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What's happening at Trinity

July 2019

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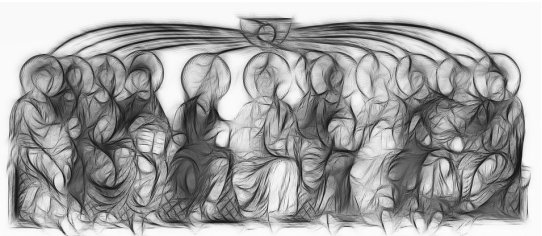
The Fiftieth Day by Wallace Edwards

Sunday, June 9th was Pentecost Sunday. Before the Bank Holiday was changed to the last weekend in May it was known as Whit Sunday. The following day was a Bank Holiday. There used to be processions in the North of England organised by the churches and in some parts of Wales. Preaching meetings were held.

Originally a Jewish religious festival when the children of Israel gave thanks for the Harvest and the giving of the Law of Moses. This was held seven weeks from the time they began to harvest the corn and on the next day, which was the fiftieth day after Easter, the feast of Pentecost was celebrated. Pentecost meant the Fiftieth day. All Jewish men were commanded to worship the Lord three times a year and this was one of those occasions.

The followers of Jesus gathered in Jerusalem with many other Jews from many different parts of the world and they began 'to speak in tongues' which is a custom practised by some branches of the Christian church today. Many of the Jews gathered in Jerusalem for the Festival were excited because they heard the believers speaking their own language.

"What does this mean?" they asked. But some made fun of the believers saying "These people are drunk". Then Peter stood up and spoke boldly to the crowd saying these people



are not drunk, they are quoting what the prophet Joel said, that God would pour out his spirit on everyone. In his sermon Peter condemned the Jews for causing the death of Jesus. Many believed in Peter's message. They were baptised and about three thousand were added to the group of followers that day.

What an exciting day that was!

Exciting in a different sense was the evening in 1738 when John Wesley, then a clergyman in the Church of England, went to a meeting in London and he felt his 'heart strangely warmed'. It was the same spirit at work as it was on the Day of Pentecost.

The same spirit works today, not always in the form of a mighty revival or in the form of flaming tongues of fire as described in the Book of Acts, but silently in the hearts of believers who do all the good they can in a quiet way.

May the same Spirit come and work through us in this Pentecost season.

A Letter from the Leadership Team

“Without someone to look after this work in the Church, Christ’s work would not be done.”

from: The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church <https://www.methodist.org.uk/static/rm/role-of-a-trustee-text-only.pdf>

Church Council is responsible for the management and oversight of the work here at Trinity. Members of the Council have an important role as Trustees of the church. Many on Church Council are there to represent the different organisations within the church but the Annual Church Meeting can appoint up to fifteen representatives from the congregation. Their role is to bring the thoughts and ideas and comments from the wider congregation.

Each term of office is usually for 3 years, with a possible 3 year extension. In 2016 there were no new representatives. In 2017 five people came forward. In 2018 four people came forward, two for their second term. In 2019, again no-one came forward. This year we have nine representatives from the congregation on Church Council. In 2020 we will be down to four.

Is your voice being heard?

Please pray about your role in the Church and whether you should come forward. It is not an arduous task, but an important one.

Stamps for Good Causes by Kathy Keeley

Just to let you know I am emptying the stamp box and sending them to Stamps for Good Causes again. It has filled up really quickly since last time! Keep them coming.

Drop-In by Patience Owers

This time six years ago a group from Trinity set off on a kind of adventure. A suggestion had been made that Trinity might be able to provide a place where people in the Leighton area who were homeless could come on one evening a week for food and a warm place to spend a few hours. At that time homeless people slept on church floors, trailing their belongings with them. So our group undertook food hygiene and safeguarding training and working with the homeless service we began serving home cooked meals in the Chatteris Suite every Wednesday. Helped by Trinity Fellowship Circle and other Trinity members who have provided delicious puddings each week, we have provided hundreds of meals to men and women who have been homeless or are facing difficulties supporting themselves. Since we started, some things have changed – the Black Horse now provides a centre for homeless people in Leighton and beds for some, but the number of homeless and those without a permanent home has not decreased, and we continue to serve meals to those who have attended for several years and to those who come for a short time.

I think all of us who have assisted in the drop-in have gained much from the fellowship we have experienced in working together and from getting to know those whom we feed week by week. And we have been fortunate in having some brilliant volunteers who have joined us over the past six years to enable us to continue.

For the drop in to work well, there ideally needs to be four people helping each evening, and we have a rota enabling us to share the load between everyone. We are also grateful for the team of “washer-uppers” who appear each week to help when the meals have been eaten.

Recently, however, some of those who have helped over the past six years can no longer help and so we are appealing for anyone who would be able to come and help us to continue on our adventure.

