

# Trumpeter



## What's happening at Trinity

### March 2019

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## From the Manse

The light turned yellow as he approached the traffic lights. He did the right thing and stopped at the light, even though he might have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman behind him was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door.

She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, “I’m very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, giving the guy in front of you the finger and swearing and cursing at him. I noticed the ‘What Would Jesus Do’ bumper sticker, the ‘Choose Life’ license plate, the ‘Follow Me to Sunday School’ bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the boot, so naturally...I assumed you had stolen the car.”

This sort of joke or critique provides us with an insight into how many people ‘see’ Christians and Christianity. This joke, and much of the media commentary about Christians, shows us that many people have a very limited understanding of faith. They see it as adherence to some strict moral code and that’s about it. It’s all about what we do and what we don’t do. No wonder they see our human failings as hypocrisy.

The opportunity to engage more fully with our non-Christian friends and family members is one we must embrace. Not because we don’t want to be the subject of their jokes, but because we want them to understand the truth about the gospel.

To be a Christian and to believe in the truth about the gospel is to be accepted and loved by God who accepts us with all our faults and inconsistencies. To be a Christian is not about living a perfect life and being ‘good’ all the time. Somehow we need to get this message out there, otherwise Christians and the church will continue to be ridiculed for not ‘living up’ to society’s expectations.

As Christians, we are always going to disappoint those around us; that’s part of being human! But as we gather together in authentic Christian communities, it is our desire that the ‘heart’ of what we are on about will come through. It will provide grace and forgiveness when our actions don’t match our words, but it will also provide a welcoming space for others to see what the true story of the gospel is all about.

## Connections Group

Do you know that Trinity has a Connections Group and, if you do, are you clear about what they do? The Connections Group is involved in developing the “public face” of Trinity within our town.

Our work includes organisation of Trinity’s presence at the May Fayre, which involves booking stalls, deciding on a theme, preparing materials for children’s activities, organising a rota of helpers and promoting our church activities at the event.

At Christmas we are responsible for choosing the Trinity Christmas Card and organising its distribution, arranging “Carols and Cake” and the Messy Sheep Trail as well as encouraging church groups in the decoration of the church windows.

During the year, our ongoing responsibilities include maintaining our website and social media presence and keeping poster displays and publicity material up to date.

At our meetings we also take time to consider any new ideas for any ways in which we can become a more visible presence in Leighton Buzzard. The members of the Connections Group are Catherine Roots, Marina Mele, Tasha Williams, Peter Baker, Seung-Wook Jung and Sheila Pollard. If you wish to know any more about the work of the Group please speak to one of us.

## Playtime by Kathy Keeley

One of the things we are planning to start this month is a games afternoon. The Bible has very little to say on the subject of games, being more concerned with physical, emotional and spiritual matters, but life involves a lot of sitting around and we need something to do as we wait for our seeds to grow for the plant sale in May.

Games are designed to get people to interact, socialise, share and negotiate, some as participants, others as spectators. Most games have a winner and a loser which many find a bad thing, preferring co-operative activities where everybody has to work together. Many think life is too short to play silly games. There are times when playing games may not be what we want to do, for example in the middle of a crisis or when we are grieving.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 says, “In this world the fast runners do not always win the race, the brave do not always win the battle. The wise don’t always earn a living, intelligent people do not always get rich and capable people do not always rise to high positions. Bad luck happens to everyone. You never know when your time is coming.”

It is all very well to read this but to understand it we need to experience emotions relating to gain and loss, uncertainty, waiting and following rules that are usually written by somebody else. In life things don’t always go our way even when we think we deserve it. Sometimes we are better prepared for this if we have had a little practice.

Matthew 16:26 says, “Will the people gain anything if they win the whole world but lose their life?”

Sometimes the things we strive for are not worth the effort. As we get more life experience we more often, “Meet triumph and disaster and treat those imposters just the same.” (Rudyard Kipling.)

One of our church windows has the grid of noughts and crosses which is one of the simplest games we play. The pattern is the same as a check or a cross, which is the symbol of the Christian religion.

