

Trinity News



October 2026



The Season of Creation 2026: Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

A Rocha, The Season of Creation 2026: Living Water

<https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation/>

Services at Trinity during October

Thursday 1 October	2:30pm	Harvest celebration and cake le by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Sunday 4 October	10:30am	Harvest celebration service led by Peter Baker
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Catherine Roots
Tuesday 6 October	10:00am	Midweek service with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Sunday 11 October	9:15am	Early Church led by Catherine Roots
	10:30am	Morning Worship with Christians Against Poverty
	2:30pm	Memorial Service led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood
Tuesday 13 October	10:00am	Midweek service led by Chris Berry
Sunday 18 October	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 20 October	10:00am	Midweek service led by Lynda Burgess
Sunday 25 October	9:15am	Early Church led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Colin Taplin
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Tuesday 27 October	10:00am	Midweek service led by Peter Baker



Other activities at Trinity during October

Thursday 1 October	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
Monday 5 October	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 8 October	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Games Fellowship
Monday 12 October	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 14 October	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 15 October	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:15pm - 4:00pm	Knit and Natter
Monday 19 October	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 20 October	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Church Council
Thursday 22 October	9:30am - 11:00am	Trinity Toddlers
	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Games Fellowship
Monday 26 October	8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 28 October	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 29 October	9:30am - 11:00am	<i>No Trinity Toddlers today</i>
	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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Early Church at Trinity

Early Church is an important part of the Church family at Trinity. It offers a more relaxed form of worship at an earlier time which is more conducive for families.

Nine years ago we started holding Early Church every Sunday. Due to lack of leaders it is with sadness that, from October, we have to go back to holding Early Church on 2nd and 4th Sunday's only. Please pray for the Early Church families and Leaders in the coming weeks.

Harvest celebration at Trinity, 4 October at 10.30am

Don't forget our Harvest service at 10.30 on 4 October. Donations for the Leighton Linlade Community Foodbank will be gathered. They welcome tinned meat, desserts, pasta sauce, tea, coffee, long life milk, tinned fish, juices, snack noodles. No fresh foods please. Any coins given during this service will be given to All We Can.

For your diary

Saturday 7 November at 10am - Meeting and Training for Pastoral Friends and Links (Further details to follow)

Saturday 14 November - Singalong in aid of Home-Start Bedfordshire (see CAG news p6)

Congratulations Seung-wook!!

During his recent sabbatical our minister Rev Seung-Wook Jung, completed his Masters degree thesis AND PASSED.



Pastoral News

Grace Horsfall has moved

Grace has now moved to Elm Lodge Care Home in Stoke Road, Leighton Buzzard. Friends are more than welcome to call. If you want any further information please contact Catherine Roots.



Baptism

We were delighted to welcome Marina's grandson, Edward James, in baptism at Trinity in September.

(He looks as though he is following every word!)

News from Trinity

Harvest Celebration & Cake Thursday 1 October at 2.30pm

Do come along and join us for readings and hymns on a harvest theme followed by Tea and Cake in the Hall. If you are able to bring a cake please let Catherine know via a steward or ring her on 01525 754789.



Welcome to our new Church Administrator

In July the Church Council agreed that we advertise for a Church Administrator and Outreach Worker. The work was set in progress and the adverts for the jobs were sent out to numerous areas. We

received three applications for the Church administrator role and I am pleased to say that after the interviews were held we were able to appoint Emily Watts to the role. Some will be aware that Emily also leads our Toddlers group.

Emily will be working alongside Anne Gray for a few weeks as the work is varied and complex but I am sure you will all join me in wishing Emily all the best in this new role.

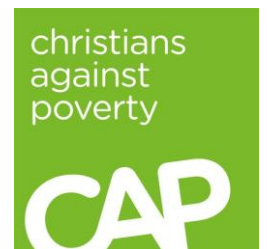
One part of the role is to publish the 'Trinity News' so from now on please ensure you send any items for Trinity to 'trinityweeklynews@gmail.com' or leave them in the letter rack addressed to **Church Administrator**.

Unfortunately we did not have any applicants for the role of 'Outreach Worker' so the Leadership team will review this in the next few weeks.

Catherine Roots, Senior Steward

October Charity of the month - Christians Against Poverty

The mission of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) <https://capuk.org/> is to equip local churches to support churches to offer reliable, practical help to those up against financial crisis or vulnerability, help that restores someone's financial resilience and hope for the future, and introduces them to the fullness of life that Jesus offers.



A representative from CAP will be at the 10.30 service on 11 October to talk about their work and how we can support them. There will be collections for CAP on 11 and 18 October.

Community Action Group news

There were three main topics for discussion at the recent Community Action Group Meeting on Sunday 21 September beginning with our fund-raising Singalong for Home-start Bedfordshire on 14 November. Selected members of the

congregation having given their approval for the list of 1960s-70s songs to be performed, we are just left with the practical challenges of running the event. It is proposed that entry will be free but that numbered tickets will be required to avoid turning people away, as we had to do for the concert in the spring. There will be a sheet provided on the noticeboard for us to sign and tickets will be issued within Trinity. Visitors will need to use Eventbrite to secure theirs. We have some volunteers to provide cakes and refreshments but more would be welcome and we are short of people to set out the Hall and staff the entrance.

