

Trinity News

April 2026



Christ is Risen



Alleluia

From the manse...

Time often feels like a very relative thing. Looking back on my sabbatical, three months seems to have passed in a moment; and yet, when I reflect on all that filled that time, it also feels as though it was a long and richly blessed season.

During those months, I visited more than ten churches in South Korea, listened to their stories, heard about their circumstances, and shared something of my own journey through preaching. Each visit was meaningful in its own way, and I was deeply grateful for the opportunity to listen, to learn, and to reflect together with others in faith.

One especially precious part of my sabbatical was the time I was able to spend with my family. For the first time in twenty-five years, my parents, my two younger brothers, and I – my whole immediate family – were able to be together. Those few days were a truly treasured gift, and I remain very thankful for them.

I was also thankful for the opportunity to receive treatment that I had long put off, including dental work and treatment for my joints. I am grateful to have returned feeling much restored, and better able to give myself fully to ministry once again. Looking back, it feels that those two months in Korea were put to very full use indeed.

The remaining month was devoted largely to preparation for my M.A. dissertation. I completed surveys with two groups and interviews with four ministers, and once the remaining surveys are finished, I hope I will be in a good position to move forward with the dissertation. I am thankful that this time has enabled me to make steady progress.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who made this sabbatical possible: to those who granted me the time, to those who prayed for me, and to those who showed care, support, and kindness not only to me but also to my family here in the UK while I was away. I am deeply grateful for all that has been given in so many different ways.

Now, with a renewed heart, we continue through Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter. Lent is a season in which we are invited to reflect on Jesus, who came into this world for our sake and entered fully into our human life. As we draw near to Holy Week, we are called to think more deeply about the suffering our Lord endured, and to consider how we, both individually and as a church, meet the challenges before us and prepare ourselves for the hope, the joy, and the promise of resurrection.

Let us not forget that suffering is not the end of the story. It is the road through which God leads us towards resurrection life.

With every blessing, Seung-Wook

Services at Trinity during April

Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April

10:00am Holy week services

Thursday 2 April

7:30pm Maundy Thursday service led by Rev Seung-wook Jung

Friday 3 April – the Good Friday Walk of Witness will start from the Market Cross at 10.30am. The service at the Market Cross will be led by The Salvation Army and will start at approx. 11:00.

Sunday 5 April

9:15am Early Church led by Karen and Steve Purton

10:30am Morning Worship on Easter Sunday with Holy Communion led by Rev Jenny Spouge

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Patrick Kandeh

Tuesday 7 April

10:00am Midweek service led by Lynda Hart

Sunday 12 April

9:15am Early Church led by Jo Baker

10:30am Morning Worship Local Arrangement led by Alison Arnold

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung

Tuesday 14 April

10:00am Midweek service with Holy Communion led by Peter Baker

Thursday 16 April

2:30pm Easter Celebration led by Rev Seung-wook Jung

Sunday 19 April

10:30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung



4:00pm Messy Church led by Catherine Roots

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Sheila Norris

Tuesday 21 April

10:00am Midweek service led by Ivor Michelmore

Sunday 26 April

9:15am Early Church led by Rev Seung-wook Jung

10:30am Morning Worship Local Arrangement led by Chris Lowe

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Tina Salmon

Tuesday 28 April

10:00am Midweek service led by Rev Wallace Edwards

Other activities at Trinity during April

Thursday 2 April	2:15pm - 4:00pm	Knit and Natter
Monday 6 April		<i>No Badminton tonight</i>
Wednesday 8 April	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 9 April	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Games Fellowship
Monday 13 April	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 16 April	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
Monday 20 April	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 22 April	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 23 April	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Games Fellowship
Monday 27 April	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 30 April	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:15pm - 4:00pm	Knit and Natter

Everyone is welcome to our services and activities—see the website <https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/> or contact the Church Office for more details and zoom links.
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Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

One Minister's Journey of Faith - Rev Wallace Edwards

I'll be honest with you – when I was growing up in a small Methodist chapel nestled between Llandudno and Colwyn Bay, the idea of becoming a minister never once crossed my mind. I was taken to church faithfully by my father, and the chapel was a warm and familiar part of life, but as a boy educated at John Bright's Grammar School in Llandudno – named after the famous politician – my sights were set elsewhere entirely.

Passing my school certificate opened a door into the Civil Service, and before long I found myself stationed in Blackpool with the Department of Customs and Excise. On Sunday evenings, holidaymakers would gather along the promenade, and the sound of popular hymns filled the sea air, supported by the Salvation Army band. The hymn "From Sinking Sands He Lifted Me" was especially popular. There was something rather fitting about singing those words by Morecambe Bay, where the treacherous sands had a very literal meaning for many of those gathered.

My Civil Service career was interrupted by two years of National Service in the RAF where I was posted to a Maintenance Unit in Stafford. The local Methodist Church welcomed me with open arms – a reminder of how the Methodist connection can feel like family wherever you find yourself in the country.

After National Service, I worked in the Ministry of Pensions, handling claims from injured servicemen. That role taught me that the wounds – physical, emotional, financial – can last a lifetime. I didn't know it then, but God was equipping me. The oldest pensioner on our books at the time had been injured in the Zulu War in the previous century. This understanding of people's hardships served me well later in life when I volunteered at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Leighton Buzzard.

When the call to ministry finally came, I was struck by the diversity of those entering alongside me – around 32 candidates coming from different backgrounds. Looking back, I can see how every job I'd done, had prepared me.

Ministry has many faces – the preaching, the administration, but for me, the pastoral work was always the heart of it. Visiting people in their homes, being present at the moments when life felt most fragile or most joyful: that's where I felt most fully called.

