

Trumpeter

News and views for the Methodist Churches in
Leighton Buzzard, Eaton Bray and
Edlesborough



April bluebells
Photo: Chris Lowe

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APRIL 2016



Sunday services at Trinity will be conducted by:

APRIL

24	9.15	Early Church	6.00	Circuit service (Easter Offering) @ Legrave
	10.30	Peter Baker	15	9.15 F4T Belinda Freedom
	6.00	Rev TJ Wesley		10.30 Rev Nigel Wright - HC

MAY

1	8.30	Rev Nigel Wright - HC	22	9.15 Early Church
	10.30	Robin Gurney		10.30 Geoff Bocutt
	6.00	Local arrangements		6.00 Rev Nigel Wright - Cafe
8	9.15	Early Church (Rev Nigel Wright - HC)	29	8.30 Prayer Meeting
	10.30	Rev Andy Melvin		10.30 Melvyn Corby
				6.00 Ben Williams (Taize)

Sunday services at Eaton Bray will be conducted by:

(All services at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated)

APRIL

24	8.30	Prayer Meeting	8	Peter Baker - Cafe
		Rev Nigel Wright - HC	15	Local arrangements (Sunday School anniversary)

MAY

1	Geoff Bocutt	22	Rev Andy Melvin - HC
		29	United @ Edlesborough

Sunday services at Edlesborough will be conducted by:

(All services at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated)

APRIL

24	Roger Owers	8	Joan Gregory
		15	Peter Baker
		22	Robin Wright

MAY

1	Rev Nigel Wright - HC	29	Steve Jones - United
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On Local Preachers' Sunday, 10 April, Trinity hosted the Circuit service and certificates were presented to two of Trinity's Local Preachers. Colin Dimmock received his for 60 years of preaching in the Church and

Circuit. He recalled the early days of preaching. Robin Gurney received his certificate on completing 30 years as a Local Preacher. Robin reflected on his many travels around the globe where he was invited to preach.

“A new command I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35 NIV)

“The heart is not like a box that gets filled up; it expands in size the more you love.” That’s a line from the film ‘Her’, a romantic science fiction comedy released in 2013.

The implication is that the more we love other people, the greater the capacity we have to love others. Jesus in this message to his disciples commands us to show that love to each other; it is at the very heart of our relationship with God, as followers of Jesus.

This passage from John gives us a really uplifting message but it is also sobering when we think through the implications, because Jesus was prepared to die in order to show this love to his followers.

Are we prepared to die for each other? Most followers of Jesus aren’t required to do that but there were more Christian martyrs in the twentieth century than any

From the Manse



previous century. I wonder what will happen during this century.

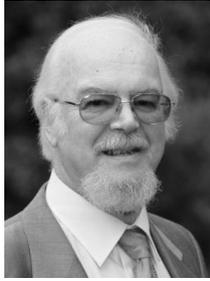
But how far are we prepared to go to love each other, to show that love that Jesus asked for? Are we prepared to speak kindly of others, even those we might not like, or get on with? What kind of welcome do we give to our fellow worshippers at church, whether it’s the first time they’ve come or whether they’ve come to worship thousands of times? How do we love the people in all the places where we work and live and spend our time? What difference do we make to the world around us as individuals and as church communities?

“A new command I give to you,” Jesus said, “Love one another.” Let us ask him for his help in continuing to show that love to each other and those around us.

Nigel

Television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you would never choose to invite into your home. (David Frost)

The Editor writes



As we move into a rather hesitant Spring (snow being forecast as I write) our airwaves are filled with talk of the forthcoming referendum. It seems a pity that the scheduled elections at the beginning of May for Police and Crime Commissioners and many, many councillors around the country are being ignored, if not ignored certainly playing second fiddle to the vote at the end of June. That is not to say that the referendum is not important as it is arguably the biggest political decision that any of us will have to make in the next few years.

While there are still two months to go before that let me remind ourselves that the world goes on in so many different ways. The annual Christian Aid week will be held from 15-26 May. Christian Aid is the collective arm of the main British Churches as their aid agency. This week has received less and less attention in our local churches in recent years

and yet the need for CA's services increase rather than decrease. Door-to-door collecting is not everyone's choice of spending an afternoon or evening but it still raises a considerable sum as part of the whole church effort.

One of CA's campaigns over the last few years has been tax justice — certainly a headline issue at the moment with the release of what have been termed the "Panama Papers".