## Ben Williams—A long walk

As many of you will know I started working for Urban Saints (alongside my Circuit work) in June 2018, and since then I have witnessed the impact that the charity has in transforming the lives of young people up and down the country.

Every year thousands of young people go away on Urban Saints Camps, which provide the opportunity for young people to grow in their faith, build friendships, and provide adventurous activities and crazy fun. While our camps keep their prices as low as possible, sadly there are still families who cannot afford to send their children away.

This is why on Friday 29th March 2019, I will be taking a long walking (from Elthorne Park, in North London, to our offices at Kestin House in Luton, around 28 miles) to raise money specifically for the Urban Saints Camps bursary fund. This will allow us to provide subsidies for young people who would really benefit from going away on an Urban Saints Camp. If I can raise £500 this would provide approximately 10 subsidised places on our summer camps in 2019.

We don't want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to come to an Urban Saints camp due to money. If you can possibly support me financially, I would be very grateful.

There will be a sponsor form on the noticeboard opposite the hall or you can donate by visiting [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/benjamin-williams9](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/benjamin-williams9)

Thanks, Ben

## WANTED knitted squares (6 inches)

To be put towards blankets for refugee camps in Greece and Serbia. Also any wool you may have to spare for knitting, not only squares but hats and small blankets etc for use in our hospitals in the UK.

If you can help or want to know more, please phone Cilla Wagner on 381579.

## Sunday Services during March

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>3rd March</u>		
9.15am—Early Church—Parade Service	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung & Jane Seaton	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Elizabeth Hitchcock
6.00pm—Evening Worship—Tuesday Fellowship Circle Service	Peter Baker	Catherine Roots
<u>10th March—First Sunday in Lent</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Richard Bates & Steven Purton	Ann Guy
10.30am—Morning Worship (Local Arrangement)	Catherine Roots	Jacqui Donaghy
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Rev. Julie Bradshaw	Donald Wray
<u>17th March—Second Sunday in Lent</u>		
8.30am—Early Morning Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Jacqui Donaghy
9.15am—Early Church—Café Breakfast	Graham & Jane Seaton	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship (Retiring Collection for Leighton-Linslade Homeless Service)	Colin Quine	Charles Horsefield
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Brenda Ballantine	Marina Mele
<u>24th March—Third Sunday in Lent</u>		
9.15am—Early Church with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Catherine Roots

## 24th March—Third Sunday in Lent (Continue)

10.30am—Morning Worship	Fiona Arscott-Smith	Elizabeth Hitchcock
6.00pm—Evening Worship (Local arrangement)	Peter Baker	Ann Guy

## 31st March—Fourth Sunday in Lent & Mothering Sunday

9.15am—Early Church—Agape	Ben Williams	Anne Gray
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Alison Arnold
6.00pm—Evening Worship—Café Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Donald Wray

## **Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship**

3rd March	Mary Eagleton, Jane Baker, Irene Hyde
10th March	Mary Eagleton, Irene Hyde
17th March	Janette Cook, Janet Graham, Joan Edwards
24th March	Van Howard
31st March	Janette Cook, Janet Graham, Joan Edwards

## **Coffee Team**

3rd March	Irene Hyde & The Wray Family
10th March	Nancy Renfrew, Phyllis Savage & Margaret Dover
17th March	Phil & Cilla Wagner, Frances Underwood & Elaine Green
24th March	Kathy Keeley, Marina Mele & Tony Oldroyd
31st March	Janet Curzon, Heather Watkins & Joan Gregory

Flowers	
3rd March	Mrs Betty Batt in loving memory of her husband Douglas
10th March	Flower Fund
17th March	Heather & Gareth Watkins in loving memory of Thelma & Philip Hodgkinson
24th March	Audrey & Jim Wood in loving memory of their parents
31st March	Flower Fund

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

5th March	Ken Harris
12th March	Elisabeth Bibbings
19th March	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung (with Holy Communion)
26th March	Ann Guy