The itinerant nature of Methodist ministry meant my wife, daughter, and I moved to six different circuits across Wales and England. Each one brought its own character, its own people, its own lessons. But perhaps none stayed with me quite like the time we spent in Hungerford.

The Hungerford tragedy – one of the darkest days in the town's history – placed the church at the very centre of a community in shock and grief. Yet, what I witnessed was something quietly extraordinary: a town drawing together, people reaching out to one another, faith becoming a living presence amid devastation. It was a reminder, that life can change in an instant – and that none of us walk through those moments alone.

I come back, again and again, to the words of that great hymn: "Through all the changing scenes of life." From a Welsh chapel by the sea, to the promenade at Blackpool, to the grief of Hungerford – God has been present in every scene. The same God who guided me then continues to bless and guide us all, whatever our circumstances may be.

Rev Wallace Edwards

Do you have a story to tell? Send it to trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or pass it to Anne Gray.

Easter Celebration & Cake Thursday 16 April 2.30pm

Everyone is invited to join our Easter celebration followed by tea and cake at 2.30pm on 16th April at the church. Contact Catherine by Sunday 12 April if you would like to bake cakes or can help on the day.

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Annual Church Meeting Sunday 17 May

Our Annual Church Meeting will be held after the 10.30 service on Sunday 17th May. Please take the opportunity to read the reports from the various groups and committees which will be displayed in the Anteroom before the meeting and ask questions about the work and activities of the church.

There are vacancies on our Church Council. Please consider if you could support the work of the church by standing for Church Council, don't wait until you are asked. It is important that Church Council represents opinions and expertise from across the membership. To find out more speak to a member of the Leadership Team or current Church Council member.

Charity of the Year 2026/7

It was agreed at the Church Council on 18 March that Home-Start Bedfordshire <https://home-startbedfordshire.org.uk/> will be our charity of the year for 2026/27. See the noticeboard in the corridor for the monthly Retiring Collections 2026/27.

Charity of the month - Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust

Our April retiring collection will go to Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT) <https://lwpt.org.uk/>, an ecumenical charity which seeks to provide resources, support and information to preachers. The collection will be taken on 19 April.

Action for Children

The retiring collection last month raised £149.62. Along with £160.89 from emptying the collection boxes we have been able to send a total of £310.51 to Action for Children. Thank you very much to all of you who donated in any way and for your continued support for the children.

Chris Bosworth

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in February was £4,687. In addition we budget for the equivalent of £916 per month in Gift Aid. According to our budget our expected net monthly expenditure is £5,400.

News from Churches Together

Post Easter Prayer with Churches Together in Herts and Beds

Wednesday 15 April from 7–8pm by zoom

As part of their Eastertide journey together, Churches Together in Herts and Beds are hosting an online ecumenical prayer gathering. This will be a simple and reflective hour of shared prayer and gentle creativity as we continue to live in the light of resurrection. During the time together they will be using a small palm sized stone as a prayer focus, so please bring a small stone (light in colour is best) and permanent pens, paint (acrylic is best) or paint marker to draw on it. There's no artistic skill required, just a willingness to pause, pray, and mark something of hope into this season.

Click <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81028349565?pwd=UmGFhvWnl2Xpm2RvC2PMlwlbSL4ne.1> to start or join the Zoom meeting.

South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit Gathering

Saturday 25 April, 10:30am to 3:30pm

Newland Methodist Church, Crawley Green Road, Luton, LU2 9TE

This is a follow-up to last year's Listening Day and will be an opportunity for the Circuit to:

- Reflect on the **mission priorities** we agreed together last year
- Share how things have gone over the past year
- Discuss what we need to **pick up, give up, or rethink** to achieve our mission goals
- Commit together to practical steps for the year ahead

The day will include **worship, table discussions, and shared reflection**, all designed to be interactive, prayerful, and inspiring.

Lunch will be provided, so please let us know of any dietary requirements when you book.

Booking Your Place

- Places can be booked via the Eventbrite link here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/circuit-vision-day-tickets-1984064485285>
- Alternatively there is a sign-up sheet on the hall noticeboard.
Please indicate if you have any dietary requirements
- Deadline is 12 April.

(Parking is limited, please car share where possible)

We look forward to seeing you there as we explore together what it means to **"To Boldly Go"** as a Circuit!

With every blessing,

The South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit Office

Community Events

LBFS - The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins

Leighton Buzzard Festival Singers will be performing The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins, and other pieces, at St Barnabas Church, Linslade on Saturday 25 April at 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door or from Gill Tarbox.

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 Roger Owers, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Rev Jenny Spouge, Rev Patrick Kandeh, Alison Arnold, Catherine Roots, Sheila Norris, Tina Salmon, Chris Lowe, Jo Baker, Karen and Steve Purton, Lynda Hart, Peter Baker, Ivor Michelmore, Rev Wallace Edwards
- All who lead, organise or attend our Lent and Easter services
- The work of Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT)
- All young people, parents and leaders who are part of Trinity Scout Group
- Those who lead and attend our zoom bible studies
- Alex Mayer MP for Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard
- 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 on Hockliffe Road, South Street, Hartwell Crescent, Albany Road, Brooklands Estate, Woodman Close, Lovent Drive, Steppingstone Place, Stratton Mews, Cutlers Way
- Staff and pupils at Clipstone Lower School and Leighton Middle School
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with G

May Trinity News will be published on 26 April 2026. The deadline is 12noon Wednesday 22 April. Send contributions to: trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.

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