £2) at the door.

## **Zoom links**

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

[https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?  
pwd=RlozVHRhYnFrcEU1cUJjdHZxUDQzQT09](https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?pwd=RlozVHRhYnFrcEU1cUJjdHZxUDQzQT09)

By phone—0208 080 6591

Meeting ID: 948 6562 3492 Passcode: 494002

### **Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 2pm**

[https://zoom.us/j/92877340921?  
pwd=Y2x3MUdTeFpWT0YvenUxMXZDNTArdz09](https://zoom.us/j/92877340921?pwd=Y2x3MUdTeFpWT0YvenUxMXZDNTArdz09)

By phone—0330 088 5830

Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921 Passcode: 869411

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm**

[https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?  
pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dlUT09](https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dlUT09)

By phone—0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

*For help joining our Zoom services please contact Catherine Roots.*

## Prayer Diary

### **Please pray for....**

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity and around the Circuit - Jo Baker, Rev Wallace Edwards, Tina Salmon, Chris Lowe, Richard Bates, Ivor Mitchelmore, Catherine Roots, Tania Stanford, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Rev Nigel Bibbings, Colin Taplin, Geoff Best, Roger Owers, Peter Baker, Fiona Arscott-Smith
- Those who man and visit the Trinity stall at the May Fayre
- Our Annual Church Meeting on 19 May
- Preparation for "Talking about Trinity 2" on 29 June
- Our Circuit Superintendent Rev Patrick Kandeh as he goes on 3 months sabbatical
- All those who mourn, in particular the families and friends of Phyllis Savage, Sarina Wray and Michael Underwood
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them.
- Children, parents and staff of Leighton Middle school
- All those who live on Hockliffe Street and North Street

*The deadline for the next Trinity News will be 12noon Wednesday 15th May . Send contributions to : [trinityweeklynews@gmail.com](mailto:trinityweeklynews@gmail.com) or the Anteroom letter rack.*

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