Anyone volunteering would not be expected to buy and cook food (unless you would like to) , but could help by assisting in the preparation of food, serving tea and coffee and talking to those who come each week.

If you feel you could help, please contact Charles Horsefield or myself, or just come down on any Wednesday evening from about 5.30pm onwards.

Visit to King's College, Cambridge – May 2019 by Mary Edwards

After our holiday in Cornwall a few weeks ago we went on to Cambridge for a long weekend. This was an early Father's Day present to Wallace from Helen, our daughter. On the day of our arrival we saw a poster advertising an organ concert at King's College that evening so we went along. We were directed to the choir stalls along with other folk. The Organ Recital was given by Peter King, Organist Emeritus, Bath Abbey.

The next day, being the fifth Sunday after Easter, Rogation Sunday, we decided to attend the morning service at King's conducted by the Dean. It was a Sung Eucharist which took me back to the time when I was an Anglican before meeting Wallace. We were directed again to the choir stalls and at the appropriate time the choir entered with their conductor, Stephen Cleobury. The organist was Kenneth Leighton, an organ scholar, which I think is the tradition at King's. The preacher was Mr Jon Sanders, Ordinand and Affiliated Student at King's. Wallace said it was an intellectual sermon! After the service we had the opportunity to speak with Stephen Cleobury. He has been Organist and Choir Master at King's for 37 years and is retiring in September this year. At the end of the service Kenneth Leighton played "Paean". It was beautifully rendered and the choir singing was superb. It indeed was a privilege to have been there. When we hear the Carols from King's this Christmas it will bring back many happy memories of our visit.

Memories of Leighton Buzzard by Derrick Smith

In April 1953 I was posted to RAF Oxendon in Plantation Road. A notice in the Camp showed that Leighton Buzzard had two Methodist Churches and the Rev. Herbert Rolls was the Superintendent at Hockliffe Street. He was also the Camp Padre. I attended Hockliffe Street Church on my first Sunday morning and was surprised at the unusual interior layout there. At the end of the service Rev. Rolls invited a me and a couple of airmen from RAF Stanbridge to the Manse for dinner. We stayed all day and then went to Hockliffe Street for the evening service. I was invited to attend the Young People's Fellowship the next evening. This I did and found it a very friendly group. I went on occasions with the Group to several country churches where they too the evening service and sometimes I played the organ or piano. After about two months Rev. Rolls attended the YPF meeting and spoke to us about training at Local Preachers. I declined the offer and said I wanted to stay as an organist. A couple of weeks later I was introduced to the Church Organist who took great interest in me and offered to teach me to play a pipe organ as long as I was prepared to study. Over the next 15 months I learned a lot from him and it is through him that I have had a long career as a Church Organist. Last Christmas I celebrated 70 years playing Church organs.

I found out that North Street Church had a Christian Endeavour Society and I attended its meetings each week and used to play the piano for them. On several occasions I believe I played the Pipe Organ which was located above the pulpit. I first met Colin Dimmock at the C.E. and have been friends ever since. I visited the church on odd occasions after I was demobbed and at one Christmas Bazaar I was dressed up as Father Christmas!

Upon being demobbed in November 1954 I returned home to London and played the organ in my own Church on occasions. In 1956 I started to attend my future Wife's church on some Sunday evenings and subsequently became an Assistant Organist there. I became the full time organist in May 1966.

I held many different offices including being the Circuit Meeting Secretary for 26 years. Upon the loss of my wife in 1998 I decided to retire from active church work and attend my daughter's church, which was nearer home. However, after a few weeks there, I was suddenly appointed Assistant Organist so that the Organist could have time off on occasions, and I held this post for 9 years until I again retired, moved to Norfolk and got married again.

We attended our local Methodist Church in Norfolk and after a while I began to help out with the organ. We remained there for 6 years and left to worship in a small country chapel and since January this year have become one of the two organists there.

In 2011 I was asked if I could possible help out in a Parish Church which had just lost its Organist. It was only for a temporary period but I am still helping out there after 8 years! So that we could become part of that church, we became members there so now hold membership of both the Methodist and Church of England.

I owe the whole of my organist career to those early days at Hockliffe Street Church.

Church Anniversary—Come and join the celebration

The Church Anniversary Celebration this year will be on Sunday 14th July. It will start with a short praise service at 9.15am followed by tea and cake from 9.45am. At 10.15am we will move into the Sanctuary for a service of Family Communion led by Roger Owers and rounded off by more tea and cakes.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Summer time and the living is easy...? By Kathy Keeley

And so we approach the summer. Warmer temperatures mean plants grow well and summer flowers come into bloom. Animals live more comfortably outside. It is also a time of year when many people take a holiday. Some feel they need a break from their usual life and would like to experience somewhere else. A change is as good as a rest as the saying goes.

In Mark 6:31 the Bible says, "There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't have time to eat. So he said to them, "Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest a while." Sometimes when we are busy for a long time we need time out.

