

Trinity News



July 2026

Local Arrangement services at Trinity

Local Arrangements (LAs) are services on the plan for which there are no preachers available and so it is left for the church, in our case the Worship Committee, to find willing people to lead a service. Do you enjoy talking? Can you read aloud with meaning? If so, would you consider helping with one of our LA services?

We are looking for volunteers who feel they could help to lead or assist with leading our LA services. The service can take any form of worship you can think of however, the Methodist church has agreed that we can use the resources in The Vine to assist with the service. These are put together by a number of different people and include hymn suggestions, prayers, readings and a talk, all of which can be read verbatim. The beauty of this resource is that all you need to do is read. Sometimes when looking at texts written by someone else you may prefer to rephrase or even leave bits out. This is allowed. You can make the content yours by adapting it to make it more comfortable to say. Roger Owers has offered to talk to anyone who is considering leading a LA service and talk through how the material in The Vine can be used. To find out more please talk to either Roger or myself, or one of the stewards.

We are currently looking for someone, or a group of people, who would like to lead our LA on 23 August. If you're not available that weekend, please still speak to someone as we are likely to have 3 or 4 LA services every quarter and it would be good to have a pool of people to call on to assist or lead in the future.

Thank you, Ann Guy and the Worship Committee

Services at Trinity during July

Sunday 5 July

9:15am	Early Church led by Richard Bates – <i>last Early Church service till 6 September</i>
10:30am	Morning Worship led by Chris Berry
6:30pm	Circuit Service at High Street Leagrave with Zoom link. Local Preacher accreditation for Andrea Als-McClean.

Tuesday 7 July

10:00am	Midweek service led by Colin Quine
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Sunday 12 July



10:30am	Morning Worship led by Rev Jenny Spouge
4:00pm	Messy Church led by Catherine Roots
6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung

Tuesday 14 July

10:00am	Midweek service led by Catherine Roots
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Sunday 19 July

11:00am	Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs to say farewell to Rev Claudia Lupi
6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Sheila Norris

Tuesday 21 July

10:00am	Midweek service led by Chris Berry
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Sunday 26 July

10:30am	Church Anniversary with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
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6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Catherine Roots
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Tuesday 28 July

10:00am	Midweek service led by Keith Jennings
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Friday 31 July

2:30pm	Celebration of Nature with Cake
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Other activities at Trinity during July

Wednesday 1 July	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 2 July	9:30am-11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
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	2:00pm-4:30pm	Games Fellowship
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Thursday 9 July	9:30am-11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
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	2:15pm-4:00pm	<i>No Knit and Natter today</i>
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Monday 13 July	8:00pm-10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity (<i>next Badminton session is 7 September</i>)
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Wednesday 15 July	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 16 July	9:30am-11:00am	Trinity Toddlers – <i>last session, restarting on 3 September</i>
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	2:00pm-4:30pm	Games Fellowship
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Thursday 23 2:15pm-4:00pm Knit and Natter
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Thursday 30 2:00pm-4:30pm Games Fellowship
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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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For your diary

- **Early Church is not meeting over the summer.** The last service will be on 5 July, restarting on 6 September.
- **Toddlers** –Trinity Toddlers does not meet in the school holidays. The last session will be Thursday 16 July restarting on Thursday 3 September.
- **Badminton** will not meet on 6 July. Closed for summer after 13 July, restarting 7 September
- Sunday 2 August 2:00pm– Farewell service for Rev Patrick Kandeh at St Margarets Methodist Church, Luton (*see page10*)
- Wednesday 5 August 2:30pm - Wednesday fellowship group meets in the Chatteris Suite. New people are always welcome, please speak to Sue Stokes for further details
- 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

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in May was £4,503. 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 Christian Aid raised £198.20.

July's Charity of the month – Methodist Homes

Methodist Homes (MHA) is a leading charity care provider for older people in Great Britain. Founded in 1943 by the Methodist Church as an independent charity, originally named Methodist Homes for the Aged, MHA is committed to supporting people of all faiths and none. The organisation continues to benefit from strong support from the Methodist community and other Christian denominations. MHA offers a comprehensive range of services including residential, nursing and dementia care homes, and community-based support. **There will be a retiring collection for MHA on 12 July.**



Pastoral News

Correction to the Directory – Eileen Franks' postcode is LU7 1DL

Celebration of nature with cake Friday 31 July at 2.30pm

Come and join us for a short service to celebrate nature and all things summery, followed by tea and cake and fellowship.