**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.

Fri 1st March, 2.30pm	Trinity	World Day of Prayer: Come-Everything is Ready! Please see poster or website
Fri 1st March, 7.30-9.30pm	Youthscape, Luton	Luton Unite—Youth gathering. Please contact Ben Williams for information

Sat 2nd March, 10am-4pm	St. Stephen's Church, St. Albans	District Quiet Day—Generous Discipleship: following Jesus with open hands. Please see poster for details
Mon 4th March, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
Mon 4th March, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House group
Tues 5th March, 6.30pm	Eaton Bray Methodist Church	Pancakes and Prayer evening
Tues 5th March, 7.30pm	Trinity	Trinity Fellowship Circle
Wed 6th March, 7.45pm	Toddington Methodist Church	Circuit Service for Ash Wednesday. Followed by Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting.
Thurs 7th March, 2-4pm	Chatteris Suite, Trinity	Games Afternoon. Contact John & Sandra Digby for more information
Sat 9th March, 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.
Sat 9th March, 10am-noon	Trinity	Fairtade Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy Sale. Please see posters for information

Sat 9th March, 10am-4pm	High Street Methodist Church, Harpden	3Generate Regional 2019— Please contact Ben Williams for information
Sat 9th March, 9.30am-12.30pm	Beech Hill Methodist Church	A Safeguarding Foundation Training Course. Please contact Margaret Pateman (01525 873555)
Tues 12th March, 7.30pm	Trinity	Trinity Fellowship Circle
Each Thursday in Lent from Thurs 14th March, 8-9.30pm	The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable	A creative retreat through Lent. Please see poster or Ben Williams for details
Mon 18th March, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
Mon 18th March, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House group
Tues 19th March, NOON	Trinity	APRIL/EASTER TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Tues 19th March, 7.30pm	Trinity	Trinity Fellowship Circle
Wed 20th March, 2pm	Trinity	Edwards' House group
Thurs 21st March, 2-4pm	Chatteris Suite, Trinity	Games Afternoon. Contact John & Sandra Digby for more information
Tues 26th March, 7.30pm	Trinity	Trinity Fellowship Circle

## 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.

## Something to Make You Smile

Lost on a rainy night a nun stumbles across a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, she's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips she had ever tasted.

After dinner she went into the kitchen to thank the chefs. She was met by two of the Brothers. The first one says, "Hello, I am Brother Michael, and this is Brother Charles."

"I am very pleased to meet you," replies the nun. "I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever had. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Charles replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

She turned to the other Brother and said, "Then you must be...?"

"Yes, you guessed it... I'm the chip monk."

## A Big Thank You

A big thank you to Donald and Sarina Wray for all the cakes they have provided for Messy Church over the years. I am now on the look out for more bakers for our Messy Church services. If you are able to provide a cake please do let me know by the Sunday before (even if you don't bring it until nearer the day or you would like it collected) as this will help me gauge if I need to buy more. The next service is on Wednesday 17th April, so I need to know by 14th April if you are preparing cakes.

Tasha Williams

## Retiring Collection for March—Leighton Linslade Homeless Service

The Leighton Linslade Homeless Service provides an emergency night shelter and other support and advice services at the old Black Horse pub in North Street.

We exist to relieve hardship, need and distress amongst those who are homeless or vulnerable, particularly those living in Leighton Buzzard, Linslade and the surrounding villages.

The Service is independent of the local authorities and relies heavily on volunteers and donations. It works closely with many of the town's churches to provide support to those in need on our streets but it is not a church-based organisation.

New volunteers are always welcome, particularly to help with night supervision.

Our main facility is the Black Horse Emergency Night Shelter at 21 North St, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1EQ.

## Volunteers needed to listen to children read in local primary schools

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? Schoolreaders is looking for more volunteers in Bedfordshire to carry out this important role.

Reading time for many children at home and at school is often insufficient and one in four children are now leaving primary school unable to read to the required standard. This can have a lifelong consequence. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of spoken and written English.

