

Trumpeter



What's happening at Trinity

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From the Manse

'Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord'. It is one of the well-known hymns. It tells us how the church can exist. The church was built on what Jesus did by the love of God his death and resurrection. It seems like it's about the past and present of the church, but it also shows the future. I mean that it's not just about the existence of the church but also about the work of the church, what we must do as a church. We can say that we stand on the work of Jesus and we are working by following the calling of Jesus, what he commands us.

His commandment is obvious: it is written in the gospel of Matthew 28:19 – 20 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' This commandment is to every church without any exception but not every church has the same way to fulfil it. Because each church has their own situation and circumstances.

In that sense every church stands on their own calling and the calling makes the church stand the way to fulfil the commandment. Church is not based on a building, money, or anything else except Jesus and his calling. Church is the working body of Christ.

If we think of the first church in the bible, they have got nothing but the calling. However, when they respond to the calling and try to fulfil it God provided everything they needed.

So, the real crisis of the church is not a lack of resources or poor buildings but the loss of calling or unawareness of it. We need to know why we are here individually as a part of the body and a group of people as a church of God.

Physical and Spiritual Food by Kathy Keeley

Happy February! February is rather a dismal time of year in this country to my mind. The cosiness of being indoors in cold weather is wearing a bit thin and spring growing has yet to kick in. In these days of climate controlled houses and greenhouses, spring and autumn cropping and scheduled sea and air travel we seem to be able to get what we want at any time of year, at a price. Processed foods mean any excess can be stored to be used at a later date. Sometimes we forget what it feels like to go without.

In Genesis, Joseph, who was sold by his brothers into slavery, later became Governor of Egypt. Interpreting Pharaoh's dream he predicted seven years of bumper crops followed by seven years of famine. This meant they could plan to produce enough food to store for the lean years. Later his brothers came to him for food.

However humans and animals have different tastes and nutritional requirements and different varieties have different yields. Climates vary and crops and livestock are adapted to them in different ways. Continuous cropping can reduce the fertility of the soil without help.

In John 6:27 the bible says, "Do not work for the food that goes bad. Instead work for the food that lasts for eternal life." Food goes bad when it is rejected because it does not suit our requirements or there is too much for us to handle and we don't know who to share it with. The same is true for spiritual food that takes care of our mind and emotions in addition to our physical needs.

Isaiah 58:7 says, "Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless and poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear and do not refuse to help your own relatives." I wonder how many of us are really genuinely up for this. It's a risk that not everybody is in a position to take.

My Faith in God by Colin Taplin

My faith in God is like an
aeroplane journey
I don't see the pilot, but I know
He's there
Steering me forward
He has the controls, He knows
what to do

Every now and again I hear His
voice on the tannoy
Just to remind me He's there
At times the journey is turbulent
but I know
He has the controls, He knows
what to do

When the journey is rocky
I know He is there and in control
In turbulent times He still steers
me through
He has the controls, He knows
what to do

This may be my only journey
But my God has the map of all the
journeys
Sometimes I don't know which
route I will take, but
He has the controls, He knows
what to do

There's enough fuel to get me
from A to B
And a refuelling tank in case I run
out

And He has placed people on
board to help me out until it
arrives
He has the controls, He knows
what to do

I look around and see many
others
Others who help and guide along
the journey
Others who are there to talk to
Others who come along for the
ride;
They're on a journey too
They don't see the pilot either
But together we know He's there
He has the controls, He knows
what to do

My faith in God is like an
aeroplane journey
I don't see the pilot, but I know
He's there
Without Him, the journey could
not happen
Without Him the aeroplane could
not fly
Without Him the aeroplane would
crash
Without Him the turbulence
would not pass
He has the controls, He knows
what to do.

