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What's happening at Trinity

April 2019

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From the Manse

When the question is: “How are you doing?” and probably the answer is “Busy!” but with full of weariness and regret, then there’s another question following: “Who’s running the world?” Because when we say, with weariness and regret, that we’re busy, then the implication is that the world is ours to run, and it’s a job too big for us.

We are in Lenten season, and These seasons of Lent equip us to deal with the question “Who’s running the world?”

Lent and Easter make it clear that such a job is too big for us, and we can see what happen when we thought it is our job to run the world as we see the news in a TV and newspapers. Lent and Easter make it clear that the world is, in fact, God’s to run. Lent and Easter show us that our misunderstanding is forgiven, and something far better awaits us than an impossible task.

The way that Lent sets us free from this tragic and avoidable mistake is through the practices of this season. The three most important are prayer, fasting, and charity.

These Lenten practices have this in common: each one helps us learn again that we’re not running the world; God is. Done in the proper spirit, as Jesus recommends, each practice enables us to let go, to rest, to have something more to say than “Busy! Busy! Busy!” And each of these three practices does so in a different way.

Consider prayer. Prayer concerns our relationship with God; prayer is when we allow God to engage us. Insofar as we are praying and our prayer is true, then we simply cannot believe that the world is ours to run. Prayer takes us away from a misunderstanding of responsibility that can turn us into driven people. The frame for our prayer is always that petition from the Lord’s Prayer: “Thy will be done.” We are free to rest, to rest in God.

Consider fasting. Fasting concerns our relationship with ourselves, as we are creatures of body as well as soul, flesh as well as spirit. Fasting from food, shopping, television or internet, makes us less dependent on those things. When fasting, we don’t claim to run the world, we allow some emptiness in ourselves and invite God to fill that emptiness with divine life. Not so much energy as usual is spent digesting, consuming, analysing. We are free to rest, to rest in God.

The third practice is charity. This means giving of what we have to meet the needs of people who otherwise would go without. Charity concerns our relationship with other people and all of creation. It is a practical expression of God's justice. When we give alms, we admit that we are not owners, but trustees: trustees of our possessions, our time, our lives. We're not running the world, because the world is not ours to run. Together with everyone else, we are recipients of mercy. We are free to rest, to rest in God.

When we engage in these practices properly, then they bring rest. Not collapse from exhaustion, not even a lack of activity, but a deep restfulness that spares us from being so driven, distracted, and busy. We are able to find the joy that waits for us in what we do. We get a taste of resurrection in our flesh and bones, our moments and our days.

The forty days of Lent call us to leave behind the spirit of 'Busyness'. We are welcome to rest, then to pray and fast and give, and find these practices to be channels of grace, ways by which we can rejoice that – thank God! – we do not run the world and God does.

Sunday Nite Live

Sunday Nite Live is a Circuit event every two months. It is held in different churches in the circuit to enable members experience a different form of worship.

The service starts at 7.30 and usually ends at 9.15. Each event is different but all include prayers singing and some biblical input. There are interviews, drama, discussion, quizzes and often a lot of fun.

It is a bit like a 'magazine' with lots of different items depending on the theme for the service. Approximately 45 minutes into the evening refreshments are served ranging from tea and biscuits to a light buffet.

The next Sunday Nite Live is at **Trinity on Sunday 14th April**. Do please come along and support this event. As it will be Palm Sunday that will be our theme.

The service will be lead by Elisabeth Bibbings and supported by Clive and Tina Salmon.

For more information or transport to the evening please contact Catherine Roots.