Schoolreaders is flexible and will match your availability to an appropriate, local school. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

Please visit the website [www.schoolreaders.org](http://www.schoolreaders.org) to join or call 01234 924111 for further information.

Charity Number: 1159157

## A Prayer for Lent

Forty days alone,  
a wilderness of thoughts,  
tempting and inviting thoughts,  
which could so easily have distracted you  
from your task, your mission,  
your vision.

Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned  
to all that had to be done,  
despite a time constraint  
that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.

We too live in stressful times.

Demands are made of our time,  
that leave so little  
for the important things of life.

We are easily distracted  
in the wilderness of our lives,  
by every call to go this way or that,  
to turn stone to bread  
leap from mountains,  
and do all that would keep us from the truth.

We listen to the voices of this world,  
and ignore the one who endured all this  
and so much more,  
and emerged triumphant,  
that we might not have to suffer so.

Forgive us, Father,  
when we get distracted from our task.  
Forgive us those times when we try  
to be all things to all men,  
and fail to be anything to anyone.

From [www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)

## Early Church Corner

This month sees another new style of service at Early Church—Parade Service. On 3rd March we will be joined by the Beavers, Cubs Scouts and Girls' Brigade as part of our service. It is hoped they and their families will join us and see what we do at Early Church.

We continue in our current set up, with the breakouts and toddler corners in both the hall and the Chatteris Suite. There are some new activities in the Chatteris Suite for during Coffee& including giant jenga, pool, table football, air hockey, table tennis and a Wii. Please ask one of the leadership team if you would like one or more of these out!

### Coming up at Early Church:

3rd March—“This is my Son”: The Transfiguration (Parade Service)

10th March—Jesus in the Desert: The temptation of Jesus

17th March—A Fox, some Hens and Chickens: Jesus's love for Jerusalem (Café breakfast)

24th March—The parable of the Fig Tree: Jesus is patient but sin is death (including Holy Communion)

31st March—Mother's Day: How do we care for each other (Agape style)

### Soup & roll lunch

Saturday 6th April 12 midday till 2pm in the Chatteris Suite at Trinity to raise funds for 'Toilet Twinning'.

Around a third of the world's population have to use fields, streams, rivers, roadsides or disease-breeding buckets as they have no LOO.

Toilet Twinning raises funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a basic toilet, and to learn about hygiene - a vital combination that helps end generational poverty. Every £60 that we raise will enable a household latrine to be provided in an impoverished community.

Come along and enjoy a good lunch knowing you can help in this cause.



## Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Following the success at last year's plant sale we will be having another one this year on May 4<sup>th</sup>. As well as praying for fine weather we need a bit more help from you.

Now is the time to start thinking about any plants you could provide.

As last year, Sewing Circle will provide the refreshments but we do need everyone in the church to help with the plants if you possibly can.

For any information, please contact John Digby.

### Weekly activities

For contact details please see the Church Directory or contact the Church Office (01525 371905 or [tttprojectoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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	Charles Horsefield
Drop-in for the homeless	Wednesday	
Sewing Circle/ Games Afternoons	Alternate Thursdays 2-4pm	Sandra Digby
Girls' Brigade	Friday 6-9.30pm	Marilyn Powell
Prayers	Saturday 9-10am	Joan Gregory

## **Prayer Diary for March**

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

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Lord, as we enter Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship. May Lent be a time of inward searching that makes me more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world.

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### **Please pray for:**

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with E & F
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in February (see pages 6–8)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 8– 10)
- Leighton Linslade Homeless Service (Retiring Collection charity for March)

### **Teams at Trinity – in particular:**

- Wednesday Night Drop-in— led by Charles Horsefield

### **Our local neighbourhood:**

- Brooklands Middle School
- Leighton Middle School
- Beaudesert
- Hockliffe Street
- Tudor Court

### **Pray to God for the world around us:**

- For our country and for Europe as they continue to discuss the Brexit Deal and our country's leaving of the European Union.