

Trumpeter

News and views for Trinity Methodist Church
Leighton Buzzard



*Where we live! View from
Dunstable Downs showing the
Heath & Reach wind turbine*

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OCTOBER 2017





Sunday services at Trinity will be conducted by:

OCTOBER

- 8 9.15 Early Church
- 10.30 Peter Baker
- 7.30 Sunday Night Live @
Farley Hill
- 15 10.30 Rev Seung-Wook Jung
- HC
- 6.00 Rev Seung-Wook Jung
- 22 9.15 Early Church
- 10.30 Local Arrangements
- 6.00 Rev Seung-Wook Jung
- HC
- 29 10.30 Geoffrey Best
- 6.00 Colin Quine - Cafe

NOVEMBER

- 5 8.30 Rev Seung-Wook Jung
- HC
- 10.30 Rev Seung-Wook Jung
- Baptism/All Age
- 6.00 Karen Noble
- 12 9.15 Early Church - HC
- 10.30 Roger Owers
- 6.00 Rev Nigel Bibbings
- 19 10.30 Rev Seung-Wook Jung
- HC
- 6.00 Local arrangements

Tuesday Worship at Trinity *(followed by refreshments)*



10.00 am to 10.30 am will be led by:

OCTOBER

- 10 Rev Wallace Edwards
- 17 Joan Gregory
- 24 Robin Gurney
- 31 Frankie Fisher

NOVEMBER

- 7 Ken Harris
- 14 Roger Owers
- 21 Rev Seung-Wook Jung - HC
- 28 Cilla & Phil Wagner

Moving to a new place makes me thrilled but anxious, excited but fearful, expecting but in doubt: all sorts of contradicting emotions. I had the same feeling about six years ago when I came into the North Norfolk circuit as my first stationing in the Methodist church and now I am experiencing it again.

What I was most concerned about when I came into the Methodist Church in the UK as a minister was communication. Not just because of my English but the understanding of people in the church and the place where I'm stationing and how I could reach out to them as their minister. But I found that it was just unnecessary anxiety. I thank everyone who gave me support and acceptance I have received through my ministry.

Communication is basic to all our Christian worship, relationships and service. We have to communicate with God in worship, we have to communicate with each other as a fellowship in Christ and we also have to communicate with people out of the church in order to deliver the word and love of God which we

From the Manse



have received.

For this communication God became human, disciples humbled themselves to serve each other and now we need to be changed ourselves so that we can go out and communicate the good news of Jesus to those who need the love of God.

Change and being changed makes us feel vulnerable but this vulnerability should make us more dependent on God. When we refuse to be changed and want to stay as and where we are we should think about on what we are relying. If it is anything other than Jesus we need to humble ourselves before God.

I pray that God will purify us and help us build a clear communication with him, and let us go in the power of the Spirit with his word and his love wherever he sends us. Amen.

Rev Seung-Wook Jung

The Editor writes



I have been struck recently by the reporting of so many natural disasters. Hurricanes in the United States and the Caribbean have caused incredible amounts of damage to the infrastructure and to peoples' lives. These have been widely reported in all our media.

I have seen less about the disastrous flooding in Nepal, Bangladesh. Sri Lanka, and other parts of that sub-continent. Over 1,000 people killed. Is the lack of reporting because the area is less important or is it simply that the media infrastructure is not in place to capture the world's headlines? Maybe it is because this sort of thing happens during the monsoons almost every year. Whatever it is, let us remember that more people have been affected there than in the more easily reported parts of the world.

While natural disasters always catch the headlines, wars and fighting seem to come and go. When I was active in the newspaper world we used to say that if a

happening held the Press headlines for three days it was a "real" disaster. That is clearly not true today when we consider that the fight to eliminate ISIS continues, that terrorism appears with frightening regularity on our streets, that the war of words about North Korea continues. There is a report of secret talks going on in Norway to try and calm the situation there — let's pray they succeed.

Our own town is not immune from disputes — the new market layout, the coming of an out of town development, the repositioning of the police presence — all make for continued vigilance and need for involvement in everyday affairs. Methodists have traditionally been good at that sort of thing. May it long continue.

This issue of Trumpeter is much focused on our own activities — finance, welcoming, and work with toddlers, as well as introducing our new Minister. This should keep you thinking and praying about all that goes on in our church.

I am aware that as we enter October people begin to think about Christmas! Too soon, you say. I agree. But just to let you know that Trumpeter will be open for your Christmas greetings as usual. More in our November issue. *REG*



Autumn has arrived and its time for cutting back and clearing up — but not too much. Leave some leaves and places where hedgehogs can shelter. Solitary bees and wasps and other insects need somewhere to overwinter.

