

August 2026

Meditation Day 31

We have to be candles,
Burning between
Hope and despair,
Faith and doubt,
Life and death,
All the opposites.
That is the disquieting place
Where people must always find us.

And if our life means anything,
If what we are goes beyond the monastery walls and
Does some good,
It is that somehow,
By being here,
At peace,
We help the world cope
With what it cannot understand.

William Brodrick

<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/meditations/meditation-day-31/>

Chosen by the new President and Vice President of Conference 2026/27

Services at Trinity during August

Sunday 2 August

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

2:00pm Circuit service to say farewell to Rev Patrick Kandehe at St Margaret's Methodist Church Montrose Ave, Luton LU3 1HT

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Peter Baker

Tuesday 4 August

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

Sunday 9 August

10:30am Morning Worship led by Roger Owers

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

Tuesday 11 August

10:00am Midweek service led by Roger Owers

Sunday 16 August

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

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom

Tuesday 18 August

10:00am Midweek service led by Ivor Michelmores

Sunday 23 August

10:30am Morning Worship is a Local Arrangement led by Ann Guy

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood

Tuesday 25 August

10:00am Midweek service led by Peter Baker

Sunday 30 August

10:30am Morning Worship led by Tina Salmon

6:00pm Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Pat
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Sunday Evening Worship Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?pwd=RlozVHRhYnFrcEU1cUJjdHZxUDQzQT09>

By phone—0208 080 6591

Meeting ID: 948 6562 3492 Passcode: 494002

Other activities at Trinity during August

Wednesday 5 August	2:30pm - 4:00pm	Wednesday Fellowship Group
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Thursday 6 August	2:15pm - 4:00pm	Knit and Natter
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Thursday 20 August	2:15pm - 4:00pm	Knit and Natter
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Saturday 22 August	10:00am - 12:00pm	Coffee morning in aid of Home-Start Bedfordshire
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Thursday 27 August	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.

Tel: 01525 371905 ; ttprojectoffice@gmail.com

Pastoral News

Jim Wood says *Thank You!!*

Jim would like to thank everybody at Trinity for the many cards and birthday greetings he received for his recent 104th birthday.

Merle Tungay

Merle has moved to

Devon Lodge Residential Home
18 Theydon Avenue
Woburn Sands
Milton Keynes MK17 8PL

Tania Stanford

It is with great sadness what we announce the death of Tania Stanford. Tania was a force of energy, ideas and joy and she will be sadly missed by all those who had the privilege to work with her over the nearly three years she was Messy Church leader at Trinity. You are asked to pray for Tania's family and the friends at Toddington.

For your diary

- **Early Church** is not meeting over the summer, restart 6 September
- **Toddlers** – Trinity Toddlers does not meet in the school holidays. Toddlers restarts on Thursday 3 September.
- **Circuit service to welcome Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams**, the new Circuit Superintendent, The Square, Dunstable, Sunday 6 September 6:00pm

Wednesday Fellowship 5 August 2:30pm

Wednesday Fellowship meets on Wednesday 5 August at 2:30pm in the Chatteris Suite. New people are always welcome, please speak to Sue Stokes for further details or contact the Church Office.

August Charity of the month is All We Can

All We Can <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/>, formerly the Methodist Relief and Development Fund, is an international relief and development charity, rooted in the Christian faith. There will be a retiring collection for All We Can on Sunday 16 August.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in June was £5,043. 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 Home Start raised £166.13.

Coffee morning ***Saturday 22 August 10am-12noon***

There will be a coffee morning in the Chatteris Suite on 22 August on behalf of Home-Start Bedfordshire, our charity of the year.



Trinity is recruiting!!

To support the work of the church Trinity is advertising two posts:

- **Church administrator** (15hs per week) to provide administration support to the Minister and the Leadership team of the Church and an
- **Outreach Worker** (20 hours per month) to enhance our presence in the local community, look to build our church's existing community links and develop new ones.

The closing date is 12 Noon Friday 7th August 2026.

Please circulate these opportunities and ask anyone interested to email: 45c.roots@gmail.com to receive an application pack.

Details are also on the church website

https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/Groups/271959/About_Us.aspx

Circuit Talking Point this month

There is a wonderful quote from John Wesley that says –

*Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*



So this week's question is -

What good can you do in the world today?

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

Thank You for a Wonderful Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs

Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to our Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs. What a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, thanksgiving and celebration we shared together.

It was a special occasion as we gave thanks for the faithful ministry of **Rev Claudia** among us and marked her farewell. We are grateful for all she has given to the life of our churches, communities and Circuit, and it was a joy to celebrate her ministry together.

A huge thank you goes to the many people who helped make the day possible:

- Those who got up early and completed their morning aerobics by putting up the marquee!
- Our musicians and singers who so beautifully led us in worship.
- Readers, interviewers and interviewees, and everyone who took part in the service.
- The sound team, who battled the wind and the challenges of many different people speaking.
- The Craftivists who made and displayed the beautiful bunting and canvases that helped make the site look so welcoming.
- Everyone who brought food to share and contributed to the wonderful fellowship after the service.
- The ice cream van, who delighted us all by serving an impressive 207 ice creams!
- And, of course, the approximately 220 people who attended and made the gathering such a warm and encouraging occasion.