Elections, tax, climate are all issues in the world around us but all have Christians looking at the world and at ourselves to see where we fit in the big picture. We are all in the world but as the old cliché says "not of it".

This issue of Trumpeter is full of actions being undertaken in the name of the church. Thanks to all who have contributed. The Dafodil Rally, the weekend away, news from Eaton Bray and the plans for the future at Linslade and at Trinity are all included.

Naturally there are other regular items such as Eco notes and puzzling problems.

There is one other special item that deserves recognition and that is the poem by Sarina in honour of Ken Gregory (page 13). Look it up and congratulate Ken when you see him.

REC



When documents emanate from the Vatican, Methodists are not always as interested or as involved in what they say as perhaps they should be. A few weekends ago I participated in a learning seminar about “Laudato Si” (On care for the common home), a Papal encyclical letter.

Translated, the encyclical title could be “Praise to you, my Lord” — it is all about our earth and what we are doing to it and is based on the canticle of St Francis of Assisi. This reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

The encyclical goes on to note that this sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have in-

flicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will.

The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; “she groans in travail” (Romans 8:22).

We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life refreshment from her waters.

These statements of the Pope echo the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and civic groups, all of whom have enriched the Church’s thinking on these questions.

We cannot afford to let our interest slip — the future is at stake.

REG

To keep in touch with Eco issues follow the Green Christian monthly Prayer Diary: <http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/faith/prayer-guide>.

Trinity Annual Church Meeting – 3 April, 2016

A summary of the main points from the Annual Church Meeting.

- * The Stewards were re-appointed. Marina Mele and Sue Stokes will be retiring in 2017. There is an urgent need for more people to offer to become Stewards.
 - * The existing representatives to the Church Council were re-appointed. There are a number of vacancies to fill in this capacity.
 - * Reports from most church groups had been displayed in the ante-room for the whole church to review.
 - * Five members from Linslade Chapel are now part of the Trinity membership, along with three new members.
 - * Forty-seven people joined the Church Weekend Away at High Leigh in March, led by Rev Richard Steel and his wife, Jenny. There will be an afternoon tea on Saturday, 7 May to review the weekend and plan future developments.
 - * A review of our Pastoral Work is underway. There will be an open meeting on Monday, 23 May at 19.30 to develop a revised pastoral system.
 - * Roger Owers reported that our finances are where he would expect them to be for this time of year. He thanked all for their generous giving.
 - * Sue Stokes reported that the Property Committee is looking into replacing the signage outside the church. The power-assisted doors are working fairly well. Roof repairs are being carried out as part of the quinquennial survey.
 - * The Worship Consultation Group advised that the Church Anniversary will be on 10 July, when Mike Owens will be returning to conduct the 9.15 and 10.30 services.
 - * TTT: Ben Williams and Debbie Melvin gave a comprehensive presentation of the work carried out as a result of the 3-year TTT project, which completes this autumn. Thanks were expressed for all their work over this period.
 - * Beyond TTT: the Leadership has been working on ideas for what should happen when the TTT project ends. Some proposals are: continue to employ a Toddlers' Group Leader; continue to employ a Messy Church Co-ordinator; continue to employ a Project Administrator; discontinue to employ a Discipleship & Outreach Enabler when Ben leaves.
- To maintain the benefit of the work Ben is doing and to support the other work in the Vision Plan, we need to find many volunteers – helpers for Freedom Generation, housegroup co-ordinator, Food4Thought leader, overseer of youth

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The happy group who enjoyed the weekend away at High Leigh.

Church away weekend

High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hoddesdon, Herts, was the destination as cars and trains set off on Friday, 11 March for a weekend of teaching, fellowship and fun.

It was surprising how little time it took to get there - I had thought that the rush-hour traffic would delay us, but virtually everyone was there to join in with the evening meal. The organising team of Ben, Debbie, Judy, Tasha and Fiona had arrived before us and we were given a warm welcome as we found our rooms and settled in.

There were four worship and teaching sessions spread across the three days: Richard and Jan Steel from Kirkheaton provided the teaching component and gave us lots to think about as we considered the question "What is Church?". We had the opportunity to explore the ideas further in small "Class Groups".

The weekend was shared by folk from Trinity and Eaton Bray chapel and it was good to ex-

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Church weekend away *(Continued)*

change ideas and fellowship across the churches. We were joined by several young people and their needs were looked after by Thomas Langston the student from Moorlands who was on placement at Trinity for the five weeks running up to the event.

One of the highlights of the weekend for me were the prayer meetings which started each day. These were optional, but more than half of us joined to dedicate ourselves to the Lord each morning.

