

# Trinity News

15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29th June 2025




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## Refugees by Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These are people just like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way  
*(now read from bottom to top)*

## Services and activities at Trinity during June

Sunday 15 June 	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	4:00pm	Messy Church led by Tania Stanford
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood
Monday 16 June	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 17 June	10:00am	Midweek service led by Ivor Michelmores
Thursday 19 June	2:00pm	Games Fellowship
Saturday 21 June	10:00am	Coffee morning and Bring and Buy sale on behalf of Marie Curie
Sunday 22 June 	9:15am	Early Church led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	10:30am	Morning Worship Local Arrangement led by Alison Arnold and members of the congregation. <i>Retiring collection on behalf of Marie Curie.</i>
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Nigel Bibbings
Monday 23 June	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 24 June	10:00am	Midweek service led by Rev Nigel Bibbings
Wednesday 25 June	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 26 June	2:15pm	Knit and Natter
Saturday 28 June	10:00am	Meeting for Pastoral Friends and Links. <i>For more information contact Sue Horsefield.</i>
Sunday 29 June	10:30am	Church Anniversary - <i>Bring a Friend!</i> Led by Rev Seung-wook Jung

	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Margaret Newman
Monday 30 June	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 1 July	10:00am	Midweek service led by Colin Quine
Wednesday 2 July	2:30pm	Wednesday Fellowship – <b><i>Note change of date</i></b>

### Church Anniversary Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am

Our Church Anniversary service on 29<sup>th</sup> June will be an all-age worship service when you are invited to **BRING YOUR FRIENDS**. And like all celebrations we will be having refreshments and you are asked to bring cakes to share and make it a special day.



### Let the Spirit flow Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-3.00pm

A creative retreat day with a Pentecost theme at Eaton Bray Methodist Church (contact [Jenny.spouge@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Jenny.spouge@methodist.org.uk)) or see poster on the corridor notice board.

### Future dates for your diary

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 11am – Open Air Circuit service on Dunstable Downs (NO services at 9.15 or 10.30 at Trinity)

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 4.00p.m Celebration Service for Rev Nigel Bibbings at Eaton Bray Methodist Chapel, Totternhoe Road, Eaton Bray LU6 2BD

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am– Harvest Festival service

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.30pm – Harvest Celebration and Cake

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm – Memorial Service for those who have died over the past year

## **Talking about Trinity 2 – progress report**

Thirty-six people attended our Talking about Trinity 2 workshop on 29 June 2024 which was facilitated by Angela Brydon, District Discipleship Enabler. The event used the Methodist Way of Life as a basis to generate discussion which will support our thinking about future mission and outreach plans for Trinity. It was followed up by discussion at Church Council on 18 July 2024.

The discussion highlighted the work currently or recently ongoing at Trinity, areas which we could take forward with input from the congregation and existing groups, as well as ideas which need more thought and strategic planning to develop an updated mission plan for Trinity.

Over the past year many of the ideas have been put into action.

Trinity's place in LB – changing how people see us

- The Community Action Group is working to develop links with local groups and our MP
- Support for local charities LB Mencap and Marie Curie as our Charities of the Year
- Posters in the front window publicising services and activities
- Website update and our Easter and Christmas services publicised in Bee Local
- Reinstated Welcome cards for visitors to our services

Worship and corporate faith

- Preaching series at the 10.30 services during Advent and Lent
- Prompt cards on the coffee tables after some services to encourage members to talk more about their faith
- Feedback/comments cards

## Personal faith and learning / prayer

- Fortnightly zoom bible studies and an Advent bible study series was held at the church
- The prayer board in the Anteroom has been reinstated for your prayer requests

## Being part of Trinity/ Working for Trinity

- Calls in Trinity News for volunteers for specific roles in the church have resulted in new volunteers
- The notice boards in the church corridor and Hall have been reorganised to better present the activities at Trinity, in particular the Community Action Group (CAG)

## The needs of the world (EcoChurch/justice)

- We have achieved our EcoChurch Silver status and renewed our FairTrade status
- CAG have been part of the Lets End Poverty campaign to lobby our MP and local government

Importantly the workshop highlighted areas of work which need to be considered over the longer term. Alison Arnold has led the Trinity Development Group in thinking about how we can develop our work with families and young people. The group is currently putting together papers to support employment of a Messy Church organiser/Toddler leader – two areas highlighted at the workshop.

So there has been real change following the workshop but there is more we can do. Submit your suggestions on the green Comments cards in the Anteroom. We await developments from the Trinity Development Group on how we move forward with our work with families and young people.

## Leadership Team

Fiona Arscott-Smith, Anne Gray, Charles Horsefield, Seung-Wook Jung, Marina Mele, Sheila Pollard, Catherine Roots, Anthea Shenton, Alison Stokes

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## Charity of the Year

We have now completed our year of support for **Leighton Buzzard Mencap**. During the year we raised £712.64 for them. Thank you to everyone who donated to this excellent effort.

To launch **Marie Curie** as our new Charity of the Year we are holding a Coffee Morning on 21st June at 10-11:30am which will include a Bring and Buy stall. (Please bring items on the day or pass on to Cilla beforehand.)

A representative from Marie Curie will be speaking at our 10.30am service on 22<sup>nd</sup> June which will include a retiring collection.



## Reflecting on Vulnerability - our own and those we visit Pastoral Carers' Gathering 28<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-12.30pm

All pastoral visitors and links are invited to this meeting on Saturday 28th June at 10.30am. The first session is for any Trinity related issues. Coffee and tea will be served at 11am followed by a presentation by Jenny Sponge entitled "Reflecting on Vulnerability - our own and those we visit" which is open to all.

## Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in May was £4,519. In addition, we have received the equivalent of £1,095 per month in Gift Aid. According to our budget our expected monthly expenditure is £6,400.

The retiring collection in May raised £363 for Christian Aid.

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

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# Circuit, District and Connexional News

## Terence Ilott

The Funeral of Terence Ilott will take place on Thursday 26 June 2025. The committal is at 10:15am, at The Vale Cemetery, Luton, followed by a service of thanksgiving for Terence's life, at 12.00noon at St John's Methodist Church, Luton LU3 2DN. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the hall following the service.



## EMPOWER

### District gathering of lay folk

Wednesday 9th July 7.30pm - online

Speaker: Corin Pilling

Vocational Flourishing Officer (Connexional Team)

Open to all lay folk in any role either paid or voluntary,  
and at whatever level Church, Circuit or District.

For more details and to register: email [DDE@BEHDistrict.org.uk](mailto:DDE@BEHDistrict.org.uk)

## Zoom links

### Sunday Evening Worship

<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>

By phone—0330 088 5830

Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921 Passcode: 869411

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

<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, Roger Owers, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Tania Stanford, Rev Nigel Bibbings, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Rev Margaret Newman, Ivor Michelmores, Alison Arnold, Colin Quine
- Planning for the Circuit Open Air Service on Dunstable Downs on 13<sup>th</sup> July
- The work of Marie Curie
- All those who attend Knit and Natter
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them.
- All those who mourn
- All who live on Heath Road, Clarence Road, Pennivale Close, Broomhills Road, Northcourt
- Teachers and pupils at Heathwood Lower School
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with L

*The deadline for the next Trinity News is 12noon Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025. Send contributions to : trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.*

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