

Trinity News

6th, 13th April 2025



LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Every year we 'Lift High the Cross', that being our Palm Crosses as we sing together this wonderful hymn on Palm Sunday. But what do you know about your palm cross and where it comes from?

The African Palms project was started in 1965 by Fr. Alan Talbot an Anglican Priest who served for 6 years as a missionary in the Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania.

The main aim of the project was to give local villagers a meagre income, whilst retaining dignity and the ability to carry on their farming work.

Over the years the number of Palm Crosses sold increased and in 1986 the company 'African Palms Limited' was formed. All profits made by the company are covenanted to a trust for use in Educational and Healthcare projects.

The Palm Crosses are made from dried branches of the dwarf palm *Hyphae Coriacea*. These grow wild in the Masasi area, so are not cultivated or chemically treated, furthermore no trees are cut down in the work of collecting the Palm leaves for plaiting the Palm Crosses. All the crosses are hand woven.

So on Palm Sunday when you 'Lift High your Cross' spare a moment of prayer for the person who will have woven your cross.

Catherine Roots



Services at Trinity in April

Sunday 6 April	9:15am	Early Church led by Karen and Steve Purton
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Catherine Roots
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood
Tuesday 8 April	10:00am	Midweek service led by Chris Berry
Sunday 13 April	9:15am	Early Church led by Jo Baker
	10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship led by Peter Baker
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Monday 14 April	10:00am	Holy week meditation led by Roger Owers
Tuesday 15 April	10:00am	Holy week service led by Catherine Roots
Wednesday 16 April	10:00am	Holy week meditation led by Roger Owers
Thursday 17 April	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Sunday 20 April	10:30am	Easter Sunday Family Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	Easter Sunday Evening Worship by zoom with Holy Communion led by Rev Jenny Spouge
Tuesday 22 April	10:00am	Midweek service led by Frankie Fisher

Sunday 27 April	9:15am	Early Church led by Richard Bates
	10:30am	Morning Worship Local Arrangement led by members of the congregation
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom with Holy Communion led by Rev Nigel Bibbings
Tuesday 29 April	10:00am	Midweek service led by Rev Wallace Edwards

What else is happening at Trinity in April

Wednesday 2 April	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 3 April	2:15pm	Knit and Natter
Monday 7 April	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 10 April	2:00pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite
Monday 14 April	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 16 April	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	2:15pm	Wednesday Fellowship in the Chatteris suite
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 17 April	2:15pm	Knit and Natter in the Chatteris Suite
Thursday 24 April	2:30pm	Easter Celebration & Cake

***Everyone is welcome to our services and activities—contact the
Church Office for more details.***

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Trinity Outreach Worker

The search for Trinity's Outreach Worker is on!

This is a part-time post with responsibility for organising Messy Church and working to develop other areas of outreach within the local community. Anyone interested should contact Alison Arnold on ali-leighton@hotmail.co.uk before 21 April.

Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested.

Easter flowers

As in past years, if you can please bring flowers to decorate the Lenten Cross in church on Easter Day.

Charity of the Month—LWPT

The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT) is an ecumenical charity which seeks to provide resources, support and information to preachers. Find out more about their work here: <https://lwpt.org.uk/what-we-do>. There will be a retiring collection for LWPT after the 10.30 service on Sunday 20 April.

Wednesday Fellowship 16 April

The next meeting of the Wednesday Fellowship will be in the Chatteris Suite on 16th April from 2.15pm—4.00pm. For more information contact Sue Horsefield.

Trinity's charities

Thank you very much for your continuing support for our charities, where the need is as great as ever. Chris Berry would be grateful to also receive any unwanted spectacles and badminton rackets (which may be hiding in the loft.!) Donations of unwanted wool are also very welcome to keep our willing knitters supplied. Thank you. Easter blessings. Cilla

Community Action Group

The Trinity Community Action Group hosted an interesting meeting on 31st March with our MP Alex Mayer, Florence Wright from JPIT (the Churches' Joint Public Interest Team <https://jpit.uk/>) and representatives of Leighton Linlade Helpers. Discussion centred on the (relative) poverty to be found in parts of the town and how Trinity, as a church, might support Alex in addressing this issue. When Alex left us she went on to visit The Helpers at their Foodbank off Billington Road.



Florence coordinates the Constituency Action Network Initiative in JPIT and she is hoping that Trinity will sign up to join this at our Annual Church Meeting in May. She told us that there are about 100 churches involved. She is a very keen campaigner, as can be seen from the March issue of JPIT News, which she compiled. Listed there are several opportunities to join webinars and to write to the government, some of these relate to recent announcements about cuts in benefits and funding for farmers as well as for overseas aid. If anyone is interested but has difficulty in getting to see a copy, let me know and I'll try to help.

Charles.

Easter Celebration and Cake Thursday 24th April, 2.30pm

Everyone is invited to join our Easter celebration followed by tea and cake at the church. Contact Catherine by Sunday 13 April if you would like to bake cakes or can help on the day.

Come along and bring your friends!!



Circuit News

Circuit Listening Day , Saturday 26th April 2025, 10.30am

You are invited to an important **Listening Day** on **Saturday, 26th April 2025**, at **Newland Church, Crawley Green Road, Luton, LU2 9TE (formerly known as Wigmore)**.