High Leigh is a large and efficient centre with plenty of amenities and spacious grounds to explore in the sunshine. The food was plentiful and delicious! There was plenty of opportunity for relaxation too.

On Saturday afternoon many people set out to explore the local area and the evening included a team quiz which was great fun and increasingly noisy — I had not realised how competitive Methodists can be!

The weekend closed with a Communion and lunch which we shared together on the Sunday. It was a great weekend and many of the ideas and images which Richard used to stimulate our thoughts are still very clear in my mind five weeks later!

Thanks again to the team for organising such a great weekend. I know that some people were not able to join us for various reasons, but I hope that both churches will benefit from the experience and that the material and ideas can be re-used in helping us all to be relevant to each other and our communities. *Chris Mesley*

Eight hundred acts of kindness

A village in Somerset has undertaken 800 individual acts of kindness to celebrate its local church. The village of Congresbury has exceeded its challenge of more than 800 good deeds to celebrate 800 years of its local parish church, St Andrews. The 3,500 villagers have been taking part in the anonymous Love Congresbury project, where the good deed is written on a small note and posted at the church. Becci North, one of the organisers and an active member of the church told Premier Radio that the deeds "range from mowing somebody's lawn, giving a lift to hospital, and aid to Calais." She said she was "absolutely amazed; it's been wonderful to think that so many people have embraced it, of all ages, all backgrounds of faith, of no faith." Becci said that it was a way of enforcing community and "spreading God's love through the community."

Meeting to gauge interest in opening a CAP debt centre at Trinity

John and Wendy Graver recently spoke at the morning services at Trinity to tell us about the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP), an organisation which comes to the aid of individuals and families trapped in debt and supports them as they emerge from it.

Debt arises as a result of many different circumstances and is something that can easily grow as people try to juggle their finances and sometimes borrow even more to do so. With the increase in unstable and zero-hours work contracts and the introduction of Universal Credit, many foresee the issue of debt and its associated problems becoming worse.

The manager of the Leighton-Linslade CAB once told me that worries about debt were the second most frequent reason people came to see them. This doesn't surprise me as in my own area of work I often come across people who are in this position. The CAB does a wonderful job in advising individuals who are in debt and helping them to contact creditors; however they do not have the resources to provide the long-term practical help and ongoing support that many need in order to sort out their debts and learn

how to live debt-free.

Likewise, the Credit Union provides a great way for local people to be able to save and borrow in a supported and ethical environment; however it is not a support service for people who are already sunk in the hopelessness of mounting debt. A CAP Debt Centre would not replicate but complement these existing services.

Having looked closely at the work of CAP for several years, I have become increasingly impressed by the combination of finance professionals at head office who make all the necessary financial arrangements and those at the local church level, who liaise between the head office and the client and provide a reassuring presence and practical assistance to the client for as long as it is needed.

At each CAP Debt Centre there is a Centre Manager (voluntary or paid) plus a couple of assistants and some befrienders from local churches. A Centre usually helps three or up to six clients per month, depending on its chosen set-up. Befrienders are there to provide ongoing, friendly help from the church to those who are

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CAP

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being helped and, if they are interested, to let them know about how they can gain more support from the church family (eg, Toddler Groups, Tuesday Fellowship Circle etc.).

There is a cost to the church as the central services have to be funded somehow but I was interested to hear from John Graver that there are a number of funding sources which other churches have used and that he has never come across a church that has had to fund the project solely from its own resources. I am also aware of a number of possible sources of funding, both local and national. In addition, Mission in Britain (formerly Home Missions) has recently awarded a large grant

to a Methodist church to open and run a CAP Centre.

The Leadership Team at Trinity has agreed for me to do some initial exploration about whether we could feasibly open a CAP Centre. If you might be interested either in being part of a team to explore setting up a Centre, becoming a CAP Centre manager or assistant, becoming a church befriender to those in debt, writing funding applications or just finding out more about CAP, then please come along to an initial exploratory meeting at the Manse on Tuesday, 17 May at 8.00 pm. If you are unable to attend, please let me know that you are interested prior to this date. Attending the meeting or indicating an interest at this stage does not mean that you are committed to getting involved; that will be for you to decide.

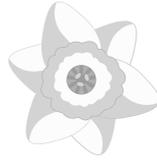
Heather Wright

David Dawes sets us another brain teasing mathematical question

What is the smallest number, which can be divided by 5, 6, 7, and 21?

Answer on page 16.