We can buy or make a bug hotel of bamboo tubes and reeds or drill wooden tubes and pack them into a container about 15 cms deep so that they are secure. If you are a really handy person you could make a wooden box and pack in your tubes so that they do not move. Add a sloping roof and place in a south facing position, a metre or so off the ground sheltered from the wind.

Leave some rotting wood for creatures to burrow into. Bumble bees are even known to make nests in compost bins or disused nests of small mammals and birds.

We must not forget the birds. They enjoy fallen apples, pears and soft fruits, berries and seed heads. Nature is in a frenzy of fat-

tening up. Clean bird feeders and tables. Put out cooked pasta, rice or boiled potatoes. Clean water containers.

If we do not have land to cultivate and only a tiny garden, we still can benefit nature. Put out a few pots of fruit that can be added to. Focus on pollinators, which seem to prefer yellows, blues and purples. Container gardening is flexible as you can move pots around. Grow herbs or even a small tree.

For very large pots, scrape off a couple of centimetres of compost and top up with fresh from time to time.

Planting bulbs now will give a cheerful spring display and something to look forward to.

Food Waste

Although food waste comes mainly from households, supermarkets also have a role to play. Much of their fruit and vegetables are discarded because they are misshapen or not uniform in size. They are fine to eat, blemishes and all.

We need to live sustainably. One-third of food produced in the world is never eaten, while millions go hungry.

A quote from Tearfund: God gives us our needs — not our greeds. *Janet Graham*

The Rev Seung-Wook Jung

Accredited as an Assistant Pastor (similar to a Probationer) in the Methodist Church, the Rev Seung-Wook Jung graduated in Theology from Seoul Theological University, South Korea, in 1994.

He came to the UK in 2000 and worked as an Assistant Pastor in a number of Korean churches here.

Seung-Wook was ordained in 2008 in the Evangelical Holiness Church in Korea, one of the Wesleyan Churches in South Korea. Coming to ordination took much longer than usual after accreditation as an Assistant Pastor because of living in the UK.

His work in the UK was to help build up a Korean group in the Chessington Methodist Church. This was the beginning of his ministry in the Methodist Church in Britain.

After completing the faith and worship London course he applied for the status of a Recognised and Regarded (R&R) minister, was accepted and appointed to the North Norfolk Circuit in 2011.

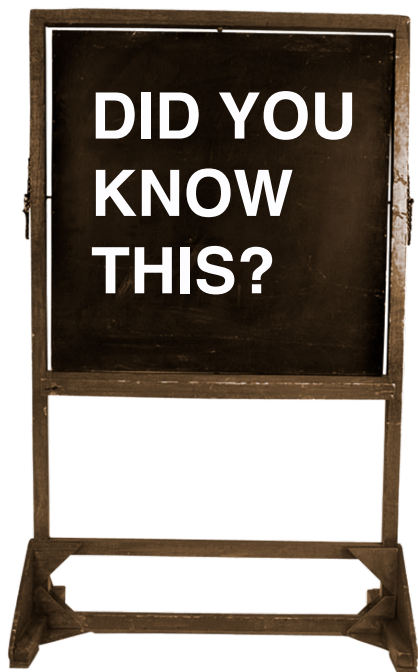
Seung-Wook was accepted as a minister in full connexion in



2014 and remained in Norfolk until his current move to Trinity in September and the South Beds Circuit, his second appointment.

Seung-Wook is joined in Leighton Buzzard by his family: wife Eunhee [ənhi]; his two daughters: Solee (16) [soli], Soyun (13) [so jún], and his son Yunsang (10) [júnsaŋ]. He invites us to call him Seung-Wook [sɨŋ-uk] and surname is Jung [ʒəŋ]. Not (Yung) [jun] as many people say.

Seung-Wook looks forward to working with people in Trinity and other churches in the Circuit.



The Methodist Church in the UK has around 25,000 pupils, 5,000 staff and an estimated effect on some 100,000 people in Britain, through Methodist Schools. This means having a wide-reaching impact on children's education.

All this is revealed in a new

video entitled *"Doing all the good we can"*. This features a series of interviews with pupils, teachers, parents and chaplains as they share their thoughts and experiences of Methodist Schools.

The video also details how Methodist Schools are not just concerned with matters of education but also issues of society and well-being. The video explores the history, values and impact of Methodist Schools across the country.

Speaking in the video, Barbara Easton, Director of Education, says: "Our schools are about giving children the very best educational opportunities, wherever they are, in whichever sector, however old the children."

"We've got a bunch of school values," says Ollie of Holly Hill Methodist/CoE Infant School.

"We've got gentleness, kindness, thankfulness, patience, love... there are way too many for me to even say them all!"