Church Council Summary (20th February 2019)

- **Opening devotions:** Led by Seung-Wook based on 1 Peter 1:22 with a meditation on how we should love one another deeply, from the heart.
- **Pastoral Concerns:** Pearl Ansell died on 25th October 2018 and Val Scott died on 13th February 2019. There is a Pastoral Links meeting on 2nd April and a Pastoral Friends lunch on 27th April (see the What's On page for details).
- **Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved by the meeting and signed by Seung-Wook.
- **Appointments:** Jackie Roberts was welcomed as our Circuit Representative, replacing Terry Sissons. Anne Gray was pleased to propose Chris Lowe as a new steward on the Leadership Team. This appointment was approved. Annual appointments - Cathy Sheehan has agreed to act as the Independent Examiner of our Church Accounts once again. Roger Owers was re-appointed as Church Treasurer, but he intends to resign this position at the end of the Church Financial Year (31st August, 2019).
- **Vacancies:** none, apart from representatives from Church members.

Life & Mission of the Church Reports:

- **Worship Planning Meeting:** Early Church are settling well into their new venue, numbers are increasing and set up time is getting shorter. There will be 8.30am Communion on Easter Sunday, followed by breakfast at 9.15am and All Age Morning Worship with break outs at 10.15am.
- **Messy Church:** We are filling the spaces most sessions at Messy Church. Graham Seaton and Tasha Williams will be attending the International Messy Church Conference in May. As always more help is needed, especially with the 'Celebration'.
- **Early Church:** Graham Seaton sent a positive report of the new structure. It is helping to integrate with the rest of the Trinity Family through shared breakfast after the 8.30am communion.
- **Leadership Team, Next Steps Review report:** Anne Gray presented a summary of the Next Steps meeting, which had been held on Saturday, 26th January.

This summary had drawn together a total of six proposals, which need to be taken forward by the **whole** church community.

- **Proposal 1 – Publicity and Communication:** Tasha Williams and Anne Webber will be part of a small group taking responsibility for improving internal communications & publicity.
- **Proposal 2 – Worship:** there are 2 names in mind who have suitable skills to advise on the installation of a new audio/visual system.
- **Proposal 3 – Worship:** some people are already considering recommendations for improving the content of the 10:30 service.
- **Proposal 4 – Worship:** informing preachers of any changes, will be addressed on receipt of the outcomes of Proposal 3.
- **Proposal 5 – Outreach & Social Action:** forming a small group to champion social action. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood, Mission and Family Committee is not very active. It was decided to re-think and start again. Charles Horsefield and Richard Bates agreed to be part of the group, the priority being to identify its terms and purpose. Roger Owers drew attention to the fact that we have £15,000 per annum allocated to Outreach. No-one is taking specific responsibility for deciding how this is spent. The Leadership Team needs to address this issue.
- **Proposal 6 – Social Life at Trinity:** it was suggested that Chris Lowe might be approached to co-ordinate a small group to develop this project.
- It is expected that each of the six groups will report their progress to Church Council.
- Seung-Wook will be on sabbatical leave from 10th June – 9th September. There will be a Circuit co-ordinated group to support Trinity in his absence.
- **Property Committee:** Complaints about the heating in the sanctuary have been acknowledged, but it is felt that, currently, new heating systems would be too costly. The committee will amend outside notice board to reflect service changes.

- **Finance/Resources:** An approved proposal to appeal to the congregation for an extra £1 per week in giving as our General Fund is below expectation. A list of policies was compiled; a copy will be kept in the vestry and in the office. Some are available on the website. Regarding the legacies – a paper has been drawn up of what the objectives should be when installing a new Audio/ Visual system at Trinity. Two architects have also been consulted to consider the structural development of Trinity.
- **Circuit matters:** Jackie Roberts was welcomed to the meeting. It was felt Trinity needed to be better informed of youth work across the Circuit.
- **AOB:** Luton Peace Walk on Saturday 21st September.
- **Next Church Council:** Thursday 27th June, 7.30pm & Tuesday 15th October, 7.30pm
- **Annual Church Meeting:** Sunday 12th May, 11.30am.

World day of Prayer

(Originally 'Women's World Day of Prayer')

The World Day of Prayer Service was held again this year at Trinity. The service was led by Elizabeth Hitchcock and Catherine Roots with support from members of our own church and others in the town.

Our service was focused this year on Slovenia with the theme for the service being 'Come – everything is ready'.

