

Trinity News

September 2026



REV DOREEN KOFFIE-WILLIAMS

Welcome Service

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The Square Methodist Church,
Dunstable, LU6 3SN

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The **Methodist** Church 

Services at Trinity during September

Tuesday 1 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Ken Harris & Frankie Fisher
Sunday 6 September	9:15am	Early Church led by Catherine Roots
	10:30am	Morning Worship with Baptism led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	Circuit service at The Square, Dunstable, to welcome Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams
Tuesday 8 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Fiona Arscott-Smith
Sunday 13 September	9:15am	Early Church led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Andrea Als-McClean
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Tim Haines
Tuesday 15 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Lynda Hart
 Sunday 20 Sept ember	10:30am	Pastoral Visitors Commissioning Service led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	4:00pm	Messy Church led by Catherine Roots
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Tuesday 22 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Colin Quine
Sunday 27 September	9:15am	Early Church led by Richard Bates
	10:30am	Morning Worship
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Colin Quine
Tuesday 29 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Catherine Roots

Other activities at Trinity during September

Wednesday 2 September	2:00pm-3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm-9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 3 September	9:30am-11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:15pm-4:00pm	Knit and Natter
Monday 7 September	8:00pm-10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 10 September	9:30am-11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:00pm-4:30pm	Games Fellowship
Monday 14 September	8:00pm-10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 16 September	2:00pm-3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm-9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 17 September	9:30am-11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:15pm-4:00pm	Knit and Natter
Monday 21 September	8:00pm-10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 23 September	2:00pm-4:00pm	Wednesday Fellowship Group
Thursday 24 September	9:30am-11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:00pm-4:30pm	Games Fellowship
Monday 28 September	8:00pm-10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 30 September	2:00pm-3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm-9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom

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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Pastoral News

I would like to thank everyone at Trinity for all their kind messages, good wishes and lovely cards received after my recent accident, they are very much appreciated, I am making progress but it seems to be slower than I thought it would be, but I hope to see you all soon. - **Christine Peckham.**

Change of email

New email address for Janet Graham - JM.graham002@gmail.com

For your diary

Sunday 4 October – Harvest services (*see below*)

Sunday 11 October at 10.30am – presentation from representative from Christians Against Poverty (*see p8*)

Sunday 11 October at 2.30pm – Memorial Service (*see p4*)

Saturday 14 November - Singalong in aid of Home-Start Bedfordshire (*helpers required- please speak to Charles, see p7*)

Harvest Services Sunday 4 October at 9.15 and 10.30am

We will be holding our annual Harvest services on 4 October where we will receive donations for the Leighton Linlade Community Foodbank. They welcome tinned meat, desserts, pasta sauce, tea, coffee, long life milk, tinned fish, juices, snack noodles. No fresh foods please.

Charity of the Year 2026/7 – Home-start Bedfordshire



We are delighted to say that the coffee morning for Home-start Bedfordshire, our new charity of the year, held on 22 August 2026 raised a total of £227.18. We were pleased that Linda Johnson from Home-start (third from right) was able to join us. Thank you to all who helped and attended. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and friendship.

Nearly new sale

There are plans to hold a Nearly New Sale in the autumn to support Home-Start. To help with this, could you please, if possible, sort out and pass on any unwanted items in good condition (clothing for all ages, toys, books, craft items etc – but not bric-a-brac). These will be needed the day before the sale – date to be announced.

There will be a **retiring collection** for Home-Start Bedfordshire on 20 September.



Memorial Service Sunday 11 October 2.30pm

The annual Memorial Service gives an opportunity for those who have been bereaved over the past year to come together in a time of reflection and worship. If you know of anyone who may appreciate an invitation, please speak to Sue Horsefield or Seung-wook. Also, if you are able to steward at this service, which will be followed by fellowship over tea and cake, please speak to Catherine Roots.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in July was £4,753. 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 in July for Methodist Homes for the Aged raised 182.94.

Special service at The Square, Dunstable

Rev Charity Ngezwu, Chair of the Connexional Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee, will be preaching at The Square, Dunstable on Sunday 30 August at 10.30am.

The service will be available on YouTube after the service from at:
<https://www.youtube.com/@squaremethodist10>

Community Action at Trinity

Fair Trade Fortnight is coming - 21 September to 4 October. <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/support-fairtrade/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight.html>



The local Fairtrade Steering Committee is asking each of us to support this and look out for promotions in local supermarkets and buy one fairly-traded product which is new to us.



Some of you will remember that a representative from **Christians Against Poverty** <https://capuk.org/> visited us some years ago. We are pleased to say that a speaker from CAP will join us at 10.30am Morning Worship on 11 October.

Following up on a letter to the previous PM, Sir Keir Starmer, that some of us signed, **JPIT** have written to Andy Burnham urging him to reverse plans to prevent the families of successful asylum applicants from joining them.

