

# Trumpeter



## What's happening at Trinity

June 2019

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## From the Manse

What I first heard about sabbaticals was that it is not a holiday. Honestly, I'm not familiar with this kind of time, because it is my first sabbatical after 25 years of ministry. I had not been in a place for long enough to take a sabbatical for some reason. There were too many changes in various ways during those 25 years.

By the way, what shall I do in my sabbatical? Three months is too long to just take a rest but it's also not enough to do something special. But I want to make it a meaningful time for me and my family, as we have been running together all those years throughout this ministry.

We need something to refresh us, make us anew, start afresh when we come back from the sabbatical. Visiting South Korea can be beneficial, going back to the beginning, and rethinking and refreshing my relationship with God. To be in the place where God called me first and to look back at what I had done to follow him, and it will be a good time for my family also, to meet parents, grandparents and relatives, learn the culture and to be in the center of K-pop....

I'm setting some meetings and visiting churches while I'm in South Korea, to try and have a fellowship with minister friends and to share the ministerial experiences and ideas of mission and so I can share my experiences of ministry in the UK. I think it would be a good time for them as well, to learn about the churches in the UK. I hope that I can have some ideas and inspiration for the next stage of my ministry.

I hope that I will bring good stories that I can share with you when I come back. Please pray for my family and me for this sabbatical.

## Rev Seung-Wook Jung's Sabbatical

As you may know Rev Seung-Wook Jung is undertaking a sabbatical. The sabbatical starts on 10<sup>th</sup> June and he returns to normal duties on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Before the sabbatical Seung-Wook is on holiday. His last day with us is therefore 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Just to clarify – a sabbatical is NOT a holiday. Sabbaticals are a period of release from ordinary duties for the purpose of pursuing an approved programme of study, research, work or experience. Methodist ministers are required to undertake sabbaticals at set intervals during their ministry. There is no choice in the matter. All ministers have to undertake sabbaticals. And when one considers the role of a minister one can see the sense of that rule.

Please can I ask that we all respect the sabbatical and refrain from contacting or involving Seung-Wook in issues that arise at Trinity? We should not even expect him or the family to attend services.

Redirection messages will be put on his phone and email but all matters should first be referred to Trinity's leadership team. Ministerial cover, if necessary, will be provided by the wider Circuit team headed up by Rev Julie Bradshaw (julie@iw2.c0.uk – 01582 561592). However, because the sabbatical falls over the summer holiday period, Rev. Julie Bradshaw will be asking other members of the Circuit ministerial team to stand in on occasions. There will always be a minister available should the need arise but for a first point of contact please speak to a member of the leadership team here at Trinity, or, failing that, to me. Other practical arrangements have been put in place.

Finally please remember - returning from sabbatical can create its own issues and diary pressures. We need to plan how to bring Seung-Wook up to date without creating overload and to this end the leadership team are keeping a record of News for Seung-Wook's return.

Graham Seaton

Senior Circuit Steward

## Annual Church Meeting—Summary of the Minutes (meeting held 12th May 2019 after 10.30am service)

Present: Rev. Seung-Wook Jung (chairman) and 39 members/  
adherents

1. **Opening Devotions**—led by Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes of ACM 29th April 2018** - agreed and signed
4. No matters arising
5. Notice of AOB (see below item 8)
6. **Appointments:**
  - a. **Stewards:** Meeting approved reappointment of current stewards and appointed Chris Lowe as additional Steward.
  - b. **Church Representatives to Church Council:** No new nominations were made.
7. **Church Life**
  - a. Brief reports from many of the groups at Trinity were displayed in the Ante-room for the whole church to review.
  - b. **Leadership Team:** There has been much discussion of how to spend the legacy money left by Anne Pape and Viv Willis—projects are under consideration to look at the audio-visual system and structural modifications to the front of the church. The Leadership Team are planning for Seung-Wook's sabbatical. Richard Bates and Charles Horsefield are developing a programme of social action in place of the Neighbourhood, Mission and Family Committee (they are currently working on a food bank idea and Oxjam concert which would form part of the Harvest celebrations). Any feedback on the new format of Trumpeter should go to Leadership Team. Thanks offered to Tasha Williams for work on the church directory and GDPR. Chris Lowe is to replace Anne Gray as Churches Together representative alongside Kathy Keeley.
  - c. **Minister's report:** Seung-Wook commented that he had been here almost 2 years and the family were settled. He will use some of his sabbatical to prepare plans for his visions of the churches in balancing mission both within and outside the churches.