The service was written by Christian women in Slovenia knowing that throughout the world on 1st March there would be people using the prayers and thinking about them and their country. We heard the stories of various women and how through faith and prayer they had coped with family issues. We sang hymns and a song from their tradition. We celebrated the wonderful gifts of their country and reflected on a picture painted by a Slovenian artist especially for the service booklet.



Six churches were represented at the service to which 46 people attended. The service was appreciated by all and tea and cake were enjoyed after the service.

Next year the country we will be focusing on is Zimbabwe.

Easter Hymn (by Sarina Wray)

This was originally published in The Trinity Trumpeter in March 1983.

May we thank you now Lord Jesus
For another Easter Day,
For Thy love that does surround us,
And thy blessings day by day.
For the Spring and April showers,
And the early morning dew,
All the daffodils and snowdrops,
Thank you Lord for life anew.

May we praise you now Lord Jesus
For the Cross of Calvary,
There you suffered pain and anguish
From our sins to set us free.
All our sins were there forgiven,
And our troubles washed away.
Through the blood of Christ our Saviour,
Shed for us that Easter Day.

May we ask you now Lord Jesus,
In our hearts, - will you abide?
Help us to obey and serve you,
Be forever by our side.
When at last our journey's ended,
And our task on earth is done,
Take us to your heavenly Kingdom
Dear Lord, Thy will be done.

Lent (by Kathy Keeley)

In the run up towards Easter Lent is a time when we think about going without. In the Good News Bible Mark 1:12 says “At once the spirit made him go into the desert where he stayed for forty days being tempted by Satan. Wild animals were there also but angels came and helped him.”

In some versions of the bible the devil offers Jesus all the kingdoms of earth. Whether they were his to offer is debatable. In life we may find many tests like this and how we respond to them groups us with like-minded people. Tests are used to reassure people who have doubts. How we respond depends on our abilities, insight and experience. Some call this instinct. We should be wary of expecting rewards by passing tests. The path they lead us on may not be easy.

In Exodus in the Old Testament the Israelites wandered in the desert when Moses led them out of slavery in Egypt. At the time many felt they would have been better off if they hadn't left and Moses got tired of their complaining. There are times in life when we may wander looking for resources, experiences, inspiration and new company. It's all part of finding our place in this world. When this happens the Lord is our shepherd. To support people in this situation we may have to go without.

Games afternoon

This was very well attended and there was a good variety of games and puzzles. The plan is to run this every other week (alternating with the sewing group) if there is enough demand. There may be a small charge for tea and cakes and the use of the hall if you can afford it. Come along and bring your friends and all the games and puzzles you have sitting in the cupboards, gathering dust. It's more fun using them with other people.



Jon Kendon—London Marathon 2019

Jon Kendon is a member of Early Church at Trinity and this is his story:

I am running the London Marathon on 28th April. I was lucky enough to get a place in the ballot. I would still like to raise money for

charity though to motivate me through the training and make sure it's all in a good cause! I had the luxury of choosing a charity and have decided to support the Trussell Trust.

They do a fabulous job running food banks nationwide. People trapped on the brink of homelessness can visit food banks to receive emergency parcels of food and toiletries. The food banks also offer advice, courses and a friendly face. For more information on the Trussell Trust go to the link below.

I chose this charity because the need for food banks is an uncomfortable reality. This cause may not get the same exposure as some of the more commonly supported causes in a massive event like this. The Trussell Trust is thoroughly deserving of donations and I encourage you to make one!

If you are able to support him, please visit [https://](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JonathanKendon)

uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JonathanKendon or sign up on the sponsor form on the board in the hallway (opposite hall doors).



Ben Williams—A long walk

By the time of release Ben will have completed his 'Long Walk' from Elthorne Park where Urban Saints started (initially as 'Crusaders') to Kestin House, Luton where they are based. He is raising money to help send children and young people on their camps. It's not too late to donate—please visit his JustGiving

page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/benjamin-williams9) or see him directly.

He will also be collecting all promised sponsor money over the coming weeks.

