Trinity News



Sunday 5th & 12th September 2021

From the Manse

I hope you all have enjoyed summer even though we have had rather whimsical weather. As I mentioned before we have twin boys (my nephews) in our home, stay with us during the weekday. They are quite a handful as you imagine 7 years old twin boys. But they are do not just give us difficulties but they also give us energy and business. It was real blessing for my family (not just for Grace but for whole of my family). We did not have a time for depression or any feeling of emptiness in these lockdown periods. My wife Grace became more bright (she laughs a lot because of them) and have more energy (she had to make energy!!) even though she exhausted in the night, it also gives her a good sleep. We have been through a difficult time but there are still blessings we have received. And as we begin making a step forward as we reopen our church for services, fellowship and mission, it would be great to start by thinking of the blessings and praise God as we begin our reopening with prayer chain. Our next step will be in the presence of God our father by prayer and praise.

Sunday 5th September

Ordinary 23

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Catherine Roots
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
6.00pm	Circuit Service at High Town & Zoom to welcome Rev. Patrick Kandeh (for Zoom link please see page 4/5)	Rev. Dr. David Chapman

Activities during this week at Trinity

There are no additional activities at Trinity this week.

Activities during this week in the South Bedfordshire Circuit

Date	Time	What?
Saturday 11th September	10.30am	A celebration of the life of Bob Squires at Wigmore. Please see page 8 for details

Sunday 12th September 2021

Ordinary 24

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Ben & Tasha Williams
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung

Service Cancellation

In the light of Rev Wallace Edwards' illness and a shortage of volunteers to act as stewards, we have decided, with regret, to cancel the 10.30 am service on Sunday 12 September. You are invited, instead, to attend the Early Church face to face service at 9.15 am or to join us on Zoom at 6pm when Rev Seung-Wook Jung will be leading the service.

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Wednesday 15th September	2pm	Afternoon Bible Study on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)
	8pm	Evening Bible Study on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)

Activities during this week in the South Bedfordshire Circuit (week beginning 12th September)

There are no additional activities in the Circuit this week.

Sunday 19th September 2021

Ordinary 25

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Jo Baker
10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)	Rev. Patrick Kandeh

Zoom Links

Welcome Service for Rev. Patrick Kandeh (5th September)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/97486367485?

pwd=YkIwYUZpRGRqTUJ5aHlaNEUrSnlqQT09

Meeting ID: 974 8636 7485

Passcode: 349550

Dial by your location

- +44 208 080 6591 The United Kingdom
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Sunday Evening Worship (12th & 19th September)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/93984169282?

pwd=MXR4YU85aG9JdzhyQjZQTzFWLzkxQT09

Meeting ID: 939 8416 9282

Passcode: 699189 Dial by your location

> +44 208 080 6591 The United Kingdom +44 208 080 6592 The United Kingdom

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 2pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/92877340921?

pwd=Y2x3MUdTeFpWT0YvenUxMXZDNTArdz09

Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921

Passcode: 869411 Dial by your location

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?

pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dIUT09

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267

Passcode: 873153 Dial by your location

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Trinity Notices

New Trinity News

Trinity News is now live. It replaces Weekly News and will become a hybrid of Weekly News and Trumpeter. It will be published for 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and distributed by email to as many as possible. For those who are not able to receive by email there will be a small number printed and made available at church. If you are unable to get to services at Trinity and would still like a printed copy, please do speak to the volunteer who has been delivering for you or contact Tasha in the Church Office.

It is also hoped that there will be contributions from the congregation, so do please send them into the Church Office, either via email, post or calling. Please be aware, however, that if there are lots of contributions on a particular week, some may be saved for future publications.

Prayer Chain

Owing to a slow response to the request to join the 24 hour prayer chain, we have decided to reduce it to a 12 hour chain running from noon to midnight on Friday 3 September. There are still gaps in the chain so if you are able to offer to fill any of them please call Sheila Pollard on 01525751026 before 12 noon on Friday. Please also see the notes from Rev. Seung-Wook Jung on pages 10-11.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on 3 October and will be for everyone who normally attends either Early Church or the 10.30 service. Please note that breakfast will be available from 9.15 and that the service will start at 10.00 am. The Church will be decorated on the morning of Saturday 2 October. More information will be included in the next Trinity News.

GDPR

Anyone who has not yet returned their GDPR form, please do so as

soon as possible, either by emailing it to tttprojectoffice@gmail.com, putting in the church post box on North Street entrance or handing to a steward.

Messy Church Extra

On Sundays 17th October and 21st November at 4pm we will be trialling a new initiative—Messy Church Extra. On these Sundays there will be no Early Church at 9.15am, instead, there will be an ALL AGE Messy Church celebration service, during which there will be activities to do both individually and as families/small groups. We will also be serving a light (hot) meal to all who attend (government and church guidance permitting). Please do put the dates in your diaries and come along and join in if you are able to.

I am looking for a few volunteers, particularly who can help in the kitchen and with the packing down. If this is something you would be able to help with please contact Tasha in the Church Office.

Messy Church Meet Up

During October half term I will be running a Messy Church Meet Up for anyone who would like to join us. It will be similar to the Picnic in the Park but inside, with toys, games and simple crafts for families to participate in. I also hope (guidance permitting) to serve drinks and snacks. If anyone feels they are able to help with this do please contact Tasha. Details confirming date/time will be available soon.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity during August was £4,579. In addition we have received income equivalent to £1,121 per month from gift aid. The amount required in income to balance our books is £7,100 per month.

Clearing the Stage

The Property Committee is hiring a skip to take away all the unwanted items that they can find, especially those on the stage. If you have anything you want to claim before it is removed, please do

so as soon as possible. The skip is expected to be removed during the last week of October. Volunteers are needed to help with the clearing of the stage and filling of the skip. All offers of help to any of the Property Committee.

Thank you, Tim Hitchcock

A celebration of the life of Bob Squires

A gathering will take place at Wigmore Church on Saturday 11th September at 10.30 for 11am. We shall share coffee and cake and hear something of Bob's life, followed by a chance of brief inputs from a few people and the opportunity to chat at tables. We must minimise movement and mixing for Covid safety.

We don't envisage being gathered for more than an hour - the family would like to keep this brief as they continue to grieve. Rev. Jenny Spouge

<u>District Discussions led by Angela Byron, District Discipleship Enabler</u>

Friday 24th September - Eco Church - this is to encourage those churches whose Eco Church progress has stalled to refocus. Friday 22nd and Monday 25th October Youth Work - this is a follow up to the meetings in January of this year.

Friday 26th November Sharing church online, to share thoughts and ideas on online worship and streaming of services.

All meetings will be on Zoom, starting at 7.30 and will last about an hour. More details will follow in due course.

Public issues

The public issue on the minds of most people at moment is Afghanistan and many of us have been looking to see if there is any way in which we can help - in addition to donating to the various relief funds of course. Cilla Wagner coordinates the routing of food and clothing etc from several local sources and her current understanding is that the refugee centre in Milton Keynes is not looking for contributions at present. But LL Helpers are saying on

their web site that they can store contributions for forwarding when needed.

As flagged up in Weekly News, Cilla has this week contributed the first in her series of notes about preserving the planet. This time she is offering some facts about progress in changing our lifestyles taken from "Yours" magazine. It appears that a third of UK households have become greener since March 2020 by making simple changes to their daily routines - such as recycling more, turning lights off and swapping baths for short showers. A study has found that 27% of people have been cutting down on food waste, 28% have been cooking from scratch and up-cycling household items, while 29% have been cycling or walking when they can, instead of driving. If this was a school report perhaps the closing comment would be "Quite good but there is a lot of room for improvement"! So watch out for Cilla's list of recycling opportunities and for more notes in future editions of Trinity News.

COP 26

Thank you to those who sent in knitted squares for the COP26 banner. I have now sewn all the squares together and along with some etc ones these were sent to the organisers in Scotland. Our section of the banner will be added to others that are being sent from around the country in the hopes to make the final banner 1.5 miles long. This is to acknowledge the promise made in Paris by governments to endeavour to keep the climate rise down to 1.5 degrees.

I included a brief letter with the best wishes and prayers from all at Trinity. The event will be held in Glasgow from 1 - 12 November. Please continue to hold this event in your prayers and watch out for further news.

Catherine Roots

Charity Support

It would be great to hear about different charities that members support in order for others to understand more about what the different charities do. If you would like to write a paragraph for Trinity News and/or the Trinity website, please do so and send it to Tasha Williams in the church office.

Luton Roma Trust

Luton Roma Trust (registered charity 1160404) is seeking up to THREE new and committed Trustees to join our Board. Luton Roma Trust is a non-profit making charity, which exists to support the needs of the local Roma community. Please visit our website https://www.lutonromatrust.org.uk to learn more about the vital work we do.

If you feel this is something you would like to know more about please contact Crina at crina@lutonromatrust.org.uk by Friday 1st October.

Prayer Chain

Below are the prayer notes, provided by Seung-Wook, for those praying as part of the Prayer Chain on Friday. They are reproduced here in case you wish to use the notes in your personal prayer during the coming week.

Happy new year!

Yes, it's the Methodist new year and we are about to have new beginning as we reopen early church and 10.30 service every week. But we all know that it's not going to be an easy step.

We have a lack of resources especially regarding the services, steward, door steward, helper for sound system, Early Church steward, Early Church leader etc.

However, it is not a new thing for church life as we have always had lack of resources, but we have been through those difficult times by the grace of God and by helping and caring for each other. Now is the time to use what we have leant from the experience of difficulties, cling on to God and be one as the body of Christ.

One of the main reasons for that is there are many people who need help more than ever out there, in our community, our neighbours, our friends and we are here as the church of God and Methodist church to help them, give them a hope, do our mission, respond to our calling.

That is why we get together and pray especially before we start this new beginning.

Please pray for

1. The Church

- a. the services we are beginning to reopen every week.
- b. the steward and helpers for the services.
- c. the people who lead the services
- d. the members of the church especially who lost their loved ones and who are not well.
- e. the leaders of the church.
- f. the mission we are called to be.

2. The Community

- a. the people who lost their loved ones during pandemic.
- b. the people who are suffering through health, finance and other difficulties in their life.
- c. the people who recently moved and are trying to settle into the community.
- d. the people who lost their homes, jobs, and friends.
- e. the leaders of the community.

3. The Circuit

- a. Rev. Patrick Kandeh the new superintendent.
- b. the staff and ministers of our circuit.
- c. the leaders of the circuit.
- d. the churches in the circuit.

'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.' (Luke 10:2-3)

Prayer Diary

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity over the coming weeks.
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- People who live on: Riverside, Wentworth Drive, King Street, Monarch Way, Sovereign Close, Queen Street, Princes Court
- People who lead and attend the Worship Committee
- People in our Church Directories who's surname begins with Po-Py
- Children, parents and staff at Cedars Day Nursery
- For the world around us particularly Afghanistan Crisis and the victims of Storm Ida.

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