Where are they now? Reverend Fiona and Mr Kevin Brown

Over the years Trinity has had its fair share of men and women who candidate for the Methodist Ministry. I can recall at least six. Only three have so far succeeded. I wonder where they are now. I believe one was snapped up by the Church of England. Had circumstances been different I might have been in that number but as the old saying goes, ministers are paid to be good and local preachers are good for nothing. One of the two women was Fiona Brown. We still hear from the Browns every year. It seems a long time ago now that Jean in her circuit steward's role went with Reverend Keith Salter to the candidates committee. "We'll never get through said Jean on their return. But she was wrong and Fiona spent all her years of ministry in the Cannock Chase circuit. Now retiring Fiona and Kevin moved to Newport. Kevin says Fiona never learned how to retire and after twelve years of doing it is now recognised as a prison chaplain. Kevin enjoys his football better now that Wolves are back in the Premier League and is fully involved as a volunteer in a nearby hospice.

Sent in by Colin Dimmock.

Messy Church Update

A big thank you to all those who help with Messy Church, especially those who gave up their Christmas Eve afternoon to help around 25 families experience our Nativity service with Messy style activities—especially the hobby donkeys!

We would love for some new volunteers to come along and help at Messy Church; there are a variety of roles from helping the families participate in activities to washing up. The dates for this year are:
13th February, 17th April, 29th May, 24th July, 28th August and 23rd October.

Please speak to Tasha in the office if you are interested in finding out more.



Sunday Services during February

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>3rd February</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Jane Seaton	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship	Richard Armiger	Charles Horsefield
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Rev. Julie Bradshaw	Anne Gray
<u>10th February</u>		
9.15am Early Church	Graham Seaton	Jacqui Donaghy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Geoff Best	Marina Mele
7.30pm—Sunday Night Live	At St. John's (Birdsfoot Lane, Luton LU3 2DN)	
<u>17th February</u>		
8.30am— Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Catherine Roots
9.15am—Early Church—Café Breakfast	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Elizabeth Hitchcock
10.30am—Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Charles Horsefield
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Shepherd Kombo	Ann Guy
<u>24th February</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Jo Baker	Anne Gray
10.30am—Morning Worship	Steve Jones	Jacqui Donaghy

24th February (continued)		
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Colin Quine	Donald Wray

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship	
3rd February	Mary Eagleton, Jane Baker & Debbie Adams
10th February	Mary Eagleton, Debbie Adams & Irene Hyde
17th February	Debbie Adams
24th February	Van Howard

Coffee Team	
3rd February	Kathy Keeley, Marina Mele & Tony Oldroyd
10th February	Janet Curzon, Heather Watkins & Joan Gregory
17th February	Tim & Elizabeth Hitchcock & Chris Bosworth
24th February	Charles & Sue Horsefield & Debbie Adams

Flowers	
3rd February	Mrs Mavis Edes—In loving memory of her dear husband Ron.
10th February	Flower Fund
17th February	Sue Stokes and family—In loving memory of my sister Alison.
24th February	Janet & Roy Curzon—In loving memory of Janet's parents.

Tuesday Morning Service (10am) will be led by:

5th February	Rev. Wallace Edwards
12th February	Joan Gregory
19th February	Frankie Fisher
26th February	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung

Coming up at Trinity and in the South Bedfordshire Circuit

Please see posters in the hallway or see the Trinity website for more details. Alternatively contact the Church Office.

Mon 4th February, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
Mon 4th February, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House group
Wed 6th February, 2.30pm	Trinity	Chatteris Suite House group
Thurs 7th February, 9.15am	Trinity	Safeguarding refresher training course. Refresher training is required every 4 years by the Methodist Church. If you would like a place, please contact Ann Guy.
Sat 9th February, 11am-1pm	Eaton Bray Methodist Church	Community Café: We would be delighted to see you if you join us for a cup of tea/ coffee and/or light lunch.