**A LONG WALK
IN THE SAME DIRECTION...
FOR URBAN SAINTS**



What is Toilet Twinning??

Come and help us support this work by attending our Soup & a Roll lunch on Saturday April 6th from 12 – 2pm

With support from Toilet Twinning Brethren in Christ Church (BICC) is running water and sanitation programmes in some of the poorest villages in Choma district, Zambia.

BICC challenges communities to think differently about sanitation. They invite villagers to a meeting where everyone is encouraged to draw a map that shows where people are going to toilet in the open; then they visit some of the places nearby. While the villagers aren't looking, a BICC worker scoops up some of the poo and brings it back to the meeting place, where lunch has been prepared. The poo is placed next to the food! BICC staff then encourage the community to eat – and wait for their disgusted reactions. This interactive experience encourages villagers to think about the link between poor sanitation and ill health, and ultimately to draw up an action plan for building toilets. Every three months, a BICC worker returns to the village to see how they're getting on, until every household has a toilet.

Ginwell one of the BICC workers says, 'In one of the communities, a village leader came to me, beaming. He said, "The toilets have changed everything." He couldn't believe the transformation that had taken place in his village.' (*taken from the toilet twinning literature*)

For more information contact Catherine Roots



Trinity Toddlers (by Karen Purton)

Trinity Toddlers works as an outreach on behalf of the Church and welcomes children from birth to four as well as their families and carers. The playgroup runs twice weekly on a Tuesday and Friday morning and is very well attended. It is a great opportunity for us to engage with our local community and for parents, carers and children to socialise and play, making new friendships and connecting with others.

The toddlers group is set up to provide lots of various activities suitable for young babies to Toddlers and beyond until they are of pre-school age, when the children move onto other settings. There is a designated baby area, a kitchen area where the children like to engage in role-play and take care of 'their babies' (the dolls and teddies which are very well loved!). A creative station provides the opportunity to make or create something often based around a topic (at the moment we are doing Spring/Easter) as well as a playdough table with various cutters and patterned rolling pins and ever changing playdough colours! 'The train track and trains are very popular as is the 'dog basket', where you can sit quietly with your grown-up and enjoy a story or cuddle up with the teddies. There is a climbing frame and building blocks which help develop large motor skills, and puzzles, shape sorters, games, cars, the castle and farm with accompanying people which helps to promote fine motor skills.

Snack time is a very popular part of the morning where the children sit down alongside one another and enjoy a healthy snack and drink and the grown-ups are provided with a hot drink and biscuits.

Just before we go home we all tidy -up to create a space to all join together in songs and rhymes, before the end of the session.

Quite a few families that attend Toddlers also engage in Messy Church and some families also attend Early Church too. We constantly have new comers as well as regular attendees. It is so good to be involved and sharing in the lives of so many people in our community of Leighton Buzzard.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning (by Sue Horsefield)

Thank you very much to everyone who supported us on 9th March. We were very pleased to see so many people there, including some who are not attenders at Trinity. The Fairtrade cakes and biscuits were very popular, so a special thanks to those who contributed by baking or bringing things along. We raised £140 altogether and half of this will go to the national Fairtrade organisation and half to the local group.

We held the coffee morning in Fairtrade Fortnight to bring attention to the work of farmers around the world who grow produce and sell this under the Fairtrade scheme. This year the focus was especially on cocoa production in West Africa and how this can be affected by changes in climate and pests and diseases. It is a hard life for cocoa farmers but through working together in cooperatives and selling with the Fairtrade scheme, they can negotiate better prices and a more stable income.

If the cocoa and chocolate you buy has the Fairtrade Mark, you can be sure the farmer has received a fair price and has therefore been able to provide a better future for his family. He will also have a greater opportunity to invest in his farm and community through the Fairtrade Premium. Although Fairtrade chocolate and other products may cost a little more, we can be sure that the farmers are fairly rewarded for their efforts.

Thank you again for your support and if you would like to know more about Fairtrade please ask me. I will continue to have a monthly Fairtrade stall, where a variety of products are available to buy.