We also talked about Circuit plans to show the excellent National Emergency Briefing film <https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film> that some of us saw at the Library Theatre a few weeks ago. We agreed to add Trinity to the list of churches who want to host an event, in our case in the New Year. And we also discussed an invitation from the Sacred Heart to attend their celebration of One World and the legacy of Saint Francis on 3rd October (see below). Further details available on the hymn book trolleys in the Anteroom.

Wendy reported that the Recycling Cupboard has met the acute needs of several people recently and we now have room for more donations. As the colder weather approaches (we think!) there will probably be a need for some warm clothing, as well as the usual crockery, kitchenware and bedding. We are currently in the middle of the annual Fairtrade Fortnight campaign and details are displayed on the bottom corridor notice board.

Catherine reported that, in line with Trinity's commitment to the national Constituency Action Network, she had written to our MP Alex Mayer about the "Brew It Fair" tea campaign and received a letter in reply. The next CAG meeting will be at 11.45 on Sunday 8 November, in the Anteroom.

Charles Horsefield

**Justice and Peace Group, Sacred Heart Church,
Saturday 3 October at 10am, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall,
Leighton Buzzard**

All are welcome to join the Justice and Peace Group at Sacred Heart Church at a talk to mark the 800 Anniversary of St Francis and also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Group at Sacred Heart. For further information please contact Sue Horsefield.

Janet Graham - memories of childhood *Part 2*

In 1947 I caught poliomyelitis “polio” during the epidemic – *“the largest and geographically most widespread outbreak of the disease ever recorded in England and Wales.”* The “fever” ambulance and fever nurse took me to the fever hospital for some weeks, after which I was transferred to Farnborough Hospital in Kent, to an adult ward in the grounds. This was a military style hut, housing about 30 beds. I was the only child there, but the younger women patients were very kind to me. There was a coke stove in the middle for heating. Various treatments were tried to improve my mobility. Gradually I was able to sit up and move my right arm and legs. After many months I was discharged home wearing a special corset and an “aeroplane” splint to my left arm and shoulder. I returned to school after a year, determined to train as a nurse. I continued having physiotherapy and two operations on my left shoulder and elbow to try to improve their usefulness. Doctors said I should have a quiet sitting job, but I was determined to be a nurse. I applied to several nurse training hospitals but was rejected. I then applied to a smaller branch (before the NHS) of Guys Hospital. The Victorian matron was very reluctant but eventually employed me on a six month trial. I worked very hard, and adapted to the work, which was exhausting, but I was determined to keep going.

I was accepted on the Probationer Training School for three and half years for the theory and practice of nursing, Work on the wards was exhausting, and I used the off duty periods to rest.

Part of the training was in South East London's Children's Hospital. The Matron there was very caring and particularly concerned about the babies abandoned on the doorstep, and was determined to find them homes.

I qualified as a State Registered General Nurse, coming top in my group. I was a staff nurse at the Children's Hospital, then acting Sister. On Sunday mornings I taught the bigger children choruses and simple hymns.

In 1965 I moved to York for 26 years and continued nursing until my younger son was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. As his condition worsened I cared for him at home until he died. We had an interest in eastern Europe so when I heard of the terrible conditions of the orphanages in Romania I volunteered to go as a nurse using my one month holiday entitlement.

Janet Graham

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in August was £4,938. 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 All We Can raised £175.70.

Circuit, District and Connexion News

Introduction service Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams

Apologies to those who could not watch the service on 6 September from The Square using the link in last month's Trinity News. To watch a recording please use:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ukqe0E0A1qM>

Reparative Justice Consultation

The Methodist Church Justice-Seeking Church team is launching a consultation on the Methodist Church's response to its historical involvement in the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people. The consultation will provide an opportunity for people across the Methodist Church to share their views on how the Church should respond. There will be online and in-person opportunities to learn more and contribute, together with a local discussion guide and an online survey.

Further information about the consultation is available here:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/social-justice/reparative-justice/get-involved/>

New Chair Bedfordshire, Essex & Hertfordshire District

The Rev Dr David Chapman's term as Chair of the District for the Bedfordshire, Essex & Hertfordshire will come to its end in August 2027. The District Policy Committee was delighted to recommend to the recent District Synod that it nominates the Rev Michael Parker to take up that role.

Mike is the Chaplain-General for the British Army, the most senior Army chaplain nationally. As an Army chaplain, he has engaged with a wide range of people within and beyond the Christian community, with specific concern to support young people and to advocate for global members of the Methodist Church. Synod overwhelmingly agreed the nomination and the nomination will be put forward to Conference. We look forward to him joining the District in September 2027.

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.

Circuit Talking Point

We live in a world where all the news seems to be bad news, yet in Mark 16:15 Jesus says 'Go into the world and preach the Good News to everyone'

So, our question this week is: –

'What is the Good News the world needs to hear from the church?'



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

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit Peter Baker, Catherine Roots, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Chris Berry, Sheila Norris, Lynda Burgess, Roger Owers, Colin Taplin
- The Property Committee
- The work of Christians Against Poverty
- The Church Council meeting on 20 October
- All those attending our Memorial Service on 11 October
- 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 Leighton Road, Vimy Road, Vimy Court, Bridge Street, Pulford Road, Church Avenue, Wing Road, New Road, Church Road, Vicarage Road, Ship Road, The Wharf
- Staff and pupils at Pulford Lower School and Aristotots and Headstart Nursery School
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with S,T

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