The Empty Vessel

(by Martin Luther)

Behold Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent that my love may go out to my neighbour. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and I am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

Tales from Trinity Toddlers

Karen Purton who runs The Trinity Toddlers Group on Tuesday and Friday mornings writes about their activities.



For those who don't know me, I attend Early Church with my family on Sunday. Here, I thought I would give you a snapshot of what it is like when we welcome the Toddlers and their families/carers.

Tuesday and Friday mornings are extremely busy as excited toddlers come bursting through our doors ready to play!

My morning starts by setting up the room and arranging the snack. This is left in the hands of an able helper to prepare, and later to wash up and put away!

Once the door is open and everyone arrives the adults register and choose a drink for snacktime.

The children then select their own activities accompanied by their adults.

The activities on offer include crafts, which are planned and themed, and the adults work alongside the children to create and make. Other activities include play dough, kitchen and role-play,

puzzles, small world play, such as farm, castles, dolls' house. Dressing-up clothes, trains and train track, ride on's and prams, dolls and puppets.

There is a quiet area where stories can be shared, and a tent with musical instruments, and a designated baby area.

Ten-thirty is snack time. The grown ups then enjoy a coffee and a biscuit before play resumes.

Just after 11 o'clock we sit in a circle to sing before saying goodbye and making our way home.

Last term our themes were water, transport, seaside, Fathers' Day, and Summer. This term we are focusing on Pets, Autumn and Harvest and working our way towards Christmas.

If you know of any little (or big) people who may like to join in the fun, please contact me or the office for details.

Karen Purton (Trinity Toddlers Playgroup leader) 07518151484.

Abolish slavery walk

Emma Molina writes about "Luton's Walk for Freedom" which will take place on Saturday, 14 October. This is part of a global movement together with the organisation A21 aiming to shed light on modern day slavery and human trafficking.

Starting at Wardown Park at 10 am we will be walking approximately two miles, slowly, silently, in single file, dressed in black to turn some heads. Everyone is welcome! Please register online at www.a21.org/luton-uk.

We aim to raise awareness of

modern day slavery and human-trafficking, and raise funds for the charity A21, who do incredible work to end this terrible industry and to give hope and life to survivors.

These crimes happen in Luton and the surrounding areas so we are walking to make a stand for those affected and say we will not let this happen in our town.

Together we can abolish slavery, everywhere, forever, one step at a time."

Lambeth Cross for ecumenism

A former Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Professor Peter Howdle, has been awarded the Lambeth Cross for Ecumenism by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby.

Professor Howdle received the award for "his outstanding contribution to Anglican-Methodist relations" following his dedication to the cause over the past 15 years.

Following the signing of an Anglican-Methodist Covenant

between the Church of England and the Methodist Church, in 2003 Peter was appointed co-chair of the Joint Implementation Commission (JIC), which sought to develop Anglican-Methodist relations.

Through his efforts Anglican-Methodist relations have shown significant improvement over the years. He is now developing proposals for the interchangeability of ministry between the two Traditions.

Regular Giving at Trinity

Church Treasurer Roger Owers writes about church finance

Regular giving is the main source of income at Trinity and it is vital to enable our work to continue. To sustain our work this year we need an increase in our income.

Many of you contribute through the weekly envelope scheme or by standing orders. Last year regular giving amounted to about £60,000 this was lower than the previous year. Gift Aid brought in a further £14,000. We had £11,000 income from the use of our building.

As you might expect our costs have not gone down. Our largest expenditure is the circuit assessment which pays for our minister, the manse, work of the circuit, district and the connexion (i.e. being a Methodist Church). The amount we pay is based mainly on the number of members in our church (171 for Trinity), and will be £61,200 this year. This amounts to £358 per member or just under £7 per week. This is what it takes for us to stay open as a church. The amount it costs for the upkeep of our building, publicity and everything that keeps the church going, has to be found on top of the circuit assessment.

If we are to sustain our work then we need to increase our giving. An extra £1.10 a week from

each member would bring in a much needed £10,000 this year, with any gift aid on top of that.

If you are not making a regular financial contribution to the church please think and pray about how you can help the work at Trinity. We are not like a golf club, there is no membership fee, and you are not required to be a church member to be a regular giver. Most importantly, we want you to consider for yourself what you can afford to give for the work of your church to continue.

For those who already give regularly please review your giving. I have tried to give you some idea of what it costs us as a church. Not all of you will be able to give more but please think and pray about what you are able to contribute to your church.

I am aware that it is often difficult to take in all the facts and figures, and that it is not something we talk about often in church. However I am always available to discuss the church finances and I can give you more information about the envelope scheme, standing orders and gift aid.

I have prepared the accounts for last year and they will be presented at the next Church Council on 2 November.

