

# Trinity News

Sunday 19th & 26th June 2022



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## The Front Page from Connexion Magazine

### Justice for marginalised people

Essex day centre hope@trinity is bringing God's love and practical aid to the most needy, explains the Deacon Janet Jenkins.

As a Methodist, I value social justice and, as a deacon, I feel called to work with the poor and marginalised. I am privileged to follow that call. I work in Clacton and Jaywick in Essex, an area of acute poverty and deprivation.

When I was sent to work in Clacton, I was asked to expand the work with the homeless and vulnerable, which at that point was just a Monday lunch club. I soon found it was impossible to work with those addicted to alcohol and drugs in a building with toddler and WI groups. So after working with amazing architects and raising over a million pounds together, we managed to transform our building, creating a day centre for the homeless and vulnerable called hope@trinity. The model we use is one of hospitality: the people who come are regarded as guests and we are hosts.

### *Isolation, poverty and ill health*

Social isolation is one of the biggest problems and a key factor in alcohol and drug abuse. Housing is also an issue, as the housing benefit our guests receive is not adequate to cover their accommodation. They all have to top up their rent out of their Universal Credit and so have very little left to feed themselves (sometimes only £10 a week). Many do not have enough money to heat their homes.

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## Sunday 19th June 2022

### 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	Roger Owers & Tasha Williams
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

## Sunday 26th June 2022

### Ordinary 13

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
10.30am	Morning Worship	Local Arrangement led by Chris Lowe
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom	Peter Baker

### Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Tuesday 28th June	10.00am	Mid week Service led by Fiona Arscott-Smith

## Sunday 3rd July 2022

### Ordinary 14

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Jo Baker
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Seung-Wook Jung
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom	Catherine Roots

### Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Tuesday 5th July	10.00am	Mid week Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
Wednesday 6th July	2.00pm	Afternoon Bible Study Group on Zoom
	8.00pm	Evening Bible Study Group on Zoom
Thursday 7th July	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)

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

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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)

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

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### Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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

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This is not justice. Many do not have the skills to gain employment or to look after themselves. The charities we work with, who help with housing, health and mental health problems, realise that many guests need long-term dedicated care. During the pandemic, the groups working for the homeless came together as SHELLS (shelter and health enlisting local support) to fight for justice and work with those in need, including providing vaccines. We met on Zoom and it was hosted by the alliance transformation lead from the NHS.

We worked together to gain justice for the voiceless. They include a woman from Bulgaria who, despite working hard in this country for many years, lost her settled status due to Brexit and didn't have enough money to go home; a man living in his car because of serious mental health problems; and people who cannot move on in their lives because they believe they can only survive if they self-medicate with alcohol or drugs.

### *Building trust*

Working with our team we can help. But most importantly, as hosts, we build trust. As a minister, our guests know that I am available for any conversation, confession, or prayer. They know that I will never proselytise or judge. Because of this I can guide people to our professionals, whom they would otherwise avoid as part of the establishment. Just last week, I managed to persuade a woman who has many mental health problems and was in denial about homelessness, to seek help.

The work we do is often frustrating. During the pandemic many were taken off the street and put into temporary accommodation – only to be thrown back on the street again after lockdown! For many under 35, because of lack of adequate housing benefit, all we can do is offer a sleeping bag, warm clothing, hot food and washing facilities.

## *Following Jesus' example*

We no longer live in a country that provides a safety net for the most vulnerable in our society and people are encouraged to judge those who cannot cope without knowing about their back story. But Jesus cared passionately about the poor and the vulnerable, and began his ministry by embodying this passage from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed free." (Luke 4:18)

We at hope@trinity have the honour of doing this. We display God's love, enabling people both to socialise and become a community of care. With our professional colleagues we free people from the 'prison' of addiction, help them receive healthcare, and by acceptance and lack of judgment we show that everyone is valuable and deserves to be loved.

There is no time scale or tick list. People will move on, given the right place and time to gain confidence and flourish. This is the social justice that drives us to do this work, knowing that whenever we help the least of these we do it for Christ.

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## **Trinity Notices**

### **Platinum Jubilee Tea by Joan Gregory**

Fifty-four of us from Trinity came together to celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne. We said a prayer, sang the National Anthem, then enjoyed a cream tea. Thank you to all who worked, gave or donated gifts to make the afternoon such a happy occasion.

## **Thank you**

To friends at Trinity.

My sincere thank you for the cards, phone calls, emails and visits received over the past couple of week since my operation. I am making a good recovery and hope to be back at Trinity soon. God bless you all.

Catherine

Thank you to Joan Gregory for organising such a successful Platinum Jubilee Tea.

## **Trinity Church Council**

The next Church Council is to be held in the anteroom on Thursday 30th June at 19:30. Please may I have any reports by Friday, 24th June.

Elizabeth Hitchcock

## **Giving at Trinity**

The amount given to Trinity during May was £4,802. In addition we have received income equivalent to £990 per month from gift aid. The amount required in income to balance our books is £6,620 per month.

## **Wednesday Chatteris Fellowship**

Horsefield Fellowship meeting will be Wednesday 6th July 15.00-16.30. All are welcome to join our meeting.

Please contact Sue or Charles Horsefield for more details.



## **Church Anniversary**

On Sunday 17th July we will be holding our Church Anniversary service. Instead of Early Church and 10.30am Morning Worship there will be a 10am joint all age service, followed by refreshments. If anyone can donate/bake cakes for this service please let Anne Gray know.

## **Circuit & District News**

### **Sunday Nite Live**

Regretfully, the Circuit Worship Team have had to take the decision to postpone the planned relaunch of Sunday Nite Live (SNL) on Sunday 10th July at Farley Hill. Whilst we have musicians and singers, unfortunately we've not had anyone come forward to join the planning team for SNL, and we are also unable to find anyone to look after the sound and vision. We do intend to review this further and hope to try again later in the year.

### **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>

## Prayer Diary

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Isaiah 43:1-2

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you." (NIV)

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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: Peter Baker, Wallace Edwards, Roger Owers
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Heath Road, Clarence Road, Pennivale Close, Broomhills Road, Northcourt
- **Those at Trinity who lead and are involved in** the Sewing Group
- **People who are in the directory whose name begin with L**
- **Children, parents and staff** at Heathwood Lower School
- **For the world around us** - for those working in the NHS and other medial and care sectors as they continue to catch up with the backlog left by COVID
- **Methodist Homes for the Aged**

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