This day is a key opportunity for us to gather, reflect, and share our thoughts, concerns, and hopes as we seek God's vision for the future of our Circuit. Your presence and voice are crucial in shaping the path ahead. This Listening Day is part of a broader, ongoing process of reflection and discernment that we are undertaking as a Circuit.

As we reflect together as staff, we rejoice in the good things we notice across the Circuit:

- The warmth, faithfulness and generosity of our people, and the welcome given to preachers by congregations,
- The care and support shared between people and more widely with the community.

However we also notice some challenges and are sure you will be aware of these:

- The difficulties in staffing the Circuit – both financially internally and due to the shortage of ministers connexionally.
- We are losing one $\frac{3}{4}$ minister this summer and may then lose further members of staff in subsequent years – and these may not be replaced.
- Churches are struggling to find personnel willing to take up some of the posts.
- Ministers are feeling the pressure of being spread more thinly and not able to build relationships as they would wish, particularly if pastoral responsibilities keep changing. The need to have discerned a way forward by May when further conversations will be occurring about stationing of ministers.

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Our current Circuit Mission Statement commits us to working according to some guiding principles:

- deep listening to churches by walking alongside them in envisioning their future story
- the future of the churches and circuit is a result of consultation, not a CLT matter only
- the process of coming to decisions about how human and financial resources are used will involve the churches
- each church's discernment will be respected and the wisdom of the people within that church valued
- all we do is underpinned by the good news of the gospel and our theology of hope and surrounded by prayer

This process is about more than structural or staffing decisions and simply reallocating churches and ministers and spreading support more thinly. It is about discerning what is essential and what God wants us to prioritise in this season. We are committed to listening to God, to each other and to the Circuit as a whole. Your involvement is vital in shaping the proposals that will guide our future together.

We look forward to gathering with you for this crucial time of prayer, reflection and discernment as together we seek God's guidance for the future of the Circuit.

The Day will start at 10.30am and finish at 3.30pm. Lunch will be provided by the Circuit and churches are invited to bring cakes to share.

Please indicate on the signup sheet on the notice board in the church corridor if you hope to attend, if you need a lift or will have a spare seat in your car. Alternatively contact a steward to add your name to the list.

You are asked to sign up by 13 April please.

Church calendar : <https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/Calendar/Month.aspx>

Circuit Mission Month 24 May – 28 June 2025

All churches across the Circuit have been invited to get involved in Circuit Mission Month.

Every church in the Circuit has its own unique setting and mission. The South Beds circuit is large and disparate, and is easy to become focussed entirely on our own situation, losing sight of the bigger picture across the Circuit.

Mission Month is intended as an opportunity to celebrate the work that each of the churches is doing. All churches have been invited to register an outreach or mission activity they will be running during the month. A timetable of events will be circulated and we are invited to go along to events at other churches across the Circuit.

The event at Trinity will be the coffee morning on behalf of Marie Curie on Saturday 21 June 10am-11.30am.

Circuit Open Air service on Dunstable Downs 13th July

Plans are going ahead for the Circuit Open Air service on Dunstable Downs on 13th July. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and organisation on the day. If you can help in any way please contact Rev Nigel Bibbings as soon as possible. email: revdnigel@gmail.com; Tel: 01525 872026

Future dates for your diary

Saturday 21 June 10am-11.30am Marie Curie coffee morning
(*This will be Trinity's Circuit Mission event*)

Saturday 28 June 10am Pastoral meeting for all Pastoral Friends and Links

Sunday 29 June 10.30am—Church Anniversary/Bring a Friend -
(*who will you invite?*)

Sunday 13 July Circuit Open Air service on Dunstable Downs (no 9.15 or 10.30 service at Trinity)

Sunday 20 July 10.30am Pastoral Commissioning Service

Do you remember Elizabeth Green?

Sue Horsefield has a copy of “Wesley’s Child: The Life Story of Elizabeth Green” which needs a new home. Please contact her if you are interested.

Community News....

Leighton Buzzard Festival Singers - Purcell's Dido and Aeneas starting at 7.30pm on 12th April at St Barnabas Church.

For tickets speak to Gill Tarbox or see the poster in the church corridor.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning, Saturday 26 April 10am-12noon at Linslade Community Hall, St Barnabas Church, Linslade.

Zoom links

Sunday Evening Worship

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

By phone—0208 080 6591

Meeting ID: 948 6562 3492 Passcode: 494002

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 2pm

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

By phone—0330 088 5830

Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921 Passcode: 869411

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

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

By phone—0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

If you need help joining our Zoom services please contact Catherine Roots.

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit: Catherine Roots, Karen and Steve Purton, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Chris Berry, Jo Baker, Peter Baker, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Roger Owers, Frankie Fisher, Rev Jenny Spouge
- The work of Trinity Development Group, in particular the pending appointment of an Outreach Worker at Trinity
- All those who mourn
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them.
- All those who live on Hockliffe Road, South Street, Hartwell Crescent, Albany Road, Brooklands Estate
- Leaders and young people attending Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at Trinity
- Teachers and pupils at Brooklands Middle School
- The work of Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT)
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with G

*The deadline for the next Trinity News is 12noon **Wednesday 16th April 2025**. Send contributions to : trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.*

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