Daffodil



Rally

Phyllis Tucker writes a letter to friends and family in Australia and South Africa regarding a visit to London on 7 March, 2016

Greetings! As I told you some time ago, a trip to London was planned to attend the annual Daffodil Rally at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster (not far from the Abbey).

Monday morning at 9 am two coaches left Leighton Buzzard packed with members of Trinity Methodist Church and friends. Our coach driver was Charlie, the usual driver for these and other outings, a familiar friend for most of the passengers. Here I must thank Mary and Wallace Edwards, organisers of the trip, who kept sharp eyes on their charges to ensure our comfort and safety.

We trundled our way through the beautiful English countryside, fields with placidly grazing cattle, sheep, horses and villages where we paused to collect more passengers. Eventually, elevenish, London, busy and crowded. My head was swivelling side to side to take it all in.

At last, the Methodist Central

Hall, a vast edifice with St James' Park across the way. A walk in the park would be tempting but the weather being chilly we all surged across the road into the main entrance, up some steps, down some stairs. Fixing my eye on a familiar Trinity face, I went down with the crowd — and lost my "guide". Dismayed, I stood and waited, and waited. Eventually, a kindly soul saw my plight and led me off in search of the Trinity folk. Mercifully, we soon found Mary and Wallace, with their daughter Helen, so thereafter I kept very close to them.

We were able to take our seats in the main hall at 1.30 pm for a 2 o'clock start to the main function. Our seats, quite near the front, were "booked" for us by the laying of a scarf across the length, a nifty ploy by Helen earlier. The main hall is enormous seating with the balcony upwards of two thousand. The hall was packed (al-

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Daffodil Rally

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most to the rafters) with cheerful folk, greeting friends, catching up with news from last year. Everywhere one looked there were daffodils - after all it was Daffodil Day.

After a welcome by the Rev Tony Miles (Deputy Superintendent Minister, MC, if you like) there was time for community singing, some rousing hymns, some more reflective. Then, at 2 o'clock the formal start, opening prayers followed by the Rev Tony introducing and interviewing several guests. These were, first Anne Mallinson, representing the Lord Mayor of Westminster - she gave a short address. Next Anna McLeod who, way back in 1972 had been a singer in the stage production of Jesus Christ Superstar. She told how she had become a Christian at that time. She sang the song "I don't know how to love Him". Very moving and poignant. This was followed by Pam Rhodes, a familiar face from "Songs of Praise" TV on Sundays and a contributor to many church functions in this part of the world. Next came Anando Muckerjee, a favourite singer, tenor, but with a

wide range and a marvellous, powerful voice and presence. His last contribution was "Amazing Grace". The Rev Steve Wild, this year's President of the Methodist Conference, then gave a short address.

Then followed prayer led by deacons, ministers, representatives of women's organisations; very moving and an address by the Rev Martyn Atkins, Superintendent Minister and Team Leader, on the subject of "Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual songs".

Finally, congregational hymns and the blessing. Having played for us at the magnificent organ, the Director of Music, Gerard Brooks, came down from way, way, up above, and took a bow — the music was marvellous, marvellous.

Exhausted, we climbed aboard our coach and made our way homeward in the gathering dusk, through the villages dropping off passengers as needed, arriving back in Leighton Buzzard just after six. Again, a big thank you to all who arranged transport, cared for us all. Would I go again? Probably. It was a lifetime event Do join me if you happen to visit the UK. Make a plan. Love and blessings.

Phyllis

Eighty years of Ken

Today we send our greetings
on this very special day
to Ken, his eightieth birthday
there's so much we want to say.

Enjoy the celebration,
with the family by your side,
Michael, Philip, Christine and
Katherine
and grandchildren full of smiles

Born and bred In Linslade
enjoyed the local schools
and on to College of Technology
AC Delco the next move.
National Service then did follow
in the RAF you did your share
together with your comrades
used your skills to show you cared.

The Chapel known as Hockliffe Street
is where the seed was sown
to become a Local Preacher
so the love of God be shown.

It also has the memories
of the day you said "I Do,"
where you and Joan got married
with your love still shining through.

We give you thanks from Trinity
for all that you have done
in the Pantomime and Concerts
always there with brother Don.
Behind the scenes and in the choir
Local Preacher and the rest
now sit back as we remember
for your Lord you did your best.

Now its time for your hobbies
read the books that you enjoy
your stamp and coin collection
let the world go passing by.
May God's blessing shine upon you
on your journey Joan and Ken
may His Peace and Love surround
you
till you reach the promised land.