Offers of cake welcome – speak to Catherine Roots.



All are welcome so invite your friends.

Home-start Bedfordshire

Home-Start Bedfordshire is our Charity of the Year 2026/27. It is a local children & family charity which provides free services that empower families to give young children the best start in life.



The services provided include:

Home visiting support – weekly visits for families with a child under five to offer emotional support, practical help and mentoring.

SEND parent mentors – short term support for parents of children with SEND from trained and supervised parent mentors who also have children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND.)

Helping Hands – a free, fun and valuable education programme delivered in local primary schools by Home-Start for children in years 3-4. It aims to increase children's understanding of feeling safe and healthy relationships.

Parenting courses – delivered by trained and supervised parent volunteers. The Being a Parent online courses are for parents and carers of children up to 11 years old.

Domestic abuse – a 12 week programme for female survivors of domestic abuse, looking at ways to move on and recover.

Living with teenagers – a free course for Central Bedfordshire dads and carers of children aged 11 to 16 years. An interactive informal programme delivered online via zoom. It is run over 8 weeks by trained parent group facilitators who have first hand experience of the joys and challenges of being a parent of a teenager.

Home-Start Bedfordshire

Delta House, 33 Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1EZ.

Telephone 01525 213522; Email: office@home-startbedfordshire.org.uk

Visit <https://home-startbedfordshire.org.uk/>

There will be retiring collections for Home-start Bedfordshire at services on 20 September 2026 and 21 March 2027, and a coffee morning on Saturday 22 August.

Leighton Buzzard Pride event Friday 5th June 5 – 9 pm

Two years ago Church Council made the decision that Trinity Methodist Church should register for same sex marriages. This duly went ahead and last year we celebrated the wedding of Nigel and Nick.

This year a few of us felt we should show our presence at the Leighton Buzzard Pride event as a further step forward in sharing our faith with others and being a Church where 'All are welcome.'

So at 4pm on Friday 5th June Jo Baker and Catherine Roots walked into town with a large trolley and set up our stall decorating it with the Trinity banners and bunting to engage in conversation with anyone who wanted to talk to us. We had some really interesting conversations, and our presence was very well received. We also had a great time enjoying the fun and the very colourful parade.

Later on, Anne and Seung-wook came along and joined us too.

It was well worth the effort and we hope to be there again next year.

Catherine Roots



Community Action

Some of us attended a showing of the National Emergency Briefing film about Climate Change at the Library Theatre last month. The film is presented by Chris Packham and it sets out some really frightening evidence about what is happening and what needs to be done. Alex Mayer MP spoke at the event and I wrote to her afterwards, in line with our Constituency Action Network commitment. She wrote back at considerable length promising to try to get the message spread more widely.

Closer to home, our Community Action Cupboard is no longer full, following the referral of a very needy young woman to us by our current charity of the year, Home-start Bedfordshire. So if you have usable household goods you don't need, please speak to Wendy Williams or myself. Charles

Circuit News

As you may be aware, spiritual growth is one of the Circuit priorities this year, and we would love to see more people talking about faith.

It can be difficult, but it is by sharing our thoughts and questions, joys and doubts with others that we grow. To help us get better at this, each week we will be posing a question, a 'talking point' on the Circuit website, for you to reflect on and hopefully you will be able to share your thoughts and ideas with someone else. This might be someone at home or church or, if you feel brave, someone that isn't from a faith background.

See the latest Talking Point here:

<https://www.southbedsmethodist.org.uk/new.htm>





DUNSTABLE DOWNS

Circuit Service

19

July
2026

Dunstable Downs,
Dunstable Road, LU6 2GY

11AM START

BRING A CHAIR, PICNIC AND FOOD TO SHARE

The **Methodist** Church 

Musicians needed

As part of preparations for the Service on the Downs on 19th July, Steve Rogers is putting together a group of musicians and singers to help lead the worship. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Steve on steve.w.t.rogers@gmail.com as soon as possible. A rehearsal will take place at The Square one evening during the week commencing 13th July – date to be confirmed.

Need a lift? Spare seat in your car?

