

Trumpeter

News and views for Trinity Methodist Church
Leighton Buzzard



*Cotswold Lavender, Worcs.
Photo REG*

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AUGUST 2017





Sunday services at Trinity will be conducted by:

AUGUST

20 10.30 Robin Gurney
27 10.30 Joan Gregory

SEPTEMBER

3 8.30 Rev S-W Jung - HC
10.30 Rev S-W Jung
6.00 Rev Eric Mustapha
10 9.15 Early Church
10.30 Joan Gregory
6.00 Rev Nigel Bibbings

17 10.30 Rev S-W Jung - HC
6.00 Christina Salmon

24 9.15 Early Church
10.30 Rev Wallace Edwards
6.00 Rev S-W Jung - Cafe

OCTOBER

1 8.30 Rev S-W Jung - HC
10.30 Rev S-W Jung -
Harvest/Parade
6.00 Colin Quine

Tuesday Worship at Trinity *(followed by refreshments)*



10.00 am to 10.30 am will be led by:

AUGUST

22 Cilla/Phil Wagner
29 Roger Owers

SEPTEMBER

5 Rev Wallace Edwards
12 Elizabeth Bibbings

19 Donald & Sarina Wray
26 Rev Seung-Wook Jung - HC

OCTOBER

3 Colin Dimmock
10 Rev Wallace Edwards
17 Joan Gregory

From the Super's Chair

By

The Rev Wallace Edwards

As Ministers prepare to move circuits my mind goes back to when I would have been on the move.

Mary and I had nine moves during my ministry, including the final one to Leighton Buzzard.

All sorts of feelings go through a Minister's mind when he or she is in the process of moving. Feelings of regret at leaving folk with whom you have established a friendship. Also a sense of expectation at what the new circuit may offer.

In the Methodist Church moving on is part of a Minister's learning curve. One meets problems everywhere and learns by trying to solve them. The experience better equips one to face the next circuit.

One comes to appreciate the qualities of people you have served when in a new situation. While working together we did not always agree, but having moved on, one is better placed to appreciate faithfulness and dedication.

On the minus side of itinerancy, a minister's attention is divided during the last year in a circuit, trying to tie things up for a successor, and the new circuit which

has been in touch about Plan dates, committee meetings, etc.

Weighing things up I think the Methodist itinerant system is better than that some other denominations where the clergy stay for an indefinite period. My late cousin, was a member of a church where one Minister stayed for 63 years!!

I always knew when it was time for me to move on after accomplishing all I felt I could give to a circuit.

I made an exception with Hungerford after the shooting tragedy and stayed on to help the people come to terms with what happened in August 1987

On the plus side, when a minister feels his or her time has come to retire and 'applies to sit down', he or she is classed as a Supernumerary Minister. The term 'sit down' goes back to John Wesley, when a Minister due to age or infirmity could apply to cease being itinerant. But he could carry on preaching, if able. I have been fortunate to be able to carry on preaching and to help the circuit where necessary.

Our thoughts and prayers are offered for Nigel Wright and his family as they move to Amersham and for Seung-Wook Jung and his family as they move to Leighton Buzzard.

The Editor writes



August used to be known as a quiet month for news. Holidays dominated the pages of our newspapers and when I worked in Fleet Street the “silly season” as it was known was a time for a laugh, a sleep in the sun and a generally more relaxed state of being, even if we had to be in the office for some of the time.

Not any more: social media, the internet and the 24-hour news programmes now never let us relax and forget about what is going on around us.

Two friends of mine have recently announced on Facebook that they are going to take Saturdays off! In other words they will not look at social media sites, answer emails or watch the news programmes. Rebellion indeed!

Now I confess I would find that rather hard. I like to keep up with the news and the present situation of the world with bellicose statements flying across the airwaves from powerful international lead-

ers leaves little space for quiet contemplation.

Nevertheless, it is good to find a quiet place and enjoy the summer sun without the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Try it sometime.

I had hoped that in this issue I could feature our new minister and his family but it has not been possible to secure the information before our deadline date. I hope this will not stop those of us who can welcoming the Rev Seung-Wook Jung to the Circuit on Monday, 4 September at The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable.

I am grateful to the Rev Wallace Edwards for filling our Minister's spot in this issue. Wallace always has something relevant to say and this time is no exception.

In this issue you will find plenty to read and enjoy, from national happenings like the visit of our President and Vice-President to meet with Archbishop Welby at Lambeth Palace, to some important information about Trinity's Flower Circle and its work to decorate the church every week with sparkling displays of real flowers.