Trinity Services during April

| Date & Service | Led by | Steward |
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| <u>7th April—Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> | | |
| 9.15am—Early Church | Richard Bates & Judy Whyman Bates | Ann Guy |
| 10.30am—Morning Worship | Roger Owers | Jacqui Donaghy |
| 6.00pm—Evening Worship | Tina Salmon | Charles Horsefield |
| <u>14th April—Palm Sunday</u> | | |
| 9.15am—Early Church | Steven Purton | Alison Arnold |
| 10.30am—Morning Worship (Local Arrangement) | Ann Guy | Catherine Roots |
| 7.30pm—Sunday Night Live at Trinity | Elisabeth Bibbings with Tina & Clive Salmon | Anne Gray (and all stewards) |
| <u>Holy Week</u> | | |
| Monday 15th: 8pm—Reflective Service | Peter Baker | Elizabeth Hitchcock |
| Tuesday 16th: 8pm—Reflective Service | Peter Baker | Ann Guy |
| Wednesday 17th: 2.30pm—Messy Church | Roger Owers & Tasha Williams | |
| Wednesday 17th: 8pm—Reflective Service | Peter Baker | Marina Mele |
| Thursday 18th: 8pm—Maundy Thursday Communion | Rev. Seung-Wook Jung | Catherine Roots |

21st April—Easter Sunday

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| 8.30am—Early Communion | Rev. Seung-Wook Jung | Alison Arnold |
| 9.15am—Easter breakfast | | |
| 10.15am—Morning Worship with breakouts | Rev. Seung-Wook Jung | Elizabeth Hitchcock |
| No Evening Service | | |
| <u>28th April</u> | | |
| 9.15am—Early Church | Jane Seaton | Marina Mele |
| 10.30am—Morning Worship with Baptism | Rev. Seung-Wook Jung | Catherine Roots |
| 6.00pm—Evening Worship | Peter Baker | Charles Horsefield |

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship

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| 7th April | Mary Eagleton, Jane Baker & Irene Hyde |
| 14th April | Mary Eagleton, Debbie Adams & Irene Hyde |
| 21st April | Debbie Adams & Van Howard |
| 28th April | Janette Cook, Janet Graham & Joan Edwards |

Coffee Team

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| 7th April | Tim & Elizabeth Hitchcock and Chris Bosworth |
| 14th April | Charles & Sue Horsefield and Debbie Adams |
| 21st April | Irene Hyde and The Wray Family |
| 28th April | Nancy Renfrew, Phyllis Savage and Margaret Dover |

| Flowers | |
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| 7th April | Mrs Elaine Green—Celebrating my husband Vic's birthday and our wedding anniversary. |
| 14th April | David & Julie Kellett—In memory of all those we have loved and for continuing friendships. |
| 21st April | Easter Sunday—Flowers from the Flower Fund. |
| 28th April | Fiona and Kevin Arscott-Smith—In remembrance of Hazel and Alice and in thanksgiving for Jamie and Adam. |

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

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| 2nd April | Rev. Wynn Jones |
| 9th April | Roger Owers |
| 16th April | Elisabeth Bibbings |
| 23rd April | Colin Dimmock |
| 30th April | 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.

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| Mon 1st April, 8pm | Trinity | Lammas Walk House group |
| Mon 1st April, 8pm | Trinity | Severn Walk House group |
| Tues 2nd April, 7.30pm | Trinity | Pastoral Links meeting |