News from Eaton Bray

On the second Sunday of August Martin Wallis made a welcome return to our church to lead the Cafe Service. He focused on the theme of trust, illustrating particularly with the well-known New Testament passage where Jesus walks across the Sea of Galilee to meet the disciples.

The final service in August was Communion, led by our minister, Rev Nigel Bibbings. He considered the question of identity, commencing with Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am?" This leads to us ask ourselves about our own identity and faith as Christians.

As is usual in August we shared these services with our friends from neighbouring congregations and on the other August Sundays were made very welcome in their churches.

September opened with the inspiring visit of a new preacher, Geoff Best, who helped us to look again at the mystical moment when Moses encounters God at the burning bush. He made us think carefully about how we all experience the presence of God and reminded us that God is found in relationships with other people.

Our September Cafe service was led by Peter Baker and under his thoughtful guidance we reflected on forgiveness and reconciliation.

On the third Sunday John Enejo introduced a garden theme and encouraged us to explore whether our lives are fruitful and pleasing to God.

Our Harvest Festival took place on the fourth Sunday under the leadership of Elizabeth Bibbings. It was a lovely service which made us consider the inter-dependence and fragility of nature and urged us to commit as a church to activities which will protect and care for the natural world around us.

In August we heard the sad news of the death of Mike Home-wood, who gave long years of loyal service in our chapel in a many capacities. We shall miss him badly and our thoughts are with Margaret, Sam and Simon, Olivia and Tom as well as the rest of the family.

Dates for your Diary:

Cafe Community: **Saturday, 14 October 2017**, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm.

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Meeting and greeting with a smile

We all know that our Door Stewards do a great job in welcoming people to the 10.30 service at Trinity. Giving people a warm welcome is really important, whether they be long standing members or first time visitors.

Currently we have five teams of three people in our Door Stewards rota, however a number of our volunteers are finding it increasingly difficult to fulfill this role. In addition we are looking for someone to take over organising the rota.

We ask everyone to consider if they can either become a Door Steward – the only requirements

are a smile and a handshake., you don't need to know names, that comes with practice. — or could you organise the rota?

Please talk to a door steward or one of the Stewards if you need to know more.

Alison Arnold, Anne Gray, Ann Guy, Catherine Roots and Tasha Williams

News from Eaton Bray

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

There will be a craft table at church on Cafe Saturdays and Sundays in October and November.

Come and do your Christmas shopping early!

Social Afternoons

Weekly on **Thursdays:**
2.00pm – 4.00pm. Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments.

Time for a Smile

A father and son were riding in their truck together one day and the son asked the father, "Dad, how high can you count?" The father replied, "Well, I don't know, son -- how high can you count?" The son immediately replied, "One thousand, five hundred, forty-two." The father said, "Why did you stop?" The son shrugged his shoulders and said, "That's when the sermon stopped."

Prayer Corner

My God,
I pray that I may so know you and love you
that I may rejoice in you.
And if I may not do so fully in this life
let me go steadily on
to the day when I come to the fullness of life.
Meanwhile let my mind meditate on your
eternal goodness
let my tongue speak of it,
let my heart live it,
let my mouth speak it,
let my soul hunger for it,
and my whole being desire it,
until I enter into your joy.

St Anselm (1033-1109)



**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

1 November 2017

Preacher:

The Reverend Fr Brian Reynolds,
Catholic Ecumenical Chaplain,
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

OCTOBER

- 10 Fish n chip Supper
- 17 Rev Jackie Brown
- 24 Musical Interlude with John
and Ann Guy
- 28 (Saturday) Treorchy Male
Voice Choir (See separate
advert on page 10)

31 To be arranged

NOVEMBER

- 7 Hot Potato Night
- 14 Rev Sung-Wook Jung
- 21 Peter Baker
- 28 Rev Peter Dudeney

Flowers in church

OCTOBER

- 8 Don Willis in loving
memory of his dear wife
Mary, Jean & Viv and Mrs
Winifred Willis
- 15 Phyllis & Robert Nicholson
in loving memory of their
parents
- 22 Barbara Dickens in loving
memory of a dear husband
and son
- 29 Flowers from the concert of
the Treorchy Male Voice
Choir, Marilyn Powell



NOVEMBER

- 5 Alan Curtis in loving
memory of his dear wife
Doris
- 12 Remembrance Day —
Flower Circle
- 19 Marina and Carina Mele in
loving memory of Marina's
father and brother
- 26 Evelyn Frankland in loving
memory of my darling
husband Derek

When you are going through a hard time and you wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.

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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Do you remember these? My grandparents had one in their house in Heath & Reach. It is a reminder of the increasing importance of water in the world today. Don't waste it! (Ed)