I will be on holiday now until the last week of September.

Enjoy your holiday.

REC



At this holiday time it has come to my attention recently highlighted concerns about the dangers of water in plastic bottles being left in hot cars. Apparently, heat reacts with chemicals in the plastic bottle releasing dioxin into the water.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), dioxins are highly toxic and can cause reproductive and developmental problems, damage the immune system, interfere with hormones and also cause cancer. They have been found in breast cancer tissue. The advice is to use a glass or stainless steel container instead.

Further, one authority indicating that dioxins are bad for us has suggested that we should not be heating food in the microwave in plastic containers, especially food containing fat. It is recommended that pyrex or ceramic containers be used for heating TV dinners and soups. These food should be removed

from their containers and placed into something else. Plastic cling film wrap is also dangerous when placed over foods and cooked in a microwave.

One further piece of advice — do not freeze plastic bottles with water in them as that also releases dioxins from the plastic.

On another subject — the decline of pollinating insects is a great worry and is hugely important. Pollinators are the only way of ensuring the long-term viability of the food chain.

We can all encourage bees and butterflies by planting fruits and herbs with open single flower heads. Tightly clustered flower heads are difficult for bees to negotiate. Councils can help by cutting grass less often in order to help wild flowers flourish. This could even save them money.

I found it hard to believe a report in a national newspaper that 15,000 honey bees were exterminated in Anglesey by council pest controllers in mistake for wasps!

Most of us realise that without bees and other pollinating insects human life would rapidly collapse. We are destroying insect life far more ruthlessly than the most devoted pest controller.

Janet Graham.

Lambeth visit for Methodist chiefs

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference visited Lambeth Palace in July for a meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Accompanied by senior figures from both churches, the President, the Rev Loraine N Mellor, and the Vice-President, Jill Baker, met Archbishop Justin Welby to discuss matters of mutual concern and were encouraged by reports of Anglicans and Methodists working together in mission, evangelism, witness and service all over England.

Their wide-ranging discussions also took in the future of Europe, prayer, evangelism and witness,

and the churches' engagement with political and public issues.

The President, Vice-President and the Archbishop commended the report 'Mission and Ministry in Covenant' to both churches for study and reflection together. This report sets out a proposal for a full relationship of communion between the two churches and a reconciled ordained ministry. The proposal, contained in a report requested by the 2014 Methodist Conference and Church of England General Synod, builds on the existing relationship between the two churches expressed in the 2003 Anglican-Methodist Covenant.

**Circuit Welcome Service for
the Rev Seung-Wook Jung,
(new Minister at Trinity and Toddington)
and the
Rev Eric Mustapha
Monday, 4 September 2017 at 7.30 pm
The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable**

All are welcome

Reaching 30

Merle Tungay, Flower Circle Secretary writes:

Congratulations — you have reached 30!

Looking back through the records we discovered that the Flower Circle is 30 years old this year. It was formed by a group of ladies who were interested in flower arranging. On 30 September 1987 the first bunches of flowers were delivered by the Flower Circle's recently formed Distribution Team to members in need of being cheered up. Their work continues to contribute to the pastoral side of Trinity.

Many weddings were decorated by the Flower Circle, mostly Trinity families. One year we had 16 weddings, brides from Trinity and the community. Oh, such

emergy in those days.

Sadly we are 30 years older and our numbers are declining. We do wonder what the future will be for pedestal fowers. Maybe it will be a return to a vase of flowers on the communion table.

It has been suggested that the Flower Circle should have a flower arranging session/demonstration. If there is sufficient support for this we will endeavour to arrange one. Please let me know if you are interested.

May I personally thank all those who during the 30 years have supported the Flower Circle and made my job as Secretary and easier one.

What do the following words have in common? It has nothing to do with having doubles of the same letters.

B A N A N A
D R E S S E R
G R A M M A R
P O T A T O
R E V I V E
U N E V E N
A S S E S S

And the same, can be said about the surname of Alexander Zverev, the German tennis star.

(Answer on page 10)

Farewell to the Rev Nigel Wright



Anne Gray makes a farewell presentation

A big thank you from Heather, Rebekah and myself to all of you who came to the farewell tea and service on Sunday, 23 July. We were amazed at how many people were there. A big thank you too for all the cards and the very generous gift you gave to us. We are planning to use it to replace our lounge suite which after over 20 years of faithful service is now nearing the end of its life.'

We will be moving on 10 August and our new address will be 14 Hardwicke Gardens, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 6AH. We would have put a phone number in as well but at the time of writing we don't have one for our new home.'