Wed 13th February, 2.30-4.30pm	Trinity	Messy Church—Please book your space on our website.
Thurs 14th February, NOON	Trinity	MARCH TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Mon 18th February, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
Mon 18th February, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House group
Wed 20th February, 2pm	Trinity	Edwards' House group
Sat 23rd February, 1.30pm	The Square, Dunstable	Scout Jumble Sale. Admission £1
Fri 1st March, 2.30pm	Trinity	World Day of Prayer: Come-Everything is Ready!
Tues 5th March, 6.30pm	Eaton Bray Methodist Church	Pancakes and Prayer evening

Note from Eaton Bray

We host social afternoons every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm. Please feel free to join us for chat, games and refreshments.

We will be holding Lent Courses this year starting on Wednesday 6th March. For mornings 10.30am please contact Alannah Lowther on 01525-221814 and for evenings at 8pm please contact Jane McFarland on 01525-378864.

Early Church Corner

We are continuing to develop the new style of Early Church. Please do continue to give us feedback as to what you like and don't like about the new way in which we are doing church, we'd really love to know! Feel free to experiment what works best for you especially with the breakouts, maybe your children are building their confidence to go on their own or perhaps you like going together as a family. We will be putting some toys in the Chatteris Suite for during Kidz Klub if you would prefer your younger children to have playtime and we will continue to have a space for younger children at the back of the hall to try and suit all needs.

Coming up at Early Church:

3rd February—Jesus is Rejected (Being a Christian is not always easy) - with breakouts

10th February— Jesus calls His first disciples (How do we react to Jesus) - with breakouts

17th February—Happy are you Poor! (Jesus's teaching is radical: part 1) - Café breakfast (All age)

24th February—Love your enemies (Jesus's teaching is radical: part 2) - with breakouts



Action for Children (February's retiring collection charity)

“By doing what’s right. By doing what’s needed. By doing what works.”

From before they are born until they are into their twenties, we help disadvantaged children across the UK.

We help them through fostering or adoption – and by intervening early to stop neglect and abuse. We make life better for children with disabilities. We influence policy and advocate for change. Our 7,000 staff and volunteers operate over 522 services, improving the lives of 301,000 children, teenagers, parents and carers every year. We succeed by doing what’s right, doing what’s needed, and doing what works for children.

For more information please visit: www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Wanted

Each edition of Trumpeter contains up to 4 pages of articles. Unfortunately, we don't always get articles and so the magazine is supplemented by articles that are appropriate, either to the time of year or the charity of the month (connected with the retiring collection). If you would like to provide something please send it to Kathy Keely (Kathy.k@live.co.uk) or Tasha in the Church Office (tttprojectoffice@gmail.com or leave in my pigeon hole). This could be article from an individual or perhaps a group you are involved in e.g. house groups, sewing group, prayer group etc.

Weekly activities

For contact details please see the Church Directory or contact the Church Office (01525 371905 or tttprojectoffice@gmail.com)

Badminton	Monday 8-10pm	Jan Cornfoot
Trinity Toddlers	Tuesday & Friday 9.45-11.15am (Term time only)	Karen Purton
Trinity Fellowship Circle	Tuesday 7.30-9pm	Marilyn Powell
Beavers	Thursday	Richard Bates
Cubs	Tuesday	
Scouts	Thursday	
Drop-in for the homeless	Wednesday	Charles Horsefield
Sewing Circle	Alternate Thursday 2-4pm	Sandra Digby
Girls' Brigade	Friday 6-9.30pm	Marilyn Powell
Prayers	Saturday 9-10am	Joan Gregory

Prayer Diary for February

helping us focus on the needs of our Church and community.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with C & D
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in February (see pages 6–8)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 8– 9)
- Action for Children (Retiring Collection charity for February)

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- Leaders of the Early Church Breakout groups—Diggin’ Deeper, Freedom Generation, Kidz Klub

Our local neighbourhood:

- Leedon Lower School
- Clipstone Brook Lower School
- Church Street
- St. Andrews Street
- Baker Street
- Mill Road

Pray to God for the world around us:

- For our country in the unsettling times ahead, and for the government to discern the best course of action for the whole country.