

Trinity News



June 2026

From the Manse...

Have you ever packed a bag for a child going off on a school trip? Most of us have, at some point. The waterproof coat, just in case. The sun cream. A small cuddly toy quietly tucked in. A spare pair of socks. A note with an emergency phone number. Maybe even a Mars bar slipped in for good measure.

Behind all of it, of course, is love. We will not be there when the rain comes, or when the coach breaks down, or when they grow lonely at bedtime — so we do the next best thing. We try to prepare them, in advance, for whatever may come.

In John chapter 17, we found our Lord doing the very same thing. He was soon to return to the Father, and knowing what hardships His disciples were about to face, Jesus prays for them. "Holy Father, keep them. Protect them. Watch over them when I am gone."

But His prayer goes further than ours ever could. We can pack sandwiches; we cannot pack peace. We can tuck in a cuddly toy; we cannot tuck courage into a child's bones. Jesus, however, gives His friends something that only He can give. He reminds them of what He has already placed deep within them. More than the promise of the Holy Spirit, which He spoke of back in chapter 14, He has given them the Name.

"I have made Your Name known to them," He says. "Holy Father, keep them in Your Name."

We know something of the weight of a name. We have all, at one time or another, named or loved a child, and watched that small name fill up with meaning over the years. A name comes to carry

shared memories, decades of love, a whole person's story. If our little names hold so much, what then of the Name of God — the Name of the One who spoke the stars into being, who parted seas, who bore our sins upon the cross?

And the wonder of it is this. The Name our Lord has been teaching us all along — the Name He has been pressing into us through every parable, every prayer, every gentle word — is Father. Abba Father. Not a distant authority, but a loving Father, who has held us since before we were born and will hold us still when our last day comes. The world can take many things from a believer, but it cannot reach in and snatch us out of the hand of the Father whose Name we bear.

And eternal life, Jesus tells us in John 17 v3, is not a reward waiting for us at the end of the race. Eternal life is knowing the Father. The race we have been running, then, is not a race towards eternal life. It is a race held, from beginning to end, within it.

So if you are weary in the final stretch, take heart. You are not running alone. The same Lord who prayed for His first disciples prays for you still. The same Father whose Name He made known to them holds you in that Name yet.

And there is one work left for us all, however long we have been running this race. To pass the Name on. To a grandchild. To a neighbour. To a great-grandchild whose heart is still soft and ready to learn. Not in a lecture. Not in a sermon. But simply by telling them, in our own quiet way, what the Name of the Father has meant in our lives, and how that Name has carried us through every mile.

May the Holy Father keep every one of us inside His Name. May He carry us, faithfully, to the finish line. And may He use our race to pass His Name on to those who will run after us.

With every blessing,

Seung-wook Jung

Services at Trinity during June

Tuesday 2 June

10:00am Midweek service led by Alison Arnold

Sunday 7 June

9:15am Early Church led by Catherine Roots

10:30am Morning Worship Local Arrangement led by Colin Taplin

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Fiona Arscott-Smith

Tuesday 9 June

10:00am Midweek service led by Fiona Arscott-Smith

Sunday 14 June

9:15am Early Church led by Richard Bates

10:30am Morning Worship led by Ivor Mitchelmore

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

Tuesday 16 June

10:00am Midweek service with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-Wook Jung

Sunday 21 June

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 Ros Peedle

Tuesday 23 June

10:00am Midweek service led by Chris Lowe

Sunday 28 June

9:15am Early Church led by Jo Baker

10:30am Morning Worship led by Anne Gray

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Jenny Spouge

Tuesday 30 June

10:00am Midweek service led by Linda Burgess

Other activities at Trinity during June

Monday 1 June	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
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Wednesday 3 June	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
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	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
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Thursday 4 June	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
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	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Games Fellowship
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Monday 8 June	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
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Thursday 11 June	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
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	2:15pm - 4:00pm	Knit and Natter
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Monday 15 June	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
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Wednesday 17 June	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
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	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
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Thursday 18 June	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
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	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Games Fellowship
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Monday 22 June	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
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Thursday 25 June	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
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	2:15pm - 4:00pm	Knit and Natter
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Monday 29 June	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
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Pastoral News

David Dawes' new address is

5, Kings Road, Stamford, PE9 1HD.

Tel:- 01780 723 887

Cilla Wagner's new phone number is 07932 933135

For your diary

Early Church will not meet over the summer. The last service will be on 5 July, restarting on 6 September .

Toddlers – There will be no Trinity Toddlers during the summer holidays- the last meeting will be 16 July, restarting 3 September

Sunday 19 July 11:00am– Farewell service for Rev Claudia Lupi at the Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs

Friday 31 July 2:30pm - Service of Celebration of Nature with Cake

Sunday 2 August 2:00pm– Farewell service for Rev Patrick Kandeh at St Margarets Methodist Church, Luton

Saturday 22 August – Coffee morning in support of Home-Start Bedfordshire

Sunday 6 September 6:00pm – Welcome service for Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams, the new Circuit Superintendent, at The Square, Dunstable

The latest Beds, Essex & Herts Methodist District Prayer list is displayed on the corridor notice board opposite the Hall.
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Trinity News

THANK YOU

Many hands really did make light work of the stage clearance and garden tidy up recently. A huge thank you to those who came along, we filled the skip and got everything done and had a coffee too.