Nigel

Visiting new people — the Rev Nigel Wright clarifies

I was reading Colin and Jean Dimmock's tribute to Brian Norrington (Trumpeter, July) and realised that there may have been a misunderstanding about the minister visiting people who are new to the area and welcoming them to the church, and I thought it would be useful to indicate what usually happens when someone moves from one area to another. If I'm aware of someone moving out of the area/going off to university etc I will offer to put the local Methodist minister in touch with them and I have done that for a number of people over the years - and if you're

moving please do let the minister know. It's not unusual though for the offer to be declined because the person/people concerned want to have a look round first before deciding where to go to worship. This does shed some light on why we might not necessarily hear of people from another Methodist church moving into our area but whenever we do hear of people moving in we make prompt contact to welcome them. On more than one occasion I've been surrounded by packing boxes when popping in to see someone!

Nigel

What are we missing?

In Washington DC Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, some 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After three minutes a middle-aged man noticed the musician playing. He slowed his pace, stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to meet his schedule. Six minutes in, a young man leaned against the wall to listen, then looked at his watch and started to walk again. After ten minutes, a three-year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The child stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed harder and the lad continued to walk, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. Every parent, without exception, forced their children to move on quickly.

The musician continued to play for 45 minutes. Only six people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money without even slowing down. The man collected a total

of \$32. When he finished playing, silence took over. No-one noticed. No-one applauded and nor was there any recognition.

Unbeknown to the commuters, the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played some of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million.

Two days before, Joshua Bell sold out a theatre in Boston where seats averaged at \$100 each. Why did he play incognito at the Metro Station? It was arranged by the Washington Post as a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

The questions raised were: In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognise talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments in the world – how many other things are we missing?

An alternative anthem

In a Tuesday morning service, Ken Harris, a local preacher from Swanbourne, introduced his own composition of “A national and global anthem” that could be sung to the same tune as the National Anthem — apt for our times.

God heal our nation's soul,
Guard it and make it whole,
God save us all.
May hope and love increase,
And all injustice cease,
Till we become a land of peace.
God make us whole.

Guide us through hopeless days,
Show us your loving ways,
God lead us all.
May we work hand in hand
With those from every land
Who seek to follow your command,
God make us whole.

Your greatest gifts impart,
Your love fill every heart,
God loves us all.
Growing in inner health —
Love You and neighbour as self.
God make us whole.



Answer to the word quiz on page 7.

If you move the first letter to the end of the word and then
read backwards,
you get exactly the same word.

First Leighton Buzzard Girls' Brigade
and
Trinity Fellowship Circle

present

The World Famous

Treorchy Male Voice Choir

in concert on

Saturday, 28 October 2017

at

**Trinity Methodist Church,
North Street,
Leighton Buzzard**

In aid of
St Francis Children's Society

Tickets: £20.00

from

Mrs M Powell: 01525 373 816

News from Eaton Bray

Our Communion Service on the first Sunday in July was led by Rev Wallace Edwards who, as usual, gave a deeply meaningful sermon. His theme was **OUR** father, the emphasis being that the Lord is good to all. We are a praying fellowship, all engaged in the ministry of prayer, with a responsibility for each other.

Our July Cafe Service was led by Tina Salmon. It centred on Ephesians Ch 2 v10 and prompted an interesting discussion on God's 'works of art', ie followers of Christ, and how they may be defined and recognised.

Roger Owers visited our pulpit on the third Sunday and gave a fine if challenging sermon which reminded us that God's ways are not our ways. Faith is not about what we wish but about accepting what God wishes for us which will bring a great sense of joy and peace.

Our final service in July came at a time of sorrow when we had just lost a much valued member of our congregation. We were very fortunate that one of our own members, a lay-preacher, Jaqueline Stamp had just returned from working abroad and was able to lead us in a contemplative

and moving service. She spoke of Light; the light that Jesus throws on us is the light of love. The blind man, healed by Jesus was, in visual terms 'born again' and when we allow God to transform us with his love, we too are renewed in the same way.

The loss mentioned above was the grievous news of the death of our much-loved Chief Steward, Graham Carter, who had given long and devoted service in several key roles in our church. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with Jean and the family.

Dates for your Diary:

Harvest Festival Lunch: **Sunday 24 September – after Harvest Festival Service**

Cafe Community

Saturday 14 October 2017

11.00 am – 1.00 pm

We will be delighted to see you if you come to join us for a cup of tea/coffee and/or a light lunch.

Social Afternoons

Weekly on **Thursdays** 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments.