Sarina Wray

**Congratulations KEN
from all at Trinity —
Keep Singing!**

Trinity ACM *(Continued)*

& children's work, leaders & helpers
for an over 16s youth group, group to
look at use of premises.

It is important that the whole
church should be involved in
developing these ideas, so there will

be a workshop from 11:00-13:00 on
11 June. All are welcome to attend.

* **Dates of next Church Councils:**
Thursday, 23 June; Thursday, 3
November.

* **Date of next Annual Church
Meeting:** Sunday, 2 April, 2017

“Treasure Hunt”

There are 25 Books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to a friend. She judges the job of solving this problem so involved that she brews a cup of tea to help her concentration. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That’s a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the “Adelphi” lemonade stall set a new sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over two hundred readers who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As one put it, “Books are all here in plain view but hidden from sight. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown.” One revelation that might help is that books like Timothy and Samuel occur without numbers. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus; there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph - waiting to be found.

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Open afternoon at Linslade

Sunday, 15 May 4.00 pm.

There will be an open afternoon at Linslade Chapel.

You are invited to visit the chapel and neighbourhood, join in prayer, imagine what could happen at the chapel and have a cup of tea.

Together we would like to pray and share our ideas. The afternoon will conclude with Praise and Celebration for work done and God's inspiration for the future. This will take place at 6.00 pm in place of the evening service at Trinity.

We have an opportunity to consider how Linslade Methodist Chapel could be used in the future. Earlier this year after regular worship ceased, Trinity took responsibility for the building. This means that for a while, at least, the premises will not be sold, and we can take time to discern God's will for this place.

At this stage no specific plans have been developed so we are open for ideas. These could include anything from working with other Christian Churches or groups, using the premises as an extension of work done at Trinity, or even planting a new church. We are looking for ideas and people to develop a vision for Linslade. The open afternoon is the start of our focus for new opportunities in Linslade.

Roger Owers, Leadership Team

Following the **vision workshop** in April 2015, a group was set up to consider: "We currently have a 'drop-in' for the homeless once a week but are there other circumstances in which we could offer 'drop-in' to provide help, support or companionship to others in the community around us? What might this look like in the short term and in the longer term?"

A number of meetings were held and two priority areas were identified:

- * A group for children aged 3 ½ - 7 years
- * A mid week drop in for people within the church and outside.

The group spent time considering how the groups could be run, activities on offer, number of volunteers needed, training, refreshments, etc.

Although committed to the proposals, and able to volunteer to help at sessions, there was no one person within the planning group currently able to provide a leadership role. This is someone (or a small group of people) who could take responsibility for making sure that the drop-in runs safely each week.

In view of this, the proposals have had to be put on hold. However if there is anyone who feels called to run one of the drop-ins, depending on the day that the service is provided, there are a number of willing and interested volunteers who would be happy to support such an activity. If this is something that you would like to consider, please speak to **Marina Mele** or any other member of the leadership team.

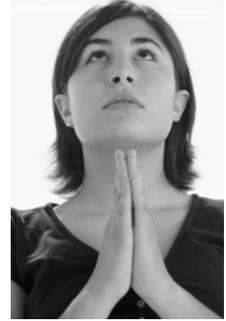
Prayer Corner

I once heard a story of a girl who was caught by her mum at bedtime saying her alphabet over and over. When her mum asked her what she was doing she replied "I'm praying", and so the mum asked "so why are you saying the alphabet?" The girl replied "I want to pray but I don't really know how or what to say to God, and so I repeat the letters of the alphabet, knowing that God will fit the letters together and make the words".

It's a story that has stuck with me as I still struggle to know what to say to God. I have ideas of what I should pray about but getting the words out sometimes feels strange, talking to God in the same way I do my friends is a bit of an alien concept as I feel there are certain ways of talking to God, but in the same breath 'ready-written' prayers don't always say what I want them to. I came across this verse:

"Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to

Natasha Price writes:



pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God." (Romans 8:26-27 MSG)

It has made me do some thinking and realise that God knows what is on my heart and what I am thinking. It doesn't matter if I can't articulate it 'correctly', God is still listening to my thoughts because he knows me inside out, he knows my deepest desires, my sorrows and pains, and my greatest joys and because of this I know I can maintain an amazing relationship with him even when I don't always feel able to fully connect – and so can we all.

