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What's happening at Trinity

May 2019

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We Don't Know What We've Got 'til it's Gone

(by Kathy Keeley)

So here we go into the summer months. Spring flowers are beginning to fade and summer ones are coming into bloom. Plants give us food to eat, decorate our homes and gardens, feed wildlife and provide use with shelter and building materials.

In the Old Testament, Jonah was thrown out of a boat because it was felt by those around him he was the cause of a storm. He lived inside a fish for a while and then God ordered the fish to spew him up onto dry land. He took a message to the people of Nineveh asking them to fast, live simply and repent of their sins, which they did. Jonah then made a shelter and God provided him with a plant to give him shade. The plant later died which Jonah was sad about.

Jonah 4:10 (GNB) says God explained, " This plant grew up in one night and disappeared the next; you didn't do anything for it, and you didn't make it grow – yet you feel sorry for it! How much more then should I have pity on Nineveh, the great city. After all it has more than 120,000 innocent children in it as well as many animals."

A lot of God's creation that we value, or will value in the future is put together with minimal effort from ourselves. That doesn't mean our contributions are not important. Others we may be unaware of act on our behalf. Even our incomplete actions and thoughts can be picked up by others at a later date. Sometimes we don't fully appreciate what we have until it's gone.

In May some churches consider Ascension Day when Christ left the earthly world to join his father in heaven, leaving behind many saddened by their loss.

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.

Thank you to those who have already pledged to give more money to Trinity and especially to those who have told me of their commitment. May I also give a reminder that we continue to look for pledges to help

church finances. In the next few months I will report back to you how we are doing.

If you are able to make a pledge of extra giving please let me know if you have not already done so. 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.

One piece of good news is that we have secured a £500 grant from the Leighton-Linslade Town Council for the work of the Trinity Toddler Group.

Thank you for your continued support of the work of Trinity.
Roger Owers (Church Treasurer)

Where are they now? David and Madeline Harbey

It's ten years since we moved from Leighton Buzzard to Milton Keynes and a few changes have happened over this time. The children have all moved out and continue to live and work in the area.

David took voluntary redundancy from Visa in 2014 and enjoyed the opportunity to work for a couple of banks and a software company before finishing work at the end of last year. Life now focuses on motorsport photography and being treasurer for both a local charity and, more recently, the Milton Keynes Methodist Circuit.

David's Mum and Dad moved to The Limes at Newport Pagnell in 2013 and attended the Methodist Church there; sadly both have passed away since then after short illnesses.

Madeline was able to take advantage of a career break to be able to spend more time with her Mum who, whilst increasingly frail, remains in good spirits and is now in a care home in Derbyshire. She has just become a great grandmother – which makes us great uncle and great aunt. Madeline also finished working at the end of last year and has been able to develop her own photography – mainly of the natural world, but also some motorsport (if you can't beat 'em, join 'em!).

We are both enjoying the freedom that retirement brings including among other things cycling the redways in Milton Keynes and not needing to set the alarm.

Should you wish to see our photographic efforts they can be found at www.harbey.co.uk

Our best wishes to all at Trinity.

"If" revised

(Used at Leighton-Linslade Churches Together meetings on Lent
at the Sacred Heart Church)

If you can see the world in all its beauty
And all its pain, and honour that as well
If you can do, with love, your daily duty
Without caring who should know or who should tell -
If you can try without the fear of failing
Yet not put too much investment in success
And see that life won't always be plain sailing
But hardship doesn't have to cause distress -

If you can value all those who surround you
And not waste time and trouble keeping score
If you can make the most of what's around you
And not spend all the day demanding more -
If you can find the joy in simply giving
And not just sit back waiting to receive
If you can put your life into your living
But not tell others what they should believe -

If you can love your god and love your neighbour
And not forget to love yourself to boot
If you can make a gift of all your labour
Without concern about who gets the fruit -
If you can see that life's worth more than money
And love's a better driving force than greed
And if we shared the world's rich milk and honey
We'd all have more than we could ever need -

If you can give each day your fullest presence
And be mindful and aware of what you choose
And know all people share the self-same essence
In spite of what beliefs and words we use -
If you can hear the truth, whoever said it

And accept it, good or ill, truth just the same
And work, and yet not care who gets the credit
Nor, when you err, seek someone else to blame –

If you can give the Earth and all its creatures
The love, respect and care that they deserve
And remember that we're all each other's teachers
And a crucial part of living is to serve –
If you can touch the world, and all things, lightly
And not forget what all of it is worth –
You'll let the light within you shine so brightly
And you'll help to make a heaven here on Earth

Messy Church Update

A big thank you to all those who help with Messy Church, at Easter. We had 39 children with their parents and carers come to explore what the story of Easter is all about. Ben and Catherine took 8 children aged 7+ to the Chatteris Suite during the activity time to learn about how God protects us and about the egg being a symbol of new life (they had fun packaging up eggs to see if they broke when dropped from the fire escape!) It was a lot of fun and we'd really like to be able to continue to offer this group for older children so they have an opportunity to learn more about God's love for them.

Graham and I are off to the International Messy Church Conference 3-5th May, so please pray that we come back inspired with lots of new ideas!

