Trinity News



21st, 28th September 2025

The Superintendent's Message for a New Methodist Connexional Year 2025/26

As we stand at the threshold of a new Methodist year, and as the summer season wanes, our thoughts and prayers turn toward the start of a new church programme year, a time of renewed energy, reconnected fellowship, and refreshed purpose. I write to you today fully conscious of the fact that we are at a moment of significant transition, with a heart full of gratitude for the ministry we share and with great anticipation for what God has in store for us in the coming months. This is a time to both honour the past and embrace the future.

The past year, with its unique challenges and blessings, has been a testament to our resilience, faithfulness, and deep commitment to the Gospel.

The Connexional year 2025/26 is a chance for us to prayerfully discern where God is calling us next, as individual churches in our beloved circuit and as a collective community. We are being invited to explore new ways of the church within our local communities, to deepen our discipleship, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ with renewed passion. Therefore, let us begin this new year with open hearts, a shared commitment to the journey ahead and let us support one another.

As your Superintendent my prayer for each congregation is that this new church year will be a season of spiritual vitality and joyful discovery. I encourage every minister, lay worker, circuit steward and members to prayerfully consider: How is God calling us to be more deeply rooted? How is God preparing us to be ready for what comes next?

As we move forward, let the spirit of listening continue to guide us. Let us listen to one another, listen for the needs of the wider community, and listen for God's leading. The path ahead may not always be clear, but if we keep our focus on Christ and our hearts open to the Spirit, we will find our way. This is a moment of great hope and potential. Trust in the process, trust in one another, and trust in the One who has called you to this holy work. May you all be blessed, with wisdom and courage as you begin this new and exciting journey together.

May God bless you, your leadership, and your congregations abundantly.

In Christ's Service,

Revd. Patrick Gbanie Kandeh

Circuit Superintendent

(Full letter is on the Church noticeboard.)

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd September to 5th November 2025

Don't forget about Fairtrade, which is very important to so many farmers throughout the world. This year the focus is on tea. By changing to a Fairtrade brand you will be helping so many people, especially women who are often the main pickers. Think what effort goes into producing our morning cup of tea. There are so many different brands, some with supermarket

labels, just look out for the Fairtrade logo.

This year we are celebrating 20 years of Leighton Buzzard being a Fairtrade Town, the first in Bedfordshire.

If you wish to know more about Fairtrade please speak to Sue Horsefield.



Services at Trinity

Sunday 21 September	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung. Retiring Collection for Marie Curie.	
Church	4:00pm	Messy Church led by Tania Stanford	
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood	
Tuesday 23 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Ken Harris	
Sunday 28 September	9:15am	Early Church led by Jo Baker	
	10:30am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Seung-wook Jung	
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Tina Salmon	
Tuesday 30 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Frankie Fisher	
Thursday 2 October	2:30pm	Harvest Celebration and cake. A celebration of Harvest followed by cake and fellowship	
Sunday 5 October	9:15am	Early Church led by Jo Baker	
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Steve Rogers	
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung	

Rev Seung-wook Jung sabbatical

Rev Seung-wook will be on sabbatical from 1 December 2025 – 1 March 2026. Further details to follow.

Evening Worship by zoom at Trinity

Every week Trinity hosts a 6pm service by zoom to which all are invited. It is the only evening



service across the South Beds Circuit. We regularly get people from other churches across the Circuit and beyond, but we would like to expand our reach further. The service is supported by a team of 3 people from Trinity who manage the Zoom technology but we need people to host the service. This involves joining the zoom service, welcoming the preacher, possibly doing a reading and making all feel welcome. Unlike a Steward's role, no advanced preparation is required.

If you can join a zoom service YOU COULD BE A HOST. For more information contact Catherine Roots or Anne Gray.

Activities at Trinity

Monday 22 September	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity in the Hall
Wednesday 24 September	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 25 September	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite
Monday 29 September	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity in the Hall
Thursday 2 October	2:15pm - 4:00pm	Knit and Natter in the Anteroom

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

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Harvest celebrations at Trinity

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on **Sunday 28 September** at 10.30am with another opportunity to celebrate harvest at our Harvest Celebration on Thursday 2nd October 2.30pm. Please invite your friends.

At our Harvest Festival we will collect dry goods for the Foodbank as usual but no fresh food please. And there is also a lot of work to be done packing everything into bags and boxes, so volunteers will be welcomed with the question, "when are you available?

We have decided to repeat an initiative from a few years back by collecting unwanted "tools" for the Charity Work Aid at Chesham at both empowering vo services. Lists of "Accepted" and "Not Accepted"



tools are displayed on the bottom corridor noticeboard. (Please note the tools will be transported in a car, so no large machinery please.)

Annual Memorial Service, Sunday 12th October at 3pm

If you know of anyone who would appreciate an invitation to our annual memorial service, at which we remember those who have died in the past year and support those who are grieving, please mention this to a Steward or Rev Seung-wook.

Following the service there will be refreshments in the Hall. If you are able to help on the day please speak to Catherine.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in August was £4,597. In addition we have received the equivalent of £1,095 per month in Git Aid.

According to our budget our expected monthly expenditure is £6,400.

The retiring collection in August raised £188 for All We Can.

Circuit District and Connexional News



Please Join Us For Our Final Service!

Venue: Eaton Bray Methodist Church,

Totternhoe Rd, Eaton Bray, LU6 2BD

Date: Sunday 28th September

Time: 1:30pm Refreshments and

heritage display

3:30pm Service

Save The Date!

Thanksgiving Service

Celebrating 230 years of Methodism in Eaton Bray 1795 - 2025



Action for Children's Legacy Inspiration Day 2nd October 10.30am

The AfC Legacy Inspiration Day aims to give an insight into the work of AfC. It will include a guided tour of the Foundling Museum, lunch and refreshments. Find out more here actionforchildren.uk/inspirationday or call 0300 123 2112 (9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday).

Zoom links

Sunday Evening Worship

https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?pwd=RlozVHRhYnFrcEU1cUJjd HZxUDQzQT09

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=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dIUT09

By phone-0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

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

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 10 October 2:30pm Wednesday Fellowship group in the Chatteris Suite
- Saturday 8 November 12.00-2.00 Soup and a Roll Lunch in aid of Marie Curie in the Chatteris Suite
- Sunday 30 November after 10.30 service Community Action Group meeting in the Anteroom

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit: Catherine Roots, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Tania Stanford, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Tina Salmon, Ken Harris, Jo Baker, Frankie Fisher, Steve Rogers, Roger Owers, Fiona Arscott-Smith
- Those who attend our Harvest celebrations
- Those who organise and attend Games Fellowship
- Pray for <u>Disability Awareness Sunday</u> 28 September
- The work of Marie Curie
- All those who mourn
- All those leading Local Arrangements in our church
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them.
- Those who live on Old Road, Soubury Road, Bideford Green, Derwent Road, Himley Green, Bunkers Lane Estates
- All students, teachers and support staff at Mary Bassett Lower School
- All those who have newly moved into our town
- Those in our Church Directory whose name begins with R

The next Trinity News will be published on 5 October. The deadline is 12noon Wednesday 1 October. Send contributions to: trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.

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