

Trumpeter



What's happening at Trinity

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Looking Outwards- by Charles Horsefield

When we held a Saturday-morning workshop a few months ago to consider where we wanted to go as a church, a number of initiatives were proposed. Then at the February Church Council meeting the Leadership Team invited people to volunteer to work on these initiatives and Richard Bates and I volunteered to consider and report back on “Public Issues”.

We met twice and developed a brief Project Plan which was presented to the June Church Council. This sets out a number of activities and events and these all necessitate the involvement of others at Trinity. Which is the point really. Churches that only look inwards miss opportunities to engage with the rest of the world, develop influence and grow. Evangelism is not a word I use very often but those who do, must surely acknowledge that in order to evangelise, it is necessary to look outwards? And the social gospel that inspires us in varying degrees demands engagement with what we now tend to describe as Public Issues.

Our Project Plan begins with “Raising Awareness” and refers both to this article and to the newsletter of the national Joint Public Issues Team of four churches, including our own. The latest issue is always available on the Trinity web site and if anyone is looking for an opportunity to learn-about, lobby or protest-about issues, that is a good place to look.

Homelessness is a public issue Trinity began to engage with 6 years ago and Patience wrote in Trumpeter last month about the need for more volunteers to help at our weekly Drop-In. But when I first approached Leighton Linlade Homeless Service in 2013, following a discussion at Trinity’s Annual Church Meeting, it was with a view to setting up a food bank. At that time they wanted a Drop-In instead but now their activities have grown vastly and they need volunteers for all sorts of things, including running satellite food banks, - just holding a few food bags in churches for collection. Only one volunteer has come forward to help with this at Trinity so we can’t run a rota on Sunday mornings at present

but there may be another way forward – watch this space.

Something that is going ahead is an Oxjam concert at Trinity on 5 October, which is our Harvest Festival Weekend. We hope to raise money for and awareness of Oxfam with the help of a lot of local talent, along with a celebrated, large choir from Milton Keynes who sing a range of popular songs. Offers of help with refreshments for this event will be gratefully accepted by Richard and myself! As will any help or thoughts around the idea of an additional, regular, board games session for families from inside and outside Trinity, on Saturdays. Building on occasional week-end events in the recent past, as well as the current Thursday afternoon initiative, the aim will be to build on links and develop friendships. By looking outwards.

Remember by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned;
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve;
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

This poem had been due to be read at the funeral of Andy Cornfoot. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jan and the family at this time.

Accents by Kathy Keeley

I have always been fascinated by different regional accents. They show people's influences and can help to give a sense of people, place and time. Different places use different words for different things in a similar way to international languages. For those learning a new language this can be confusing and hard to understand. In the hymn, "Oh Jesus I have promised" there is the line, "O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still." For people who travel a lot or are in varied company it may be a while before they settle to an accent that belongs to them. Some accents show a mixture of influences like Dick Van Dyke in Mary Poppins.

The word accent can also mean emphasis. How we speak depends on our ability, opportunity and circumstances which influences what we prioritise and feel comfortable with. This is also true of our actions. In 1 John 3:18 the Bible says, "My children, our love should not be just words and talk. It must be true love, which show shows itself in action."

This said we should remember that Jesus was born a child king and it would be time before his love and understanding could come to fruition. This is also true of ourselves and this is why God and the angels are with us in mind, body and/or spirit.

In Psalms 57:1 the Bible says, "... I come to you for safety. In the shadow of your wings I find protection until the raging storms are over." This makes us think of how a bird protects her young, but also a part of a building: remember Jesus was born in a stable.

Highlights on Environmental Concerns in Earth and Space by James Keeley

The world we live in is constantly changing. Our progression the future and its technologies exposes just how vulnerable aspects of our planet are to neglect and blatant stupidity. Our ability to manipulate and exploit the world around us is unparalleled but the responsibility it brings – the responsibility we ignore and refuse to bear whether through malicious intent or blissful ignorance is immeasurable.

The fragility of the instruments on our current spacecraft means that they are especially vulnerable to pieces even as small as this. As we as a species have continued to develop, blindfolds have slipped over our eyes, in some cases intentionally, in the vast majority the opposite.

Many doubt their effectiveness as an individual. You alone will not have a recognisable impact. But the key word is “alone”. If everyone has this mind set, if everyone chooses not to do their part there will be no change. You may only be a cog in a machine, but one cog out of place can stop the whole wheel turning.

Edited by Kathy Keeley.

I look only to a Cross by Colin Taplin

Humbly I come
And bow on bended knee
Looking up to that place
With only adoration in me.

I see no flag there
I see no colours
I see no throne of power
I see a place like no other.

I see no false idol
I see no earthly rule
And no earthly representative
Nothing else to take that place.

I see only a Cross
The most famous of all
The place where my Saviour died
So that I would not have to fall.

I look only to a Cross
The place where my Saviour died
Except it couldn't hold Him
It was love that held him there.

A simple piece of wood
That gives me all my faith and hope
And I weep, yet rejoice in knowing
It was His love for me that held Him there.

I look only to a Cross
The place where my Saviour died
He's the only One who can govern
my life
And everything else beside.