d. **Finance:** Jane Seaton reported that the Annual Report (submitted to the Charities Commission) for 2017/18 had been approved at Church Council. Roger Owers reported that funds are where he would expect. A number of people had responded to his plea of increasing giving by £1/week. Expenditure is slightly less due to printing Trumpeter in house but funds are still tight.

e. **Property:** Tim Hitchcock had outlined, in written report, work that had recently been carried out and suggestions for future work. Quinquennial recommendations are on schedule but significant work to exterior is still required.

## 8. AOB

Seung-Wook reported that Catherine Roots has now completed her term for District and is offering to be a Worship Leader at Trinity.

- a. Christmas cards—Margaret Dover offered thanks to Roger and Anne Webber for their work sorting and distributing Christmas cards. The community Christmas card was perceived as a list of events rather than a greeting. Could it also be made ‘letter-box’ sized to ease distribution.
  - b. Baptisms—Comments made that the name of the child was not always well known. Did GDPR stop the name appearing in Weekly News? Many miss the custom of seeing the baby being walked through the congregation.
  - c. Communion—Several members miss having single ‘tables’ dismissed with their own blessing. It was agreed to continue with current format for another year and review at next ACM.
  - d. Flower Circle—Now 32 years old! Aging congregation means distribution team is down to 4. Merle appealed for more arrangers and distributors. She thanked the response of the Easter Flower Appeal raising £125. Birthday flowers will now be delivered to those aged 85 and over due to aging congregation.
9. **Diary Dates:** Church Council—Thursday 27th June 2019, chaired by Rev. Julie Bradshaw

10. **Date of next meeting:** Sunday 26th April 2020.

## Testing Times by Kathy Keeley

June is a time when many young people in schools take exams and test their knowledge. If well done, testing reassures us of our abilities and informs us of our limitations. It is best done after learning but can be a learning process in itself.

There are an awful lot of subjects taught in schools, passing on knowledge from one generation to another. Organising curriculums and suitable tests is no small job. They have to be monitored, marked and certificates have to be issued to people who are hopefully still around to collect them and have somewhere safe to keep them.

In Psalms 78:41 the Bible says, "Examine me, O God and know my mind; test me and discover my thoughts." This is said by somebody wanting to share their thoughts and skills.

However Matthew 4:7 says, "Jesus answered, "But the scripture says do not put the Lord your God to the test." We should be wary of testing people for our own benefit without recognising their natural abilities and knowledge of skills, things and issues we may not be familiar with. To be excessively tested purely for amusement can be a bad thing. Those who experience a lot of change often tire of being assessed.

Sometimes we can be scared of showing our abilities as we feel they may be used by people we don't trust or for purposes we don't agree with. These fears may be well founded. Other times we may miss important details because they seem small and insignificant, we don't understand them or those who deliver them or we are too busy.

None of us have complete knowledge and understanding. There is too much to know. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus."

## Hope and Aid Direct "WE TAKE AID, NOT SIDES"

Cilla Wagner asks if you could forward any foreign coins or currency to her to give to this organisation you use them to support their project taking aid to refugees.

We are 100% volunteer led UK based humanitarian aid charity operating mainly in mainland Europe. We are a non political, non religious charity. We take aid, not sides!

We have volunteers spread throughout the UK. Nobody takes a salary, so all of the money you donate ends up providing aid to people who really need it.

Teams from all over the UK join together to form a convoy of aid trucks driving for up to six days to reach their destination. They are then supported by volunteers who fly directly to the destination and volunteers in the UK that acquire and pack aid.

Our current focus is the migrant crisis in Greece. With in excess of 60,000 refugees stranded in Greece at the moment this is where we see the greatest humanitarian aid need.

Did you know?

