

# Trumpeter



## What's happening at Trinity

January 2019

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## From the Manse

New year 2019 has come but our New year as Christians already began last December because the beginning of the new year in the church Calendar is Advent.

During Advent and Christmas, we were reminded of the meaning of Christmas and how we welcome Jesus Christ into our lives.

Now we have to remember that it was not just for Christmas. It was the beginning of our journey with Christ this year. We must not welcome Him then make Him stay away from our lives like we get rid of wrapping paper and boxes that once held our presents or let Him stay in the corner of our lives like we put some of our presents on a shelf in the corner of the house.

When we welcome Him to come into our lives, we welcome him to come to us as a king, as the Lord of our lives not as a servant who helps us when we ask nor an observer who just watches from a distance.

If you truly decided to welcome him into your life, now it's a time to listen to him, learn from him. Don't keep him as 'Baby Jesus' in our heart allow him to grow into a man who came, not for a wooden manger but for a wooden cross. Then he will work in us and through us. He will make us to hold our cross as a follower of Jesus.

As we ask him to come into our life truly last Christmas, let us make it true when we walk with cross on the good Friday. Make days of this new year with Him and in Him.

## Thinking Ahead by Kathy Keeley

Happy New Year to everybody at Trinity. This is a time when many people think about what they hope to achieve over the next calendar year. Planning out actions is often a good thing.

James 2:26 says, "So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without actions is dead."

### Thinking Ahead by Kathy Keeley (continued)

There are things we need to do in our own right and as a community to stay alive, physically and spiritually. Sometimes, what is needed is beyond our ability to do and in this case Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

At times we get tired of waiting and maybe help is not quickly at hand, but 1 Corinthians 13:4 reminds us that, "Love is patient and kind," and so should we try to be, although that can be hard if we are desperate or disillusioned. Remember Matthew 6:8 says, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you." But maybe not straight away.

Often people's expectations can be beyond what is achievable in the short term and the future is not entirely in our own control. Psalm 16:5 says, "You Lord are all I have and you give me all I need. My future is in your hands." We are all reliant on things we don't fully understand. We need faith like the Psalmists for a healthy shared vision of the future that includes knowledge, experience or insight we may not be aware of yet.

### Early Church corner

Early Church has now completed its first month in the new style. We would really appreciate feedback to the Early Church team on how you are finding it.

In January we will continue with the lectionary readings being our theme.

6th January—Ben Williams—The Wise Men (The wise men visit Jesus)

13th January—Steven Purton—John the Baptist (The baptism of the water and the Holy Spirit)

20th January—Rev. Seung-Wook Jung—A Very Special Wedding (Jesus' first miracle) - This will be a service with Holy Communion and will be a Café Style service.

27th January—Richard Bates—Jesus's Manifesto (Who did Jesus say he was?)



## Next Steps Review

The circuit has asked that all churches to consider their own vision for the future outlined in the document Next Steps Review.

At Trinity we want to discuss how we can respond to the review and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to voice their thoughts.

The leadership team feel that the best way forward is to think about what we are doing and to look forward in the light of our Mission Statement.

The Statement says:

*Trinity Methodist Church exists to create a community of disciples of Jesus who:*

- *Worship God*
- *Share God's Love*
- *Help other to follow Jesus*
- *Encourage each other to grow in the Christian faith*
- *Serve God in Leighton Buzzard and throughout the world*

At the beginning of January there will be a leaflet of questions relating to the Mission Statement for you to discuss at home and in house groups.

On 26<sup>th</sup> January there will be an Open Meeting in the Chatteris Suite from 10.30 – 12 noon with coffee being served from 10am to bring together thoughts and comments received to enable us to produce a draft report for Church Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Please put 26<sup>th</sup> January in your diary. This is an important date for us to share how we as a church can ensure that we continue to serve God, our members and the community in which we live.

## Do it anyway

The verses below reportedly were written on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta, India, and are widely attributed to her.

Some sources say that the words below were written on the wall in Mother Teresa's own room. In any case, their association with Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity has made them popular worldwide, expressing as they do, the spirit in which they lived their lives.

They seem to be based on a composition originally by Kent Keith, but much of the second half has been re-written in a more spiritual way.

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

(Sent in by Elizabeth Hitchcock)

## Sunday Services during January

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>6th January</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Ben Williams	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship	Ben Williams	Donald Wray
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Michael Adams	Ann Guy
<u>13th January</u>		
9.15am Early Church	Steven Purton	Jacqui Donaghy
10.30am—Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung—Covenant Service	Elizabeth Hitchcock
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Rev. Nigel Bibbings	Catherine Roots
<u>20th January</u>		
8.30am— Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Jacqui Donaghy
9.15am—Early Church	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Anne Gray
10.30am—Morning Worship	Peter Baker	Charles Horsefield
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Colin Quine	Peter Baker
<u>27th January</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Richard Bates	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship	Ann Guy	Catherine Roots

### 27th January (continued)

6.00pm—Evening  
Worship with Holy  
Communion

Rev. Seung-Wook Jung—  
Covenant Service

Donald Wray

### **Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship**

6th January

Mary Eagleton, Jane Baker, Irene Hyde

13th January

Mary Eagleton, Irene Hyde

20th January

27th January

Van Howard

### **Coffee Team**

6th January

Charles & Sue Horsefield , Debbie Adams

13th January

Irene Hyde, The Wray Family

20th January

Nancy Renfrew, Phyllis Savage, Margaret Dover

27th January

Phil & Cilla Wagner, Frances Underwood, Elaine Green

### **Flowers**

6th January

Flower Fund

13th January

Pauline Peploe, Sue & John North and family in loving memory of their parents, Bill & Ruby Lindgren.

20th January

Flower Fund

27th January

Peter Baker, in memory of Caroline and to give thanks for the fellowship and support of Trinity.

## **Tuesday Morning Service (10am) will be led by:**

1st January	No Service
8th January	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung—with Holy Communion
15th January	Dr. Roger Owers
22nd January	Phil & Cilla Wagner
29th January	Colin Dimmock

## **Wanted**

Each edition of Trumpeter contains up to 4 pages of articles. Unfortunately, we don't always get articles and so the magazine is supplemented by articles that are appropriate, either to the time of year or the charity of the month (connected with the retiring collection). If you would like to provide something please send it to Kathy Keely (Kathy.k@live.co.uk) or Tasha in the Church Office (tttprojectoffice@gmail.com or leave in my pigeon hole). This could be article from an individual or perhaps a group you are involved in e.g. house groups, sewing group, prayer group etc.

## **TFC Notice**

There will be no Tuesday Fellowship Circle during January.

## **Bulletin Bloopers (Just for fun)**

Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheep.

The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.



### Coming up at Trinity and in the South Bedfordshire Circuit

Please see posters in the hallway or see the Trinity website for more details. Alternatively contact the Church Office.

Mon 14th January, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
Mon 14th January, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House group
Thurs 17th January, noon	Trinity	FEBRUARY TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Sat 26th January, 10.30am-12noon	Trinity, Chatteris Suite	Open meeting to discuss the 'Next Steps' review
Sat 26th January, 9.30am-12.30pm	Toddington Methodist Church	Creating a safe place refresher training. There is to be a safeguarding refresher course at Toddington Methodist Church. A creche will be available if required. If you would like a place on this training please contact Ann Guy on 01525 371712. This training needs to be completed every 4 years by those working with young people and vulnerable adults. If you are unsure whether or not this applies to you please ask Ann Guy.

## Mission in Britain

As the retiring collection for Mission in Britain was missed in November, it has been decided that it will take place in January. Below are some stories of what the money is used for.

### Amelia Methodist Trust Farm, Vale of Glamorgan

The ATF has been a pioneering and successful Methodist mission project for 27 years. The project is established as a care farm where disadvantaged young people can make a new start to their life. Significant steps have been taken to create structured learning programmes delivering measurable and recognised outcomes for young people attending.

### The Youth Work 360, Youthscape, Luton

Over the last two years, Youthscape has supported churches in our town (Luton) to do youth work where it had dried up over the past decade. We learnt some important lessons. The most important is how fundamental is finding volunteers to take on the task and giving them the confidence and skills to do the work. The people doing the youth work are the most fundamental asset to what is being done. It's not a huge leap, therefore, to realise that how we recruit, train and equip volunteers to do youth work is crucial. In the past, courses like 'Spectrum' have been invaluable in the church, but this is somewhat outdated. We are developing training for volunteers and the grant is to help fund the next stage of the project: developing the content in much more detail and delivering the training course across the whole Circuit as an official pilot over the next two years.

### Exeter Food Action

"For Lent one year, I gave up money. I lived from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday on the food I found in the bins found outside supermarkets in the city centre. Initially I worried that while I was acting as if I had no money, there were lots of other people for whom this situation was real. Was I taking this food from them? The truth was, there was so much food in those bins, my eating from them made no difference to the quantities available.

When lent ended, I wanted to see if anything could change – what if the city’s many charities were trusted with this food, and they could feed the hungry? That’s how we started”.

(Jon Curtis – founder, Exeter Food Action)

This project collects excess food from wholesalers, manufacturers and supermarkets and redistributes it to organisations in the city that feed people. Our work has increased year on year as we have persuaded more suppliers to share their excess food with us, and as we have accordingly shared this increase in food. We wish to expand this operation.

### **Weekly activities**

For contact details please see the Church Directory or contact the Church Office (01525 371905 or [tttprojectoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tttprojectoffice@gmail.com))

Badminton	Monday 8-10pm	Jan Cornfoot
Trinity Toddlers	Tuesday & Friday 9.45-11.15am (Term time only)	Karen Purton
Trinity Fellowship Circle	Tuesday 7.30-9pm	Marilyn Powell
Beavers	Thursday	Richard Bates
Cubs	Tuesday	
Scouts	Thursday	
Drop-in for the homeless	Wednesday	Charles Horsefield
Sewing Circle	Alternate Thursday 2-4pm	Sandra Digby
Girls' Brigade	Friday 6-9.30pm	Marilyn Powell
Prayers	Saturday 9-10am	Joan Gregory

# Prayer Diary for January 2019

helping us focus on the needs of our Church and community.

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Dear God,

A new year means new beginnings, but I know with you nothing has ever changed. Your love, grace and mercy remain unchangeable. Your promises are secure and everlasting. This coming year, keep my eyes fixed on You, trusting that whatever lies ahead You are with me every step of the way.

Amen.

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## **Please pray for:**

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with A/B
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in October (see pages 6–8)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 9)
- Mission in Britain (retiring collection)

## **Teams at Trinity – in particular:**

- Early Church Team as they continue to develop the ‘new style’ of Early Church

## **Our local neighbourhood:**

- Beaudesert Lower School
- Bedford Street, Lammas Walk & North Street
- Hamilton Court

## **Pray to God for the world around us:**

- For those, who this new year, will be rebuilding homes, lives and communities that have been destroyed by war and unrest.