Catherine Roots and Property Committee

Hope and Aid Direct support for Ukraine

Hope and Aid Direct <https://hopeandaiddirect.org.uk/> continue to be very grateful for our ongoing donations of blankets - squares or strips towards blankets - throws, jumpers, cardigans of all sizes, hats, scarves, gloves and for a generous amount of cuddly teddies and other toys recently given. An additional appeal has been made for toiletries - soap, toothpaste and brushes etc please. Sincere thanks to all those who knit, crochet or help in any way in support of those in need in war torn Ukraine. Please continue the good work.

Many thanks,
Every blessing.
Cilla.

Charity of the month – Home-Start Bedfordshire

In June we will be holding our first retiring collection on behalf of our charity of the year – Home-Start Bedfordshire <https://home-startbedfordshire.org.uk/> whose aim is to stand alongside local parents, providing free services that empower families to give young children the best start in life. The retiring collection will be taken on Sunday 21 June.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in April was £4,848. In addition we have received the equivalent of £1,026 per month in Gift Aid. According to our budget our expected net monthly expenditure is £5,400.

The retiring collection for LWPT raised £145.35.

Looking Outwards at Trinity

Everyone who has attended services at Trinity over the past few years will have noticed that congregations are getting smaller and older. The premises, whilst remaining the same size, are also getting older. We need to look outwards rather than inwards, the idea being that whilst working out a social gospel by engaging with the wider community, we will bring people who share our social aims into the congregation. Ideally younger people with young families who will help us to re-grow Trinity. An example of this appearing to work was when we were providing a drop-in meal for the homeless in partnership with the Leighton Linlade Homeless Service, and some young volunteers from outside Trinity joined us to help. Covid put a stop to that and a change in government policy reduced the need by taking people off the streets. But with poverty rising around us again, is it now time to try something similar? Or could we work with our current charity of the year Home-Start and our Toddlers Group, to support young families who are struggling to survive?

And would such initiatives get us anywhere? Early Church has been running for about 20 years now and most of the young families who joined that congregation have developed, as families do, and moved on. Currently we are struggling to find enough leaders to maintain a rota and keep it going. So even if we find outward looking activities that draw younger people in to work with us, would they want to integrate with old people –

like me. And would they want to contribute to all the resources we put in to maintaining church premises that might be considered no longer fit for purpose?

Your thoughts and ideas are welcome – speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

Charles

Other News

Eco Church

Milton Keynes Eco Church Network will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of Eco Church at Church of Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes on Sunday 7 June at 2.30pm to 4.30pm,

There will be a time of worship and a talk given by Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha UK, the founder of Eco Church. This will be followed by discussion and refreshments and a display of what some Eco Churches in Milton Keynes have achieved. All are welcome.

Please indicate your attendance by booking for this service here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating-10-years-of-eco-church-tickets-1989213888288>

Prayerline Volunteers

United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) are looking for people who feel called to pray with and for others over the phone via their Prayerline. A Prayerline volunteer, after a successful application, will be fully trained over zoom and then will offer 2-3hrs per week as they see fit on a regular basis from their own homes.

You can find out more here www.ucb.co.uk/pray

Kingdom over Nation from Churches Together in England

Kingdom Over Nation is a new ecumenical resource developed through Churches Together in England to help churches engage thoughtfully and prayerfully with the rise in Christian nationalism and the growing challenges surrounding identity, discipleship, and public life. Through eight Bible studies and theological reflections, the resource explores discernment, empire, ideology, justice, nationhood, and Christian witness in a divided age.

Download your copy here <https://cte.org.uk/working-together/kingdom-over-nation/>

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 Alison Arnold, Catherine Roots, Colin Taplin, Fiona Arscott-Smith, Richard Bates, Ivor Mitchelmore, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Ros Peedle, Chris Lowe, Jo Baker, Anne Gray, Rev Jenny Spouge, Linda Burgess, Roger Owers
- All those considering putting themselves forward for Local Preacher or Worship Leader training.
- The Circuit Meeting on 23 June
- The work of the Property Committee
- The work of Home-Start Bedfordshire
- 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 Bossard Court, Doggett Street, Baker Street, Mill Road, Barrow Path, Lamsey Court, Edward Street, Windsor Avenue, Bassett Road, Water Lane, Heath Road, Clarence Road, Pennivale Close, Broomhills Road, Northcourt
- Staff and pupils at Gilbert Inglefield Academy and Vandyke Upper School
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with K or L

July Trinity News will be published on 28 June 2026. The deadline is 12noon Wednesday 24 June. Send contributions to: trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.

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