We always say that hot drinks and cake are what Trinity do best and we certainly did them very well for the Marie Curie concert in March. Building on that, there will be an opportunity to show your support for **Home-start Bedfordshire**, our new charity of the year. On 14 November we are planning a Singalong of popular songs, with a live band but with the words of the songs on a screen so that the audience can join in. I need to form a working group to prepare for this event, with regard both to "front of house" and catering, so if you are prepared to help in any way, please contact me.

The next meeting of the Community Action Group will be after 10.30 morning worship on 20 September. All are welcome to join us.

Charles

Janet Graham Part 1 - My memories of World War Two

I was born in South East London, quite near the Crystal Palace. My mother, brother and I, lived in my grandmother's house. A railway line went from the Crystal Palace to Beckenham, on a grassy bank. A land mine was dropped at the bottom of the garden, so we were evacuated. My grandmother refused to leave. My mother took me and my brother, who was three and a half years older than me, to the country. My brother went to a farm as boys were considered useful for farm work. Girls were useful for housework, but little ones like me were difficult to place. I was very unhappy where I was sent, but my brother was happy.

The land mine was safely defused so we could return home, but my brother was far away for the rest of the war. We slept in the cupboard under the stairs, as it was considered the safest place in the house until an Anderson shelter was built in the back garden. The soil which was dug out was used to cover it. We spent many hours there, sheltering from the bombs. My mother took a tin with some food, candles and matches. Many houses were destroyed, but we only had windows broken. Windows had tape crisscrossed to prevent glass splinters flying.

I enjoyed watching search lights. We had a small park nearby which housed the anti-aircraft guns ("ack-ack"), the search lights and anchorage for the barrage balloons all covered over. During the day it was too bright for raids. We got used to the different sounds of the "air-raid warning" and the "all-clear" sirens. The squadrons of aircraft flying overhead made different sounds, especially the Germans who were on their way to bomb London. There were the V1 rockets (unmanned jet propelled), engines that cut out and fell to the ground and exploded, demolishing houses and buildings. We called them "doodle bugs".

During the blackout at night, we could not show any lights. We had thick curtains at all windows and doors, and any cars had dimmed headlights and the lowest part covered in black tape.

Many food items were rationed. We had ration books with coupons for butter, margarine and lard, cheese, sugar, tea, eggs, sweets and soap. (*See below for the typical weekly food ration.*) Each time you had your quota the coupon would be cut out, or marked with a cross by a thick black pencil. Petrol was only available for doctors and essential service vehicles. There was dried powdered egg, which needed reconstituting, and tasted horrible.

Towards the end of the war the Germans developed the V2 rocket, which was more lethal and quieter than the V1 bomb. My aunt, uncle and 5-year-old cousin were killed by a V2 as they slept. Morrison shelters were used by people who had no space outside for a shelter. These shelters were very strong and could withstand the weight of a bombed building.

The war ended in 1945 causing great celebrations. My mother took me to London to join the VE celebrations. I was squashed by the crowds! A policeman outside Buckingham Palace lifted me up onto the Victoria memorial. The King, Queen and Princess Elizabeth in ATS uniform, Winston Churchill and Princess Margaret came out onto the balcony so I was able to see them all.

Janet Graham

To be continued next month...

A typical weekly food ration for an adult:

- *Bacon & Ham 4 oz / Other meat value of 1 shilling and 2 pence (equivalent to 2 chops)*
- *Butter 2 oz / Cheese 2 oz / Margarine 4 oz / Cooking fat 4 oz / Milk 3 pints / sugar 8 oz*
- *Preserves 1 lb every 2 months*
- *Tea 2 oz*
- *Eggs 1 fresh egg (plus allowance of dried egg)*
- *Sweets 12 oz every 4 weeks*

<https://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Rationing-in-World-War-Two/>

Circuit Talking Point

We live in a world where there are people of many different faiths. We talk of the 'Abrahamic' faiths as the three that have their roots in Abraham, yet the differences often lead to mistrust, division and even violence.

So our question for you to talk about is simply: –

'Are different faiths equal?'

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



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.

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit Rev Seung-wook Jung, Andrea Als-McLean, Catherine Roots, Colin Quine, Ken Harris & Frankie Fisher, Fiona Arscott-Smith, Lynda Hart, Richard Bates
- Work of the Worship Committee as they fill Local Arrangements
- All those who attend Games Fellowship
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them
- All those who mourn
- All those who live on Riverside, Wentworth Drive, King Street, Monarch Way, Sovereign Close, Queen Street, Princes Court, Old Road, Soulbury Road, Bideford Green, Derwent Road, Himley Green, Bunkers Lane Estates
- Staff and students returning to school and college this month
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with R

October Trinity News will be published on 27 September 2026. The deadline is 12noon Wednesday 23 September. Send contributions to: trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.

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