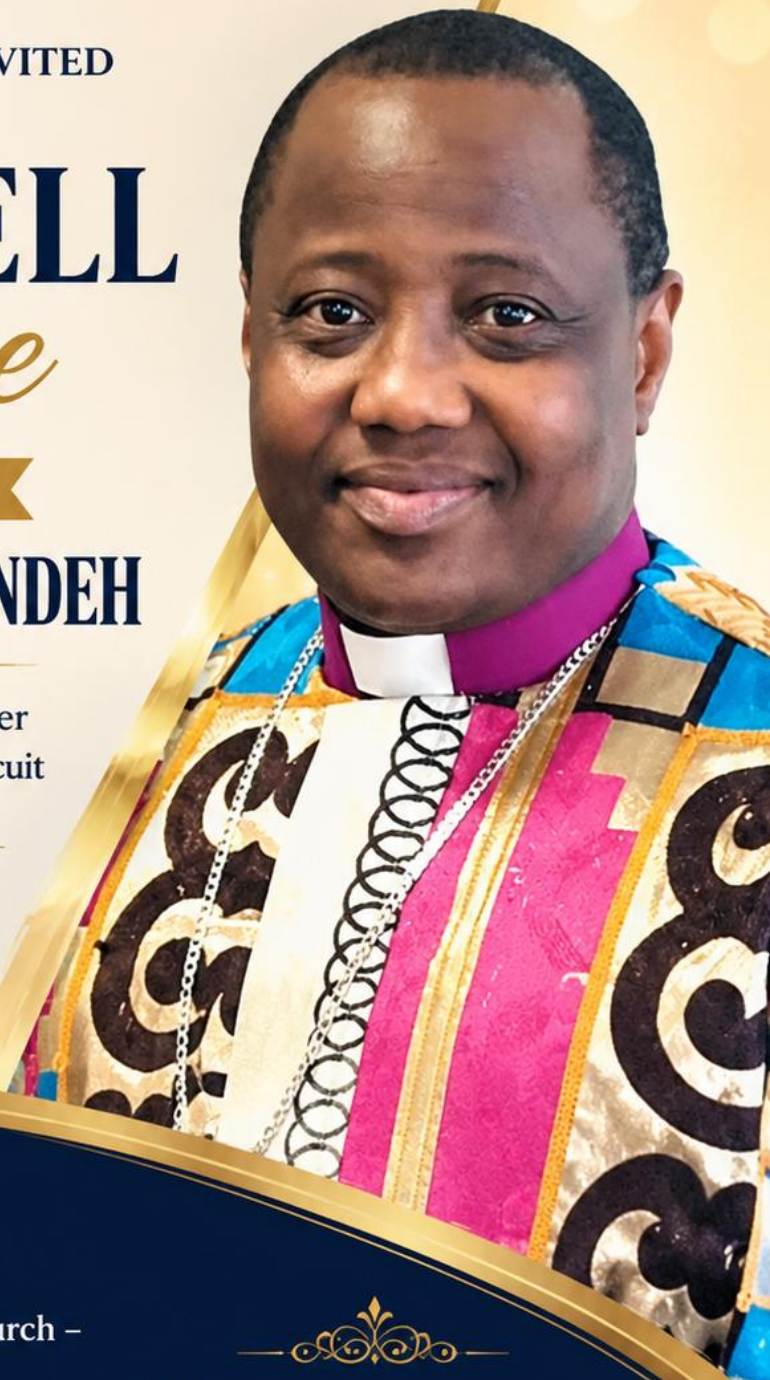
There will be a sheet on the noticeboard in the corridor please use it to indicate if you need a lift or have a spare seat in your car and talk to each other!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO A
FAREWELL
Service

IN HONOUR OF
REV. PATRICK KANDEH

Circuit Superintendent Minister
South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks
for his faithful ministry, leadership
and dedicated service.



SERVICE DETAILS



VENUE:

St Margaret's Methodist Church –
The Olive Branch
Montrose Avenue
Luton, LU3 1HT



DATE:

Sunday, 2nd August 2026



TIME:

4:00 PM

*“ The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make His face
shine upon you and
be gracious to you. ”*

— Numbers 6:24-25 —

Jumble Sale – Toddington Methodist Church

Saturday 4 July 10am – 2pm

Free entry

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, Chris Berry, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Richard Bates, Sheila Norris, Colin Quine, Rev Jenny Spouge, Keith Jennings
- All those involved in organising and those who attend our Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs on 19 July
- Members and leaders of Trinity house groups
- Work of the Connections Group
- The work of the Constituency Action Network (part of JPIT)
- 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 Leestone Park, Clipstone Park and Hadley Edge estates
- Staff and pupils at all schools across Leighton Linlade as they break up for the school holidays
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with L or M

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

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