Answer to David Dawes math question on page 10

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News from Eaton Bray

On the first Sunday in March John Enejo reflected on confession in Lent and led us thoughtfully through the process of admitting mistakes, repentance and asking for forgiveness. At a lively and good-humoured Cafe Worship on the second Sunday, Steve Jones helped us to examine our reactions to the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. We came to the realisation that timing is significant; there is a time to be actively busy, a time for austerity and a time for making extravagant gestures in wonder and awe. On Palm Sunday Robin Gurney was a welcome visitor to our pulpit. Reminding us of the Jews' rejection of Jesus because he

didn't fit their idea of the Messiah, he urged us to overcome disappointed expectations and continue to obey our God and share his love. The Family Communion Service on Easter Sunday was a joyful celebration of the Resurrection.

Dates for your Diary:

Café Community

Saturday, 7 May 2016, 11.00 am
– 1.00 pm

We will be delighted to see you if you come to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and/or a light lunch.

Church Picnic at Ashridge

Sunday, 12 June, after the Service.
You are very welcome to join us.

Edlesborough Methodist Church

High Street, Edlesborough

COFFEE MORNING — Last Saturday of each month (except June/December) 10.00 to 12.00.

CAMEO (Come and meet each other)
Coffee morning second Thursday each month,
10.00 to 12 noon.

All are welcome. We are situated in front of the village green.

Tuesday Worship at Trinity

(followed by refreshments)

10.00 am to 10.30 am will be led by:



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26 Rev Wyn Jones

10 Robin Gurney

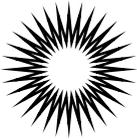
17 Rev Nigel Wright - HC

MAY

3 Rev Wallace Edwards

24 Joan Gregory

31 Ben Williams



Trinity Fellowship Circle

Tuesdays at 7.30 pm

APRIL

26 Bonsai & hanging baskets with
John Digby

10 Fish & chip supper

17 To be announced

24 Our favourite music - members'
evening

MAY

3 ZSL at Whipsnade with
Stephanie Baker

31 Leighton Buzzard railway - the
early years with Tony Tomkins

Flowers in church



APRIL

24 Peter Baker in loving memory
of Caroline & thanks for
fellowship and support at
Trinity.

15 Donald & Sylvia, Fiona &
Isobel Cameron in loving
memory of Gavin Cameron,
cherished son, brother &
loving father

MAY

1 Dennis Horsler in loving
memory of his family

8 Flower Fund

22 Fiona & Kevin Arcscott-Smith in
remembrance of Hazel & Alice
& in thanksgiving for Jamie &
Adam

Weekly activities at Trinity

SUNDAY

- 8.30 Holy Communion. Optional breakfast (usually 1st Sunday in month)
9.15 Food 4 Thought (Chatteris Suite - usually 3rd Sunday in month)
9.15 Early Church, including creche (2nd and 4th Sundays in each month)
10.30 Morning Worship (coffee afterwards in the hall)
5.30 Freedom Generation (Youth group for school years 7-11) in Chatteris Suite
6.00 Evening Worship

MONDAY

- 8.00 Badminton in the hall

TUESDAY

- 9.45-11.15 Mothers & Toddlers (Chatteris Suite) Term time only
10.00-10.30 Half hour market day worship + refreshments
10.45-11.45 The Minister's Vestry hour
1.30-3.00 Trinity Toddlers (Chatteris Suite (Term time only)
7.00-8.30 Cubs
7.30 Trinity Fellowship

WEDNESDAY

- Evening Drop-in for homeless

THURSDAY

- 2.00 Sewing Circle (1st and 3rd weeks of the month)
6.15-7.30 Beavers
7.30-9.00 Scouts

FRIDAY

- 9.45-11.15 Mothers & Toddlers (Chatteris Site) Term time only
6.00-7.30 Girls' Brigade - Explorers
6.30-8.00 Girls' Brigade - Juniors
7.00-9.00 Girls' Brigade - Seniors
7.30-9.30 Girls' Brigade - Brigaders

SATURDAY

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Service
For introduction to any of the above, please see a Steward

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*The cloisters, Salisbury Cathedral
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Let every Christian pray,
this day, and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the church we love
commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth
the Church of Christ on
earth
to seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn
since that tremendous
dawn,
those gifts of Pentecost.

Always the Spirit strove
to teach her how to love:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Age after age, anew,
she proved the gospel true:
come, Holy Spirit, come!

Only the Spirit's power
can fit us for this hour:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Instruct, inspire, unite;
and make us see the light:
come, Holy Spirit, come!

*Fred Pratt Green
(Singing the Faith 388)*