- The refugee movement in Europe is now reaching crisis proportions and many thousands are living in very poor conditions.
- Every year volunteers source and pack and then transport thousands of pounds worth of humanitarian aid direct to the migrant camps.
- This charity uses their own vehicles, and it costs about £4000 per truck for each trip.
- Foreign currency can be converted into sterling to support vital work.
- Pre-decimalisation UK currency can be accepted too.

This is a charity registered with the Charities Commission (England and Wales) no 1077146.



[www.hopeandaiddirect.org.uk](http://www.hopeandaiddirect.org.uk)

## **Period Poverty**

My name is Hannah and I am currently a member of Enactus Sheffield, a student run company specialising in social enterprise projects. We are currently developing a project which will aim to produce and sell reusable sanitary pads in the UK. We then hope to use the profits we make to provide free sanitary pads for girls in developing countries, helping to eradicate period poverty. As I am sure you are aware, disposable sanitary pads contain harmful chemicals that are damaging to the environment. Not only this, but women who switch to a reusable pad often report experiencing less cramps and discomfort. Despite this I believe that most women are unaware of the reusable pads that are available. If anyone is interested in making some please contact Hannah (hannahwellard22@gmail.com) for more information. They are able to provide patterns, materials and instructions—they just need some willing volunteers with sewing machines.



## **Dunstable Downs Circuit Service—Sunday 23rd June, 11am**

Come and share with the South Bedfordshire Circuit a Service of Celebration on Dunstable Downs. Bring a rug/chair and picnic to spend time in fellowship after the service.

Volunteers are needed to help with car parking, litter picking, setting up the worship area, moving chairs from Great Billington to and from The Downs, putting up and taking down the marquee, giving out orders of service etc. If anyone is able to help, please contact Marina Mele. We really need to know who is able to help before the day itself.



## Retiring Collection 9th June—Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA)

MHA is a charity providing care, accommodation and support services for more than 18,000 older people throughout Britain. Our mission is to improve the quality of life of older people, inspired by Christian concern.

Founded by members of the Methodist Church back in 1943, today we support:

- 5000 older people living in our care homes, many receiving specialist dementia or nursing care
- 2500 older people living independently in purpose-built retirement living communities, with access to social and leisure facilities and flexible care should they need it
- 10,500 older people living independently in their own homes with the support of our Live at Home schemes across the UK

We rely on the commitment and dedication of 7,000 staff and 5,000 volunteers who share our mission and values. Together we are a truly special organisation that aims to provide quality housing, care and support services to meet the needs of more than 18,000 older people across the UK, of all faiths and none. It gives us great pride to be recognised as a leading provider of care and support in later life.

Fundraising and charitable donations are vital to help us continue delivering our life-enhancing work to thousands of older people living across the UK.

You can fundraise at home, in your community, at work, or with family and friends by taking part in one of our challenging activities or organising your very own event. Whatever you choose, our fundraising team will be happy to support you!

For more information please visit [www.mha.org.uk](http://www.mha.org.uk)



## Sunday Services during June

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>2nd June</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Jane Seaton	Anne Gray
10.30am—Morning Worship	Fiona Arscott-Smith	Alison Arnold
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Rev. Nigel Bibbings	Ann Guy
<u>9th June</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Ben Williams	Marina Mele
10.30am—Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Roger Jones and Andrea Als-McClean	Charles Horsefield
6.30pm—Praise Service	Pentecost Praise Service at St. Mary's, Luton	
<u>16th June—Father's Day</u>		
8.30am—Early Morning Communion	Rev. Julie Bradshaw	Jacqui Donaghy
9.15am—Early Church Café Style	Richard Bates and Steven Purton	Catherine Roots
10.30am—Morning Worship	Richard Armiger	Elizabeth Hitchcock
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Deacon Jacqueline Esmara-John	Anne Gray
<u>23rd June</u>		
11am	Circuit Celebration on Dunstable Downs	
<b>NO OTHER SERVICES AT TRINITY ON THIS DATE!</b>		

<b>30th June</b>		
9.15am—Early Church— Agape Service	Jo Baker	Elizabeth Hitchcock
10.30am—Morning Worship	Peter Baker	Marina Mele
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Colin Quine	Ann Guy