Events like this are only possible because so many people willingly give their time, gifts and energy. Thank you for helping to create such a memorable and joyful Circuit celebration.

If you have any feedback, reflections or words of encouragement about the service, we would love to hear from you. And in due course photos of the day will be on the circuit website.

With grateful thanks and every blessing,

Tim Haines

Thanksgiving and Farewell Service for Rev Patrick

Our next Circuit Service will be a Thanksgiving and Farewell Service for Rev Patrick Kandeh, our Circuit Superintendent

Date: Sunday 2 August 2026 at 4:00 pm

Venue: St Margaret's Methodist Church

Montrose Avenue

Luton LU3 1HT

Letter from Alex Mayer MP, to Charles Horsefield, our Constituency Action Network link

Dear Charles,

Thank you very much for your email.

I remain very grateful for the warm welcome you and colleagues at Trinity Methodist Church have shown me, whether at your Community Action Group or through our conversations on climate change and the environment. I know how much work the church has done over many years to champion sustainability, and I greatly admire that commitment.

Thank you also for letting me know about the activities you have planned over the coming months. It is encouraging to hear that you are continuing to promote environmental issues through Messy Church, your Harvest celebrations and the screening at Stewkley. I particularly liked your comment about our duty to protect the planet for our grandchildren. I think that is a message that resonates with many people, whatever their views on climate policy.

Thank you too for your kind invitation to your Celebrating Nature service on Friday 31 July. Unfortunately, I already have longstanding diary commitments that afternoon, so I won't be able to join you. I'm sorry to miss what sounds like a lovely event, and I hope it is a great success. I have no doubt the cake will be as popular as ever! I greatly value the contribution Trinity Methodist Church makes to Leighton Buzzard and appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts and keep me updated on your work in the community.



Alex Mayer

Member of Parliament

Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard constituency

You are encouraged to write to Alex Mayer MP with your concerns about local issues.

What does it mean to be a Church Council member?

As I am sure you know every Methodist Church has a Church Council. Church Council members are trustees and are involved in important decision-making processes, helping to shape the future of our church. Responsibilities include:

- Contributing to discussions and decisions on church policy and strategy.
- Overseeing the financial affairs of the church as a Trustee.
- Supporting the spiritual and practical work of Trinity Methodist Church.
- Working collaboratively with the Minister and other church members.
- Ensuring the church operates in accordance with Methodist Connexional Law and Charity Law.

This is a rewarding opportunity to deepen your connection with the church, use your talents for the benefit of our community, and help Trinity Methodist Church continue its important work in Leighton Buzzard. You must be a member of the church but no specific expertise is required, just a willingness to serve and a commitment to the values of our church.

If you feel called to this important role and would like to learn more, please speak to Rev Seung-Wook Jung or any other member of the Leadership Team or email tttprojectoffice@gmail.com.

Leadership Team

Seung-wook Jung, Charles Horsefield, Marina Mele, Sheila Pollard, Catherine Roots, Anthea Shenton, Alison Stokes

Recycling at Trinity

The Recycling cupboard at Trinity, where we store donated household goods for those who are setting up home, currently has plenty of room for new resources. If you are having a clear out and have household goods which could be of use to others please speak to Charles Horsefield or Wendy Williams.

Food donations for the Homeless

Many of you have in the past given food donations for the homeless. These can be given at supermarkets but don't forget the food box in the church corridor where you can leave your food donations.

National Emergency Briefing <https://www.nebriefing.org/>

A new film, presented by Chris Packham, the National Emergency Briefing, is currently screening in communities and workplaces across the UK to raise awareness of the climate and nature crisis.

The film is based on a briefing held in November 2025 to an invited audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. At the briefing ten of the UK's leading experts set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy.

If you missed it at Leighton Buzzard Library theatre in June you have another opportunity to see it at:

Stewkley Methodist Chapel Hall on 8 September 2026, starting at 7:30pm

OR

Tring High Street Baptist Church on 15 Oct 2026 starting at 6:30pm

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit Peter Baker, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Roger Owers, Ivor Michelmore, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Tina Salmon, Rev Pat Olivent, Catherine Roots, Chris Lowe, Ann Guy
- All those who attended our Circuit Service on Dunstable Downs on 19 July
- Work of the Resources Committee and Leadership Team
- The Constituency Action Network and JPIT
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them
- All whomourn
- All those who live on Churchill Road, Winston Close, Oakly Green, Montgomery Close, Nelson Road, Mountbatten Gardens, Roosevelt Avenue, Drakes Avenue, Wellington Way, Blenheim Road
- Staff and pupils at all Leighton Linlade schools, that they may find rest and refreshment during the holidays
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with O or P

September Trinity News will be published on 30 August 2026. The deadline is 12noon Wednesday 26 August. Send contributions to: trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.

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