Sunday Services during August

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>4th August</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Ben & Tasha Williams	Chris Lowe
10.30am—Morning Worship	Joan Gregory	Catherine Roots
<u>11th August</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Richard Bates & Judy Whyman Bates	Elizabeth Hitchcock
10.30am—Morning Worship	Martin Wallis	Anne Gray
<u>18th August</u>		
9.15am—Early Church—Café Style	Graham & Jane Seaton	Anne Gray
10.30am—Morning Worship	Geoff Best	Donald Wray
<u>25th August</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Jo Baker & Steven Purton	Ann Guy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Local Arrangement led by Catherine Roots	Christ Lowe

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship	
4th August	Mary Eagleton and Irene Hyde
11th August	Janette Cook, Janet Graham and Joan Edwards
18th August	Grace Horsfall
25th August	Irene Hyde

Coffee Team	
4th August	Nancy Renfrew, Irene Hyde and Margaret Dover
11th August	Phil & Cilla Wagner, Frances Underwood and Elaine Green
18th August	Kathy Keeley, Marina Mele and Tony Oldroyd
25th August	Janet Curzon, Heather Watkins and Joan Gregory

Flowers	
4th August	Frances and Mike Underwood and Family—In loving memory of Frances' parents Len & Elsie Thompson
11th August	Flower Fund
18th August	The Wray Family—In loving memory of Ceri, beloved daughter, sister and aunt
25th August	Diane Keats—With thanks from all my family

Tuesday Morning Service (10am) will be led by:	
6th August	Joan Gregory
13th August	Molly Bowerman
20th August	Rev Wallace Edwards
27th August	Paul Thomas

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.

Thurs 8th August, NOON	Trinity	SEPTEMBER TRUMPETER DEADLINE (Earlier than usual due to staff holiday)
Wed 14th August, 2pm	Farley Hill Methodist Church	Outing to Poplars Garden Centre (please see poster in the hallway or website)
Sat 17th August, 2pm	Olive Tree	Elegant Afternoon Tea (please see poster in the hallway or website)
Wed 21st August, 2pm	Trinity, Chatteris Suite	Horsefield's House Group
Wed 28th August, 2.30- 4.30pm	Trinity	Messy Church— Joseph part 2: Joseph forgives his brothers (please sign up via the website)
Mon 9th September	Trinity	Rev. Seung-Wook returns from Sabbatical
Sat 28th September, 7.30pm	The Square, Dunstable	'Shambles' Big Band Live Concert. Celebrating 150 years of Action for Children. Tickets £5/£1 (Pay on the door). Please see poster in the hallway for more 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 28th August. If you can bake (or fake) a cake for Messy Church, please will you let PATIENCE OWERS know by Sunday 25th August (even if you don't bring it until the day!)

Thanks, Tasha

Thank You

A big thank you to those from Trinity who attended the Gala Concert at The Square on 29th June. £1254 was raised for Sarenga Rural Hospital West Bengal.

Hospice at Home Volunteers

Do you or someone you know have a life limiting illness? Do you think they could do with some extra support? Or maybe you have some time you would like to give up to become a Volunteer?

Hospice at Home Volunteers provide practical, social and emotional support to you, your family and your carers.

We offer a free service that provides strength and encouragement at a difficult time. We offer practical help where it is needed during a life limiting illness.

The support provided is flexible depending upon your needs, but could include:

- spending time with you enabling you carer to have two or three hours break
- accompanying you on trips to the shops or a favourite venue
- companionship
- providing information for further help

If you would like more information regarding the service or becoming a volunteer –

Call us on 01525 854713

Or Email us on info@hospiceathomevolunteers.org.uk

Early Church Corner

This is the first summer since going weekly with Early Church. We have decided to continue in the summer in a slightly more relaxed format. There will be no breakouts, but the service will still be all age friendly and where appropriate activities will be provided for families to engage with.



Messy Church is looking at two parts of the story of Joseph over our two summer sessions (24th July & 28th August), so we thought we'd look at Joseph in more detail in Early Church and take a break from the lectionary themes. This will start on Sunday 28th July with Joseph, the annoying little brother (led by Jane & Graham). We will be using the 'Joseph, King of Dreams' movie to help us tell the story.

Coming up at Early Church:

4th August—Joseph, Captive & Slave (Joseph's journey to Egypt and his sale into slavery)

11th August—Joseph & Potiphar (Joseph in the house of Potiphar and his imprisonment)

18th August—Joseph, the successful little brother (Joseph and the Pharaoh's dream and the reuniting of his family)

25th August—Joseph and his part in God's Great Plan

Buzzer Buses—Retiring Collection on 11th August

Buzzer Buses (affectionately known as "The Buzzer") was founded in 1991 and is a well-loved part of the local community enjoying an excellent reputation for caring customer service. The service originated as the Leighton Linlade and District Community Transport Association which ran a single vehicle borrowed from the MS Society and driven by volunteers. This was the first disabled transport service in the town.

Currently Buzzer Buses operate 7 minibuses as well as one smaller vehicle and the organisation is professionally run with full charitable status with the Charity Commission.

Church Bulletin Bloopers (to make you smile)

- Ushers will eat latecomers.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accompaniment.
- Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

From www.laughbreak.com

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 August

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

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with M/N
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in June (see pages 6-7)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 8)
- Rev. Seung-Wook Jung and his family as he is on Sabbatical

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- Messy Church Team led by Tasha Williams especially as we venture out to provide two sessions over the summer holidays.

Our local neighbourhood:

- Linslade Lower School
- Linslade Academy (Middle School)
- Bassett Road, Doggett Street, Kings Street, Monarch Way
- Buzzer Buses (our retiring collection for August)

Pray to God for the world around us:

- For those on holiday from work, pray that they return refreshed and renewed.
- For church holiday clubs around the town over the summer (Hockliffe Street Baptist Church 29/7-2/8 and All Saints 12-16/8) and for other Christian camps especially those focussing on young people (Urban Saints & Scripture Union)