We would love for some new volunteers to come along (and we'll need them if we are to continue to grow!) 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: 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 May

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>5th May</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Richard Bates	Anne Guy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Joan Gregory	Elizabeth Hitchcock
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Local Preachers Celebration Service (Circuit Service)	Anne Gray
<u>12th May</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Graham Seaton	Anne Gray
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung— Followed by ACM	Alison Arnold
6.00pm—Service in Remembrance of Loved Ones	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung & Rev. Wallace Edwards	Charles Horsefield
<u>19th May</u>		
8.30am—Early Morning Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Catherine Roots
9.15am—Early Church Café Style	Jo Baker	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung Church Anniversary Commissioning of Pastoral Friends	Jacqui Donaghy
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Brenda Ballantine Circuit Celebration & Easter Offerings Dedication at Beech Hill Methodist Church	

26th May		
9.15am—Early Church with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Chris Lowe
10.30am—Morning Worship	Anne Gray (Local Arrangement)	Donald Wray
6.00pm—Evening Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Anne Gray

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship	
5th May	Mary Eagleton, Jane Baker & Irene Hyde
12th May	Mary Eagleton & Irene Hyde
19th May	Van Howard, Janette Cooke & Janet Graham
26th May	Debbie Adams

Flowers	
5th May	Mrs Catherine Roots—In remembrance and thanks for the lives of husband Alan, mother Edith and father Kenneth.
12th May	Mrs Joan Spencer and Family—In loving memory of a dear husband Eric, father and grandfather.
19th May	Donald & Sylvia, Fiona and Isobel Cameron—In memory of Gavin Cameron, cherished son and brother and loving father.
26th May	Flower Fund

Coffee Team	
5th May	Phil & Cilla Wagner, Frances Underwood & Elaine Green
12th May	Kathy Keeley, Marina Mele & Tony Oldroyd
19th May	Janet Curzon, Heather Watkins & Joan Gregory
26th May	Tim & Elizabeth Hitchcock & Chris Bosworth

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

7th May	Geoff Best
14th May	Stephen Poxon
21st May	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung (with Holy Communion)
28th May	Rev. Arlington Trotman

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.

Wed 1st May, 2.30pm	Trinity	Chatteris Suite House group
Mon 6th May, 10am-4pm	Leighton Buzzard High Street	May Fayre—If you are able to sign up to help for an hour please see the sign up sheet on the notice board. We will be planting sunflower seeds (donated by Dobbies), scratch art activities with children and handing out Trinity goody bags.
Sat 11th May, 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 11th May, 6pm	Wigmore Methodist Church	Beetle Drive. Please see notice board for details.
Wed 15th May, 2pm	Trinity	Edwards' House group

Wed 15th May, 7pm	All Saints, Leighton Buzzard	Bee friendly evening—In aid of Christian Aid. Please see notice board for details.
Thurs 16th May, NOON	Trinity	MARCH TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Sun 19th May	Circuit	Deadline for Circuit Worker Applications. Please see noticeboard for details.
Mon 20th May, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
Mon 20th May, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House group
Wed 29th May, 2.30-4.30pm	Trinity	Messy Church—Please book your space on our website.
Sat 8th June, 6.30-10.30pm	Beech Hill Methodist Church	Caribbean Evening. Please see notice board for details.
Sun 9th June		Rev. Seung-Wook Jung's last day before Sabbatical (until 9th September)

A Big Thank-You

Ben Williams wants to say a big thank you to all those who sponsored him on his 'Long Walk in the Same Direction' for Urban Saints. He has raised £1706.20 (so far—there's still time to donate) which will potentially support 34 children and young people to go on one of their camps.



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:

5th May—"Love one another—as I have loved you"

12th May—Ghosts don't eat fish!

19th May—Breakfast on the beach

26th May—A Helper for you and me

Retiring Collection 19 May - Christian Aid

An estimated 3 million people have been affected by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. The cyclone hits our newspapers for a short time, but brings lasting devastation for those on the ground. This is just one area where Christian Aid is working with local partners to bring ongoing help and support.

We at Trinity no longer carry out door to door collections on behalf of Christian Aid. But we can encourage our friends and family to think about supporting this work. Everyone at services on 12 May will be given a bundle of 5 Christian Aid envelopes. You are asked to circulate these to your friends and family and return them for collection on 19 May. (Please do not use these envelopes for street collections.)

A little outreach work...

Rushmere Country Park is looking for knitted animals to go on its children's trail between 25th May 2019 and 2nd June 2019. For further details contact Kathy Keeley on (01525) 381397 (or see me at sewing group.)

See <https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/woollen-woods-2019> for more details.

Are you a budding gardener?

Leighton-Linslade in Bloom is looking for people to open their gardens on Sunday 30th June 2019 from 12 noon to 5pm. Proceeds are to be split between Leighton-Linslade in Bloom and Willen Hospice.

For further details contact Gill on (01525) 793058 or 077 4251 6240.

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/ Games Afternoons	Alternate Thursday 2-4pm	Sandra Digby
Girls' Brigade	Friday 6-9.30pm	Marilyn Powell
Prayers	Saturday 9-10am	Joan Gregory

Prayer Diary for May

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

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and at my departing

(Sarum Book of Hours, 1514)

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with H
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in February (see pages 6–8)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 8– 9)
- Christian Aid (Retiring Collection charity for May)

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- Sewing Circle and Games Afternoons—led by Sandra Digby

Our local neighbourhood:

- Gilbert Inglefield Academy
- Cornmill Mews

Pray to God for the world around us:

- For our local Councils during the elections on 2nd May
- For those mourning the atrocities in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday