

Trinity News

Sunday 5th & 12th June 2022



The Front Page by Rev. Seung-Wook Jung

I like reading Psalms and have quite a few favourite Psalms. Psalm 23 is one of them.

As we know it is one of the most popular and most loved psalms, but I have a few personal stories with this Psalm.

It was one of the questions in the English test with a large portion of points in the exam I took when I applied to my Master's course which thankfully made me relieved from the pressure of English. And it was the passage that was engraved on the wood panel which I received as a wedding gift from the church where I used to serve in South Korea.

Anyway, the most interesting part of this Psalm to me is verse 4 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me: your rod and your staff, they comfort me'

It reminds me of where I have to look when I am in a difficult situation and what I should expect through the situation and what He did when I get through the darkest valley in my life. The passage from Isaiah 45:3 which I meditated on during my morning meditation a few weeks ago also gives me a clear view of God's intention 'Treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places'. Great riches are deposited in dark and difficult places. It can be seen as a fearful place but 'Once we fear the Lord, we need fear nothing else'.

We mostly have a negative feeling about 'Fear' but in this case 'fear of God' does not mean actual fear which is threatening us but it's closer to respect or awe and recognising his power and authority

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Pentecost

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
8.30am	Early Morning Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
9.15am	Early Church	Jo Baker
10.30am	Morning Worship	Peter Baker
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom	Rev. Margaret Newman

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Tuesday 7th June	10.00am	Mid week Service led by Rev. John Amankwatia
Wednesday 8th June	2.00pm	Afternoon Bible Study Group on Zoom
	8.00pm	Evening Bible Study Group on Zoom
Thursday 9th June	2.15pm	Knit and natter in the Chatteris Suite

Sunday 12th June 2022

Trinity Sunday

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
11.00am	There is no morning services at Trinity. Please join us for a Circuit Celebration at Dunstable Downs. For more information please see page 7.	
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom led by Shepherd Kombo	

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Tuesday 14th June	10.00am	Mid week Service led by Frankie Fisher

Sunday 19th June 2022

Ordinary 12 (Father's Day)

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Seung-Wook Jung
4.00pm	Messy Church Extra	Tasha Williams and Roger Owers
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom	Tina Salmon

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Tuesday 21st June	10.00am	Mid week Service led by Ken Harris
Wednesday 22nd June	2.00pm	Afternoon Bible Study Group on Zoom
	8.00pm	Evening Bible Study Group on Zoom
Thursday 23rd June	2.15pm	Knit and natter in the Chatteris Suite

Zoom Links

Sunday Evening Worship

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?](https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?pwd=RlozVHRhYnFrcEU1cUJjdHZxUDQzQT09)

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One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+44 208 080 6591 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 948 6562 3492 Passcode: 494002

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 2pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/92877340921?](https://zoom.us/j/92877340921?pwd=Y2x3MUdTeFpWT0YvenUxMXZDNTArdz09)

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Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921 Passcode: 869411

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?](https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dlUT09)

pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dlUT09

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Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

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like when Jesus' disciples saw he calmed the wind and waves in the sea of Galilee.

Do we really accept his authority in our lives? Does he really control everything? I mean everything, every situation in our lives. If he does then we would focus on his rod and staff which lead us in every step, especially when we are walking through the darkest valley, and we do not need to fear anything if we focus on him.

Trinity Notices

Church Directory Update

Alison Arnold has a new email address. Please delete the old one. The new one is ali@alisonarnold.uk

Retiring Collection for June

Methodist Homes <https://www.mha.org.uk/>

Methodist Homes (MHA) is the UK's largest charity care provider supporting more than 18,500 older people across the UK.

Founded in 1943 by a group of Methodists in the time before the creation of the Welfare State, MHA is open to providing care and support to older people of all faiths and none but continue to have strong support from Methodists as well as other Christians. A retiring collection for MHA will be taken after the 10.30 service on 19 June.



Circuit & District News

Dates for your diary:

- Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs, 12 June, 11am

Dunstable Downs Service

There will be no morning services at Trinity on Sunday 12th June as we are meeting as a Circuit on Dunstable Downs at 11am. Everyone is invited to come along and bring a picnic for the end of the service. If you have a chair you can bring, please bring it!

There will be no formal car sharing arrangements, however if you would like to go but have no transport please ask around for people who may have space in their car. And if you have spare seats in your car please try to find others may like a lift.

Advanced Safeguarding Course

The Advanced Safeguarding Course should be completed by all Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and Leadership Team. It is composed of some online learning and then a collective Zoom meeting. Please see below 2 dates in July for safeguarding online advanced training to be circulated.

July 14th @ 7pm—<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-safer-space-advanced-module-online-2021-tickets-349478187667>

July 25th @ 1pm—<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-safer-space-advanced-module-online-2021-tickets-349480394267>

District Discipleship (from Angela Brydon)

The first is The Bible Course, over 8 sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings. Each weekly session will last an hour to an hour and a half. The

sessions will be on Wednesdays at 7.30pm starting on 8th June for 8 weeks. These will obviously need to be on Zoom which I appreciate this limits access for some. But moving forward if more folk across the District feel better equipped they can then share with others. To register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtf--sqj8vHtckbnzAHMybljhZPKqT2bKK>

The ACORN method,

So often in our efforts as church we fail to actively involve God, where as ACORN does. This involves a small group meeting initially for 3 weeks for an hour each time.

The first week the ACORN method is explained and explored:

A is for Ask. We start by asking God who he would have us connect with outside of the church.

C is for Call. We listen for Gods call, who is God calling us to speak to.

O is for Obey. We obey God - and contact whoever he has called us to contact and start a conversation by simply asking "How are you?"

R is for Report - what we might call testimony. We talk about what happened as a result of asking God who to contact. This happens back in the group the 2nd week. As one individual speaks the rest listen and:

N is for Notice. The rest of the group whilst listening notice where God was as often others notice when we ourselves cannot see.

Then there are also 2 ACORN method groups planned each for 3 weeks.

Starting Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scuigrjkjGd37ERsaT91xkmN5cKan6e9z>

Starting Thursday 9th June at 10.00am Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltc-6upjlsHdFKrOn741JMzMpmPzNa23dJ>

Circuit Mission Day

If anyone would like a copy of the PowerPoint or notes from the Circuit Mission Day, please contact Tasha in the church office.

Luke Bretherton— "Christ, Democracy, and the Struggle for a Common Life"

During the session Luke will use key Christian ideas, including love, lament and listening, to unpack how through doing politics in a democratic way we can help sustain a generous and just common life in days when societies can be divided and polarised. These are important matters in the world today. Please come along and engage with them and with Luke, in this session.

Luke Bretherton is Robert E. Cushman Distinguished Professor of Moral and Political Theology and Senior Fellow of the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University, USA. Before joining Duke in 2012, he taught at King's College London. His latest book is *Christ and the Common Life: Political Theology and the Case for Democracy* (2019). His other books include *Resurrecting Democracy* (2015), which was based on a study of community organizing; *Christianity & Contemporary Politics* (2010); and *Hospitality as Holiness* (2006), about pluralism. He is actively involved in grassroots democratic politics.

Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

£10 per person

Booking via Eventbrite using this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/272123918967>

Local/Community News

Back Stronger—Pentecost Praise 2022

Stopsely Baptist Church are holding a Pentecost Praise service on Sunday 5th June at 7pm. Rob Parsons, founder of Care for the Family is the Guest Speaker. All are welcome to attend.

Public Issues (from Charles Horsefield & 'Cilla Wagner)

The latest good news from Hope and Aid Direct is that more convoys for the Ukraine have arrived safely since Cilla last reported. Currently the local Military Veterans charity are collecting children's clothes and toys and anyone wishing to donate such items can do so via Cilla and Phil. It has been good to see dried goods appearing once again in the Foodbank bin in the anteroom – but it is now empty again.

Appeal for Bibles and religious literature – Cilla reports that there was a good response including unwanted Bibles in a number of translations; books on prayer and Bible study; and anthologies of religious poetry and prose. All are going to the Book Aid Charitable Trust who will transport them to poorer countries where they are in short supply. The donated books include Good News, NIV, English, Living and Amplified Bibles as well as introductions to the Old and New Testaments; Concordances; Wild Goose Resources publications and Methodist Handbooks. Also prayer books written by saints and theologians over the centuries (including Charles and John Wesley) illustrated books by Eddie Askew and Hilary Faith Jones, Lions Book of the Bible and many more. Anyone interested in any of these should contact Phil and Cilla as soon as possible.

Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting held on 15th May 2022 at Trinity Methodist Church

Present: Rev. Seung-Wook Jung (Chairman) and 35 members/ adherents.

1. **Opening devotions:** were led by the Minister, first remembering and praying for those of our congregation who have died since the last meeting – Alan Smith, John Farmer, Betty Batt, Diane Keats, Mavis Eades, Alan Curtis, Godfrey Williams, Bert Edwards, Marilyn Powell, Joe Evans, Doreen Moore, Alan Scott, Irene Davis, Alan Dawson, Sue Russell, and those who have been afflicted during the Covid-19 pandemic. Prayers were offered for continuing fellowship in our society, appreciation of our past and inspiration for our future, working with wisdom, courage and perseverance.

2. **Apologies:** Richard Bates, Jan Cornfoot, Mary Edwards, Wallace Edwards, Ann Guy, Chris Lowe, Patience Owers, Roger Owers, Christine Peckham, Gill Tarbox, Ann Webber, Judy Whyman-Bates, Tasha Williams.

3. **Minutes of Annual Church Meeting 25th April, 2021:** agreed as a correct record.

4. **Matters Arising:** no matters arising.

5. **Notice of AOB:** a) Catherine Roots; b) Noreen Henshaw; c) Joan Gregory, d) Jean Staples

6. **Appointments:**

A) Leadership Team retiring – none.

B) Leadership Team continuing – Anne Gray (Senior Steward), Jo Baker, Ann Guy, Rev. Seung-wook Jung, Chris Lowe, Sheila Pollard, Catherine Roots.

- C) Proposed new Leadership Team – Charles Horsefield (proposed – Anne Gray, seconded ‘Cilla Wagner. Agreed); Alison Stokes (proposed – Anne Gray, seconded ‘Cilla Wagner. Agreed).
- D) Church representatives to Church Council:
 - i. Appointed 2020 – 2023 Jo Baker, Sheila Pollard (2nd successive term), Sue Stokes (2nd successive term), Judy Whyman Bates (2nd successive term).
 - ii. Appointed 2021 – 2024 Kathy Keeley (2nd successive term).
 - 111. Appointed 2022 - 2025 Margaret Dover (2nd successive term), Elaine Green (2nd successive term), ‘Cilla Wagner (2nd successive term), Noreen Henshaw. (All: proposed - Tim Hitchcock, seconded Sheila Pollard. Agreed).
 - iv. Six vacancies left unfilled.

7. Church Life:

- A) Brief reports from some church groups had been circulated through Trinity News for the whole church to review. These groups included Messy Church, Baptism Secretary’s report, Public Issues & Social Action, Pastoral Group, Churches Together, Badminton Club, Safeguarding, Knit & Natter. A question was asked about the future of The Girls’ Brigade, but this is still under consideration.
- B) Leadership Team: the report had been circulated before the meeting. The positive outcome of the year has been the resuming of all our services as face-to-face gatherings. More people are needed to fill the leadership and support roles involved. Thanks are due to all those who have kept the church services and facilities going over the pandemic.
- C) Minister’s Report: Seung-Wook noted that he is now

completing his fifth year at Trinity, and has been appointed to serve for another five years. He wanted to thank everyone, especially those serving on the various committees for their support. It is encouraging that we have been able to bring back all our regular services since March and have been able to serve refreshments as well, which enhance our community spirit. We must now, however, remember Jesus' message to 'love your neighbour' and re-build our mission work. We have over 100 members, working teams and a lovely building. We must stand together as pioneers, creating new beginnings, step-by-step, at God's pace, in his way. Let's find it and do it together.

Comments: the form of communion service conducted this morning, with a blessing at the communion rail before dismissal of each group, was much appreciated; it is also welcome when we have live music at Early Church and the 10:30 service.

D) Finance: the report had been circulated before the meeting. Sheila thanked David Dawes for his work on the accounts during the two difficult years of the pandemic. This financial year is proving just as trying, with reduced income and ever-rising energy costs. The deficit in the General Fund is likely to be around £10,000 to £12,000, rather than the figure previously estimated. There were no questions raised concerning the Annual Report. The congregation thanked Sheila for her tireless work.

E) Property: the report had been circulated before the meeting. Maintenance of the building has been the biggest drain on our finances. Re-roofing part of the building had been unavoidable. No date has yet been arranged for the 2022 quinquennial survey, but it is imminent. As noted in the report, the priority is to carry out work required from the 2017 Quinquennial Review

before the next one, due in 2022. Thanks expressed to Property Committee.

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8. AOB:

- A) Catherine Roots: wanted to clarify that the proposed Games Afternoon was not prevented from happening or closed down. Any offers to run it would be welcome. On grounds of safety there must be 2 people responsible, and the usual safeguarding procedures must be completed satisfactorily. There is money available to buy new equipment. Kathy Keeley offered to help.
- B) Noreen Henshaw: reported that Trinity Fellowship Circle had been formed in 2010, developing from the Regnal Circle of the 1960s. It had run a diverse programme of social events and worked to raise funds for its chosen charities. It ceased to meet during the pandemic, and as its membership has declined and no-one is able to take on leadership roles, it has reluctantly been decided to disband. Thanks were expressed to Noreen and the other officers for their work.
- C) Joan Gregory: volunteered to co-ordinate an afternoon tea be held on Thursday, 2nd June at 3pm to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- D) Jean Staples: remarked that it had been difficult for those without computers to access the various services and meetings held during the pandemic. It was pointed out that many meetings held on Zoom had also been accessible through the telephone. Churches Together had not held its usual Lent Course. It is intended to start more face-to-face housegroups in the future.

9. Diary Dates: Church Council – Thursday 30th June, 2022;
Tuesday, 25th October, 2022

10. Date of next meeting: Sunday, 7th May, 2023.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 12:35.

Prayer Diary

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Please pray for....

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity over the coming weeks.
- Trinity members preaching around the Circuit: Fiona Arscott-Smith, Rev. Wallace Edwards, Peter Baker, Roger Owers
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Church Street, Chapel Path, Ashwell Street, The Wood, Digby Road, Millbank, Millstream Way
- **Those at Trinity who lead and are involved in** Local Preaching and Worship Leading
- **People who are in the directory whose name begin with K**
- **Children, parents and staff** at Vandyke Upper School
- **For the world around us** - For the Ukrainian refugees settling into host family homes in the UK

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