

Trinity News

4th, 11th January 2026



Emmanuel, God is with us!

The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!

O God of this Christmas season, we have journeyed together, have given and received gifts beyond compare, and rejoiced once again with thankfulness for the gift of Jesus.

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You keep on giving no matter what, no matter where, no matter how we live. You search us out, you find us and shower us with treasures beyond our imagining, with gifts far greater than gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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In thankfulness, let us live our lives sharing the gift of treasures that we have with others, being generous with ourselves, our compassion, our love, our purpose and your Spirit, for the treasure chest that you instil in us will never be empty but will keep on giving.

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Epiphany

Methodist Church Advent Liturgy

Services at Trinity in January

Sunday 4 January	9:15am	Early Church led by Jo Baker
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Fiona Arscott-Smith
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Catherine Roots
Tuesday 6 January	10:00am	Midweek service led by Chris Berry
Sunday 11 January	9:15am	Early Church led by Catherine Roots
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Steve Rogers
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Sheila Norris
Tuesday 13 January	10:00am	Midweek service with Holy Communion led by Peter Baker
Sunday 18 January	10:30am	Covenant service with Holy Communion led by Rev Patrick Kandeh Retiring collection for Water Aid
	4:00pm	Messy Church
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Margaret Newman
Tuesday 20 January	10:00am	Midweek service led by Roger Owers
Sunday 25 January	9:15am	Early Church led by Jo Baker
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Peter Baker
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Catherine Roots
Tuesday 27 January	10:00am	Midweek service led by Rev Patrick Kandeh

Activities during January

Monday 5 January	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 8 January	9:30am - 11:00am 2:15pm - 4:00pm	Trinity Toddlers Knit and Natter
Monday 12 January	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 14 January	2:00pm - 3:00pm 8:00pm - 9:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 15 January	9:30am - 11:00am 2:00pm - 4:30pm	Trinity Toddlers Games Fellowship
Monday 19 January	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 22 January	9:30am - 11:00am 2:15pm - 4:00pm	Trinity Toddlers Knit and Natter
Monday 26 January	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 28 January	2:00pm - 3:00pm 8:00pm - 9:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 29 January	9:30am - 11:00am 2:00pm - 4:30pm	Trinity Toddlers Games Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to our services and activities—see the website <https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/> or contact the Church Office for more details.

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Rev Seung-wook Jung sabbatical

Seung-wook is on sabbatical until 28 February 2026. If you would like to speak to a minister, please contact Rev Patrick Kandeh patrickkandeh@yahoo.co.uk; 01582 732524.

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Pamela Warren is moving

From 7th January 2026 Pamela Warren will be moving to:

“Olcote”, 36 Dunstable Road
Tilsworth
Leighton Buzzard LU7 9PU

Coffee & Craft on 13th December raised £205 for Marie Curie.
Thanks to all who organised and attended.

Ribbon wanted

Messy Church need ribbon of various kinds. If you have any from your Christmas gifts please put them in an envelope in the church letter rack for Catherine Roots. Thank you.

Methodist Learning Network

The Methodist Learning Network aims to support, encourage and inspire Methodist people in all aspects of Our Calling as together we seek to be an inclusive, justice seeking, evangelistic and growing church. The head of the team is Richard Armiger who is a local preacher in our Circuit. There is a catalogue of courses in the Vestry and you can find out more about the Network, including a calendar of events, on the [Methodist Church website](#).

Neurodiversity awareness within the church 29 January, 7-9pm

This free online session is part of the Equipping for Equality series from the Methodist Church. It will be led by Revd Jonny Bell, and explores the topic of neurodiversity within the church, with particular attention to ADHD, dyslexia and dyspraxia.

Bookings are open here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neurodiversity-awareness-registration-1977889303149>

Trinity Toddlers restarts in 2026!!

We are very pleased to say that Trinity Toddlers restarts on 8th January 2026. It will meet in the Chatteris Suite every Thursday during term time from 9.30am til 11:00am. Parents, grandparents and carers with their children aged 0-3.5 years are warmly welcomed to join in a relaxing and fun environment with activities, crafts, snacks and stories. Sessions are £1.50 for an adult and child and £0.50p per extra child or adult. Please spread the word. To find out more please contact Emily on: trinitytoddlersuk@gmail.com



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=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.

Recovering a Churches Together Group

In 2024 there were no volunteers willing to take on the roles of chair and secretary of our local Leighton Linslade Churches Together (LLCT). This had been preceded by low attendance at committee meetings and the ministers' lunchtime meetings had also stopped. Some of this was due to COVID. Just five years earlier there had been an efficient Secretary, full agendas, work in schools, a credit union and liaison with the Council re the developing town and its new housing areas. In the last two years, there had been two significant events, namely seminars on poverty in the town, which LLTC had coordinated and which were well attended and appreciated.

But in November 2024 it looked as if we would cease to exist as Churches Together. In the end, after consulting with the Ecumenical Facilitator, Dawn, we decided to 'hibernate', that is, do nothing for the next six months. We would see what, if any, consequences there would be. We did arrange for the Good Friday Walk of Witness to go ahead and received an offer from one of the churches in the town to ensure that this would go ahead, and it did.

During this time of dormancy, two people offered to meet with church leaders and talk with them about what would be helpful to their ministry and mission. It was hoped this would help develop relationships and stir interest again in working together. It became clear from the initial meetings that the lunchtime meetings were missed. So a date was arranged just after Easter 2025, at which fifteen of us met representing ten churches.

After the six months of dormancy, a special meeting over lunch was arranged in June, just after Pentecost. The format was prepared with Dawn, and twenty people came. There was agreement and some enthusiasm for having a new approach to cooperation. Perhaps three significant events per year with a small task group to facilitate them. A Core Group was formed of four members. They

met to prepare the Annual General Meeting in October. This was the time to elect new officers and agree a way forward.

It seemed a good idea to make this an open meeting and the Mayor of the town was invited to speak about the links between the Council's plans for the expanding town and the work of the churches. This went well, with new ideas arising from those present about three events for the following year. This included the suggestion of a pilgrimage around the new housing areas. The members of the Core Group were appointed as officers and a request for a nominal subscription was sent to the churches to help rebuild the financial resources. .

Since then, a new Facebook page has been set up by one of the local churches to help inform and coordinate events. A draft new constitution has been circulated and work on updating the bank account signatories is underway. Ongoing church leaders lunches and Core Group meetings will, hopefully, embed this process of recovery. It still feels a little fragile. But the signs are hopeful.

Terry Oakley

Secretary, Leighton Linslade Churches Together

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together Bedfordshire will be hosting gatherings for prayer during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The meetings will be on 19th and 21st of January at 8pm. All are warmly invited to join.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84436613127?pwd=KSPFWaQDBMKaQInIMcC0N3JUHo5KNn.1>

Dawn, Ecumenical facilitator for Churches Together in Bedfordshire

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit: Jo Baker, Peter Baker, Catherine Roots, Fiona Arscott-Smith, Steve Rogers, Sheila Norris, Chris Berry
- Rev Seung-wook and the family during his sabbatical
- All who lead and attend Early Church
- The work of Leighton Linslade Churches Together
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them
- All who mourn
- All those who live in Bedford Street, Lamas Walk, Beaudesert, Rush Court, White House Court, St Andrews Street, St Andrews Close, Guildford Mews, Gilbert Mews
- Staff and pupils at Linslade Lower School
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with A

The next Trinity News will be published on 18 January 2026. The deadline is 12noon Wednesday 14 January. Send contributions to: trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.

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