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| Tues 2nd April, 7.30pm | Trinity | Trinity Fellowship Circle |
| Wed 3rd April, 7.30pm | The Square, Dunstable | Risk Assessment Training—please see poster in the hall. |
| Thurs 4th April, 2-4pm | Chatteris Suite, Trinity | Games Afternoon. Contact John & Sandra Digby for more information |
| 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 |
| Fri 5th April, 7.30-9.30pm | Youthscape, Luton | Luton Unite—Youth gathering. Please contact Ben Williams for information |
| Sat 6th April, 10am-3pm | Trinity | Greening our town's churches—eco day. See poster in the hall. |
| Sat 6th April, 12noon-2pm | Trinity | Soup and Roll lunch in aid of Toilet Twinning (see page 10). |
| Tues 9th April 7.30pm | Trinity | Trinity Fellowship Circle |
| Wed 10th April, 2pm | Trinity | Edwards' House group |
| Thurs 11th April, NOON | Trinity | MAY TRUMPETER DEADLINE |
| Mon 15th April, 8pm | Trinity | Lammas Walk House group |
| Mon 15th April, 8pm | Trinity | Severn Walk House group |

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| Tues 16th April, 7.30pm | Trinity | Trinity Fellowship Circle |
| Thurs 18th April, 2-4pm | Chatteris Suite, Trinity | Games Afternoon. Contact John & Sandra Digby for more information |
| Fri 19th April, 10am | Hockliffe Street Baptist Church | Good Friday Service |
| Fri 19th April, 10.45am | Starting at Hockliffe Street Baptist Church | Walk of Witness to Market Cross |
| Fri 19th April, 11.10am | Market Cross | Ecumenical Good Friday Service |
| Tues 23rd April, 7.30pm | Trinity | Trinity Fellowship Circle |
| Sat 27th April 11.30am-2pm | Trinity | Pastoral Friends Bring and Share Lunch |
| Sat 4th May | Trinity | Coffee & plant sale |
| Sun 12th May, 11.30am | Trinity | Trinity ACM following Morning Worship |
| Sun 12th May, 6pm | Trinity | Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones |

Could you pledge an extra £1 a week to Trinity?

If 100 people pledged to give an extra £1 per week we would have an extra £430 per month.

We currently require £5,500 a month in offertories and regular giving to run our church. In the six months since September we have averaged just below £5,400 per month. If we can increase that monthly giving figure it would help us place our finances in a more secure position this year and for the future.

As I look ahead to our next financial year which begins next September, I know that if we are to sustain our current outreach work we will either have to apply for significant funding from grants or raise more money ourselves. If we are not able to do this then we shall have to reduce outreach expenditure. We will look for grants to sustain this work, but we may need to fund some of the church administrator work from church funds. An increase in our monthly income will help with the budget for next year.

I am always ready to talk to you about church finances and how you can help the church through regular giving.

If you are able to make a pledge of extra giving please let me know. Your names will never be published but it would be good to know how many people have increased their financial support for the work of our church.

Roger Owers (Church Treasurer)



Daffodil Day 4th March 2019 (by Wallace Edwards)

On 3rd March 2019 Fifty Seven of us set off in one of Motts' coaches for Central Hall, Westminster, for the Annual Daffodil Rally.

The coach left Trinity at 9.00 am. and picked up at Dunstable, Toddington and Harlington. We arrived in Westminster shortly before 11.00 am. and John, the coach driver managed to park in the road next to Westminster Central Hall and that is where the coach was waiting for us after the afternoon service.

We found that the catering arrangements had improved this year.

Before the service commenced at 2.00 pm, we all enjoyed singing some well-known hymns including 'O happy day' and 'To God be the glory'. Andrew Furniss was at the great organ and Gerard Brooks, the Director of Music was accompanying on the grand piano.

We were welcomed by Deacon Kina Saunders and the Deputy Superintendent of Central Hall, Revd Tony Miles who asked us to stand up when the name of the county from which had come was called out. There was a large congregation present, but not quite as many as last year.

We met up with Robin and Ruth Gurney who had come from Whitney, Colin and Myrie Hinks, formerly of Harlington and now living in Reading, and Elizabeth Gardiner from Chepstow and formerly of Leighton Buzzard. They wished to be remembered to you all.

The special guests included Pam Rhodes who has been presenting Songs of Praise for 32 years. Pam introduced and interviewed the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Linsey Hall. Simeon Wood, a very accomplished flutist and instrumentalist entertained us with 'What a wonderful world' and the 'Typewriter song'. Simeon was interviewed by Revd Tony Miles and he told us that he had been inspired by his grandmother's faith. He was a brilliant performer.