<b>Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship</b>	
2nd June	Debbie Adams, Jane Baker and Irene Hyde
9th June	Irene Hyde
16th June	Janette Cook, Janet Graham and Joan Edwards
30th June	Van Howard

<b>Coffee Team</b>	
2nd June	Charles & Sue Horsefield and Debbie Adams
9th June	The Wray Family
16th June	Nancy Renfrew, Irene Hyde and Margaret Dover
30th June	Kathy Keeley, Marina Mele and Tony Oldroyd

<b>Flowers</b>	
2nd June	Mrs Janette Cook, David & Fiona Jane—In loving memory of her husband and father Drew.
9th June	Mrs Grace Thorn—In loving memory of her dear husband Fred, father of Kathy and David
16th June	Flower Fund
30th June	Mrs Christin Taylor—In loving memory of her husband Eric

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

4th June	Frankie Fisher
11th June	Rev. Wallace Edwards
18th June	Roger Owers
25th June	Phil & Cilla Wagner

**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 3rd & 17th June, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
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Sat 8th June, 6.30-10.30pm	Beech Hill Methodist Church	Caribbean Evening. Please see notice board for details.
Sun 9th June, 6.30pm	St. Mary's Church, Luton	Pentecost Praise service. Love conquers all. Luton churches uniting together to celebrate Pentecost and to inspire your faith. Special focus on the church's work with young people through 25 years of Youthscape. Malcom Duncan speaking and worship led by Soul Survivor.
Wed 12th June, 2.30pm	Trinity	Chatteris Suite House group

Tues 18th June, NOON	Trinity	JULY TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Wed 19th June, 2pm	Trinity	Edwards' House group
Sat 22nd June, 11.00am- 12.30pm	Trinity	Messy Church Coffee & Cake morning. A chance to say thank you to current volunteers, hear some feedback from the Messy Church International Conference 2019 and to find out more about how you can help with Messy Church. Please contact Tasha in the office if you are interested.
Sat 29th June, 7.30pm	The Square, Dunstable	Gala concert. Dunstable Town Band with Zimbabwe Fellowship Gospel Singers. Tickets £5 available on the door. Please see poster in Hallway for details.
Thurs, weekly, 2-4pm	Eaton Bray Methodist Church	Social Afternoons. Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments. All Welcome.

### **Cakes wanted:**

It's almost Messy Church time again - Wednesday May 29. If you can bake (or fake) a cake for Messy Church, please will you let me know by Sunday May 26 (even if you don't bring it until the day!)

Upcoming Messy Church dates that will require cake are: 24th July and 28th August.

Thanks, Tasha

## 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. We will be continuing with our services over August so do watch this space for information about what is happening. We are also looking to set up Social events including a Summer Picnic, Cinema Night and Games afternoon so keep an eye on the website and in Trumpeter!



### Coming up at Early Church:

2nd June—The End of Part 1 (of Luke's story) and the beginning of Part 2 (The Ascension)

9th June—Wind and Fire (Pentecost)

16th June—Trinity Sunday

23rd June—No service at Trinity—Join us on Dunstable Downs for a Circuit Celebration at 11am.

30th June—Rejection and Hangers-on (A village rejects Jesus and the “would-be” followers)



## A Big Thank You

The Connections group who organised the stall at the May Fayre would like to say a big thank you to all those who volunteered to make our stall a huge success. 160 goody bags were handed out by lunchtime (we'll need more next year!), 140 scratch art sea creatures were designed and over 160 sunflower seeds planted! We hope to see some of the sunflowers on our Facebook page and website if they get sent in!

### 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	
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 June

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

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*God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength,  
now and always. Amen.*

(As printed in the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)

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## **Please pray for:**

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with I/J
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in June (see pages 10-12)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 12-13)
- Methodist Homes for the Aged (Retiring Collection charity for June)
- Rev. Seung-Wook Jung and his family as he goes on Sabbatical

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

- House group leaders

## **Our local neighbourhood:**

- Greenleas Lower School—Derwent Road and Kestral Way sites
- Sandhills estate

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

- For students undergoing exams at schools, colleges and universities
- The housing developments around us, the families who will be soon moving into the new homes and the town as it grows to accommodate more people.