All Welcome.

Prayer Corner

May Easter live on in us

Living, Almighty God,

Thank you that by your Spirit living in me,
made possible by the life, death,
resurrection and ascension of Jesus, you
give me all I need.

Like Peter, you forgive and re-commission me;

Like Thomas, you meet me in ways tailor-made for
me.

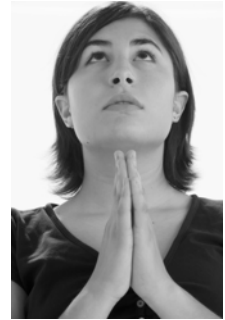
Lord, thank you for the daily personal “nudges”

that assure me of your reality, your presence in
my life,

just when I need so much to know you are here.

Thank you that we are Easter people every day,
because of Jesus, and in His name we pray.

Daphne Kitching



**You are invited to attend a
Free Church Service in the
Lady Chapel on the following
Wednesdays at 11.00 am:**



THE CATHEDRAL AND
ABBEY CHURCH OF
SAINT ALBÄN

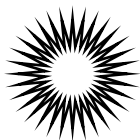
4 October 2017

Preacher:

The Reverend Simon Manley-Cooper,
Honorary Chaplain, (Staff & Volunteers)
St Albans Cathedral.

**All services are followed by a fellowship lunch in the Abbots Kitchen and all are
welcome**

Free Church Ecumenical Chaplain: Reverend Simon Carver,
Email:simoncarver@btinternet.com



Trinity Fellowship Circle

Tuesdays at 7.30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 5 AGM
- 12 Harvest Festival
- 19 Members' evening
- 26 Rev Noel McGeeney (Vicar of Heath & Reach)

**Saturday, 28 October
Treorchy Male Voice
Choir
See page 11**

Flowers in church

AUGUST

- 13 Pam Preston in loving memory of dearest partner Trevor



- 20 The Wray family in loving memory of Ceri, beloved daughter, sister and aunt

- 27 Diane Keats with thanks for ALL my family

- 17 To be confirmed

- 24 Pam Preston in loving memory of my darling husband Mike and our parents

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Tony Oldroyd with love to all the people at Trinity from Ann and Tony

- 10 To be confirmed

- 30 HARVEST

**See Article on page 7 for
Flower Circle information**

Weekly activities at Trinity

SUNDAY

- 8.30 Holy Communion. Optional breakfast (usually 1st Sunday in month)
- 9.15 Food 4 Thought (Chatteris Suite - 5th Sunday in month)
- 9.15 Early Church, All Age Worship followed by 'Coffee&' in Chatteris Suite (2nd and 4th Sundays in each month)
- 10.30 Morning Worship (coffee afterwards in the hall)
- 5.30 Freedom Generation (Youth group for ages 11-16) in Chatteris Suite
- 6.00 Evening Worship

MONDAY

- 8.00 Badminton in the hall

TUESDAY

- 9.45-11.15 Mothers & Toddlers (Chatteris Suite) Term time only
- 10.00-10.30 Half hour market day worship + refreshments
- 7.00-8.30 Cubs
- 7.30 Trinity Fellowship Circle

WEDNESDAY

- Evening Drop-in for homeless

THURSDAY

- 2.00 Sewing Circle (Every two weeks. See Sandra Digby for details)
- 6.15-7.30 Beavers
- 7.30-9.00 Scouts

FRIDAY

- 9.45-11.15 Mothers & Toddlers (Chatteris Site) Term time only
- 6.00-7.30 Girls' Brigade - Explorers
- 6.30-8.00 Girls' Brigade - Juniors
- 7.00-9.00 Girls' Brigade - Seniors
- 7.30-9.30 Girls' Brigade - Brigaders

SATURDAY

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Service

For introduction to any of the above, please see a Steward

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Sunday, 6 October - (not as previously announced).
Deadline for contributions will be **NOON on FRIDAY, 29 September 2017**
Deadline for the following issue will be Friday, 10 November 2017



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Trumpeter Holiday Photo Competition



Everybody, it is said, now takes photographs. Trumpeter invites you to submit memories of your 2017 holiday. Entries will be judged by outstanding photographer, Chris Lowe and the Editor (that excludes them from taking part!). Closing date - 15 September 2017. The results will feature in later editions of Trumpeter. Prizes — that's a secret for now but winning entries will be printed in Trumpeter. Printed copies of photographs only will be accepted. Digital versions will be requested from winners. Entries may be given to either of the judges or placed in the Editor's rack at Trinity.

Go on — give it a go!