Sandra Goodwin, President of Methodist Women in Britain lives in Harlington and was interviewed by Pam Rhodes. She made the point that we cannot do everything but what we can do 'let's do it well'. John Wesley's injunction-'Do all the good you can' has inspired the

Methodist Relief and Development Fund to use these words as the title of their Appeal 'All we can'.

Anando Mukerjee inspired us with renderings of 'I'll walk with God and 'The Holy City.' We were pleased to hear that Anando is now studying at the London Bible College. We wish him well for the future'

Another soloist was Camara Fearon who sang 'I know where I've been (from Hairspray) and who led us in some of the hymns.

Prayers for others were led by Methodist Women in Britain.

Dr Martyn Atkins, a past President of the Conference is Team Leader and Superintendent Minister at Methodist Central Hall spoke on the theme 'You will be my witnesses.' He quoted several instances of people witnessing in quite different circumstances. The common factor being that Jesus Christ can change us whoever we are.

On leaving the Hall we were relieved to learn that the taxi drivers' strike which was due to start at 4 p.m. was already over and we enjoyed the pleasant journey home.

The general feeling was that it was a well-balanced programme and the service finished in good time.

Benevolence Fund

Did you know that Trinity has a Benevolence Fund? The purpose of the Fund is to provide relief to those in hardship and its use is at the discretion of our minister, Rev Seung-Wook Jung.

The Fund currently stands at around £1,600 and is topped up regularly by the collections taken at the monthly 8.30 am Service of Holy Communion. From time to time one of the retiring collections taken at the 10.30 am Service also raises money for this Fund.

If you have any questions about the Fund, please speak in the first instance to Roger Owers, our Treasurer.

Early Church Corner

This month sees us celebrate the full season of Easter. Previously, due to a fortnightly pattern, we have worshipped together on either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. This year we will be meeting on both! Easter Sunday will be a slightly different set up, we will share breakfast together from 9.15am and Morning Worship will start at 10.15am and include our Kidz Klub and Freedom Generation break out groups.



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:

7th April—The Parable of the Lost Son

14th April—Palm Sunday—Come and join the celebration

21st April—Easter Sunday—breakfast from 9.15am, Joint service with Morning Worship, starting at 10.15am and including breakouts.

28th April—The Stranger on the Road

The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust—Retiring Collection on Sunday 14th April

The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT) is an ecumenical charity which seeks to provide resources, support and information to preachers. LWPT provides resources, training and grants for preachers and leaders of worship of all ages and Christian denominations.

The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust began its life in 1849 as a charity which provided financial and other assistance to Methodist and Wesleyan Reform Local Preachers and their families.

The Methodist Local Preachers Mutual Aid Association or LPMA as it became known, was a lifeline for many and was supported faithfully and generously by its members through the years.

As welfare provision through the state became increasingly comprehensive there was less call on charities to provide for those in financial need which led to a fundamental review of the way forward for LPMA. The outcome, in 2005, was the formation of LWPT- a new charity with a wider vision to provide support for all preachers and leaders of worship, aiming to provide not only financial support but also preaching resources, events and information.

Weekly activities

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

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| 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/ 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 April

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

Lord Jesus Christ, I rejoice and rejoice continually in Your glorious and triumphant victory over death. For Your victory is my victory. Help me to live by it, in it, and for it. I am grateful to my depths - grateful forever.

Amen

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with E & F.
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in February (see pages 14-16)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 16-18)
- Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT) (Retiring Collection charity for April)

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- Patience Owers, Sue Horsefield and the Pastoral Team

Our local neighbourhood:

- Cedars Upper School
- Vandyke Upper School
- St. George's Court

Pray to God for the world around us:

- We pray for the victims of Cyclone Idai which has swept through Mozambique, Malawi & Zimbabwe, leaving behind a trail of destruction. We pray for the families of the many dead and those affected by the floods, disease and displacement it has caused.