

Trinity News

Sunday 3rd & 10th July 2022



The Front Page from Connexion Magazine

The Greatest Commandment

The President of the Conference 2022/2023, the Revd Graham Thompson, says our relationship with a loving God sustains and opens us to God's abiding Spirit.

I first became truly aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit when in my early 20s I attended a teaching weekend at Cliff College. Until then my understanding of the 'abiding presence of God' had been purely theoretical. That weekend, I discovered how the Holy Spirit can bless and inspire as I allowed God to be at work in a way that I had not allowed before. The experience has not been a 'one off' as, throughout my ministry, I have been fortunate to witness others experience the same openness and the same blessing.

I like to think that John Wesley's experience at Aldersgate Street was the same as mine at Cliff College! And, while there are some resonances, there are many differences. Wesley was an ordained Anglican with a theology and understanding that, at this stage, had not been granted to me. Even so, the journey from the theoretical to the personal – from the head to the heart – was similar. And I am convinced that each disciple of Jesus needs to understand as much as they can about God's activity (head) and to experience as much as they can (heart). We need both to be truly the people that God created us to be.

Love your God with all your heart

The presidential theme for 2022/2023 is 'The Greatest Commandment' (Matthew 22:37-39).

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Sunday 3rd July 2022

Ordinary 14

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	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

Sunday 10th July 2022

Ordinary 15

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev. Wallace Edwards
4.00pm	Messy Church Extra	Richard Bates and Tasha Williams
6.00pm	There is no Evening Worship today	

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Tuesday 12th July	10.00am	Mid week Service led by Phil & 'Cilla Wagner

Sunday 17th July 2022

Ordinary 16–Church Anniversary

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
10.00am	Joint All Age Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Seung-Wook Jung
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom	Rev. Nigel Bibbings

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Tuesday 19th July	10.00am	Mid week Service led by Geoff Best
Wednesday 20th July	2.00pm	Afternoon Bible Study Group on Zoom
	8.00pm	Evening Bible Study Group on Zoom
Thursday 21st 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

One tap mobile

+442080806591,,94865623492#,,,,*494002# United Kingdom

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

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Dial by your location

+44 330 088 5830 United Kingdom

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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Dial by your location

+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

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Vice-President Anthony Boateng and I are concentrating on different aspects of the theme as we believe the Church should be filled with those who love God, others and themselves. We also need a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit to restore, revive and reignite us. . In fact, we believe that each is necessary for the other. We should love God and our neighbours as much as we love ourselves and, it is as we love like this, that we become ready for the new or fresh things that God wants to do in us and for us.

To go a little deeper, our relationship with God should be continually evolving, maturing and deepening as we learn to live and minister together day by day. This happens when we love and trust each other. I am continually amazed that God is willing to trust me to be a servant of God and a presbyter in the Methodist Church. And I can only be the minister that I am called to be because my relationship with God sustains and enables me each day. A caveat, however, most relationships go through rocky patches and that has been my experience too!

Grounded in love

A relationship with God, made possible through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and made real by the abiding Spirit is on offer to us all. Such a relationship transforms lives and enables God's purposes to be fulfilled. The basis of such a relationship is love and when we struggle to get things right with God we need to go back to first principles and consider the love we have – or don't have – for God.

We love God, says the writer of 1 John (4:19) because God first loved us. God reaches out to us in Jesus and blesses us with the Holy Spirit as we invite God to share all our living with us. Such love is the kind that, to quote from the old marriage service, "grows and deepens with the years" (Methodist Service Book p.186). It isn't a crush or a phase but results in the gift of oneself to the other; utterly and totally. We become open to God's Spirit

when we are grounded in such a relationship.

Throughout this year both Anthony and I want to encourage others to find hope and security in their relationship with God. In an ever-changing world (culturally, economically and post-pandemic) it is our relationships that sustain us. We may not always get things right; we will make mistakes but, together with God and one another, we can be the best versions of ourselves.

At the same time, we should be ready for the fresh wind of God to blow through our Church. As we make ourselves open to God, we can expect new and exciting things to happen as we love God and one another and invite God to be at work in and through us.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Trinity Notices

Thank yous

Jim Wood sends many thanks for the great number of birthday cards received—over sixty—and of course one from HRH (2nd class stamp, hard times at Buck House).

I would like to thank you all for kind thoughts and generous contributions following my retirement as Circuit Administrator. I had not expected to be presented with flowers, a card and theatre vouchers at the Circuit Celebration last week. I was touched and overwhelmed. Please extend my thanks to everyone in your churches.

I have enjoyed working with you all as the Circuit Administrator and I hope that you will support Mia in this role in the same way as you supported me.

Over the next month, I will be assisting Mia in a voluntary capacity to get all the Circuit databases up to date and will be sending out further emails about this.

Please note my new email address that has been set up for this purpose. (resources@southbedsmethodist.org.uk)

From Marina

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.

Charity of the Month: ALL WE CAN

ALL WE CAN <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/> has served some of the most marginalised communities on earth since a group of

Methodists answered the call of refugees in Europe in the 1930s. They work with people in vulnerable and excluded communities, in the lowest-income countries, and have developed a reputation for doing development differently – pioneering sustainable, locally-owned solutions in response to John Wesley’s call to:



‘Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.’

There will be a retiring collection for ALL WE CAN on 17 July.

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>

Community News

Charity Meal

The Town Mayor, Cllr Farzana Kharawala, has arranged a meal at The Mevan, Leighton Buzzard, to raise funds for her chosen charities. Tickets cost £25 per person for a three course meal with entertainment from Elvis tribute "Danny Graceland" We will also run a raffle during the evening, but please bring cash!

To book a place or request further details, contact Julie by phone – 01525 631921 or by email – julie.murphy@leightonlinlade-tc.gov.uk or directly at The White House.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque – made payable to ‘Town Mayors Charity Fund’ or

Bank Transfer – sort code 20-03-18 account number 3392063

Tickets also available on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-meal-tickets-374233842497>

RSVP by Monday 18 July

Public Issues with Cilla and Charles

Terrible events are drawn to our attention almost every day now, if we can bear to listen to the news and there is nothing we can do about most of them but pray. There are always some things we can do day-to-day as individuals to help others and Cilla is very good at identifying these opportunities, so I'll leave them to her. But there are also things we need to consider as a church. Not just because it is our Christian duty but because, as is always being said, if we don't look outwards we won't grow. And we really do

need to start to grow again very soon. Church Council will be presented with some facts about how things stand at a meeting on 30 June. And members will be asked to suggest ways forward, as part of the Circuit Next Steps project. But I would suggest that this is a time when all of us need to be thinking about what kind of church we want Trinity to be in the future - and talking about it.
Charles

Thankfully regular consignments of much needed aid to Ukraine and Poland by Hope and Aid Direct and the local Veteran Charity are still taking place. The need is as great as ever. Many thanks to those who knit towards blankets (unwanted shop bought blankets and throws are also welcome).

There is a further request from the Veteran Charity for toys and children's clothes. They were very pleased to receive children's hand knitted jumpers, hats and baby garments etc. Thanks to those who donated these. A generous number of very cute and colourful teddies have been kindly knitted—some will go to Ukraine, others are for inclusion in Christmas shoe boxes. Wherever they go, they will be treasured by little ones in need.

We were pleased to deliver 5 boxes of Bibles and religious books to the Christian Bookshop in Luton, who are a collection point for Book Aid Charitable Trust, who will transport the Bibles etc. to poor countries (mostly in Africa) where they are greatly needed and valued. Many thanks to those who responded to this appeal.

It's good to know that even in a small, practical way we can help to make a difference, as our prayers and deep concern for the many suffering and in need, both locally and abroad, continue day by day.

Cilla

Prayer Diary

‘Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.’

John Wesley

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity over the coming weeks.
- Trinity members preaching around the Circuit: Peter Baker, Catherine Roots and Roger Owers
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Churchill Road, Winston Close, Oakly Green, Montgomery Close, Nelson Road, Mountbatten Gardens, Roosevelt Avenue, Drakes Avenue, Wellington Way, Blenheim Road
- **Those at Trinity who lead and are involved in** the Bible Study Groups
- **People who are in the directory whose name begin with M**
- **Children, parents and staff at Oak Bank School**
- **For the world around us** - the people of Myanmar and the disputes continuing there.
- **All We Can**

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The deadline for the next Trinity News will be Tuesday 12th July at Midday. Please send contributions to trinityweeklynews@gmail.com