However, having a break means we need somebody we trust taking care of our responsibilities in our absence. In Colossians 2:4 Paul warns his church, "I tell you then, do not let anyone deceive you with false arguments, no matter how good they seem to be. For even though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I am glad as I see the resolute firmness with which you stand together in your faith in Christ."

We should always remember that as we go to distant places so foreigners come to us. When Moses spoke to the Israelites at Moab after wandering in the wilderness and before they got to Canaan in Deuteronomy 26:17 the Bible says, "Do not deprive foreigners and orphans of their rights.... Remember you were once slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God set you free."

Most of us have relatives abroad that we don't even know about. Some we may like, others not so much, but they are all different versions of ourselves.

Cubjam 2019 by Phoebe Cleaver



I was lucky enough to be part of the Cubjam this year.

We went to a scout site called Phasels wood and there were over 2000 cubs attending in lots of sub camps.

There were many activities to try including 'Its a knock out', inflatables, climbing walls, around the world challenges and many more .

We got to try lots of foreign foods. My favourites were the fajitas from Mexico and the paella from Spain .

On the Thursday we had a day trip to Gullivers. We went on the coach and while we were there we were allowed to go off in small groups. We had an amazing day.

There were opening and closing ceremonies for the camp.

On the opening ceremony each sub camp had a cub dressed in national costume from their sub camp. My sub camp was Georgia.

I would love to have the opportunity as an Explorer Scout to attend a Cubjam as a helper one day.

I had an amazing week at camp, I made lots of new friends and now I am linking up to Scouts.



Jon Kendon—Marathon Update

I ran the London Marathon at the end of April. I was really pleased to finish in a time of 3:46. Raising money for the Trussell Trust, the final total was £630. Food bank use continues to increase. Last year the Trussell Trust handed out 1.6million emergency parcels nationwide. My fundraising effort was gratefully received by the charity. Thanks for all your support.

Sunday Services during July

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>7th July</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Jane Seaton & Ben Williams	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship—Parade Service	Rev. Jenny Spouge	Jacqui Donaghy
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Tina Salmon	Donald Wray
<u>14th July—Church Anniversary</u>		
9.15am—Praise Service followed by tea and cakes at 9.45am	Graham Seaton & Roger Owers	Chris Lowe
10.15am—Family Communion Service followed by tea and cakes		Catherine Roots
6.30pm—Evening Worship	Michael Adams	Charles Horsefield
<u>21st July</u>		
8.30am—Early Morning Communion	Rev. Nina Johnson	Elizabeth Hitchcock
9.15am—Early Church Café Style	Jo Baker & Steve Purton	Ann Guy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Local Arrangement led by Alison Arnold	Marina Mele
From Noon, Church Family Picnic at Rushmere Country Park (see p.13 for details)		
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Rev. Julie Bradshaw	Donald Wray

<u>28th July</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Graham & Jane Seaton	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Wallace Edwards	Charles Horsefield
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Shepherd Kombo	Anne Gray

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship	
7th July	Irene Hyde, Dorothy Fletcher & Colin Taplin
14th July	Jane Baker, Van Howard & Irene Hyde
21st July	Mary Eagleton & Irene Hyde
28th July	Debbie Adams, Irene Hyde & Grace Horsfall

Coffee Team	
7th July	Janet Curzon, Heather Watkins & Joan Gregory
14th July	Tim & Elizabeth Hitchcock & Chris Bosworth
21st July	Charles & Sue Horsefield & Debbie Adams
28th July	The Wray Family

Flowers	
7th July	Mrs Van Howard—In loving memory of family and friends.
14th July	Ann and John Guy—In loving memory of parents and Wedding Anniversary.
21st July	Flower Fund
28th July	Rev Wallace and Mary Edwards—On the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary and also in memory of family and friends and in thanksgiving for the fellowship we have at Trinity,

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

2nd July	Rev. Wallace Edwards (with Holy
9th July	Ann Guy
16th July	Ken Harris
23rd July	Colin Dimmock
30th July	Sarina and Donald Wray

Early Church Corner

We are getting ready for Summer at Early Church over the next month. We have 3 more services (7th, 14th & 21st July) where we will be following the lectionary before moving into the book of Genesis for the summer holidays to look at the story of Joseph. Messy Church will be looking at two elements of the story in July and August and Early Church will be going into more depth of the whole story. We won't be having Breakouts in the holiday but will be making sure the services are family friendly.

Don't forget to join us for our Church Family Picnic at Rushmere Country Park (see p13 for more details - posters will go up soon so check out our website/poster boards).



Coming up at Early Church:

7th July—The Large Harvest: Jesus sends out the 72

14th July—The Good Neighbour: The parable of the Good Samaritan

21st July— Too busy to listen: Martha and Mary

28th July—Joseph, the annoying little brother (the birth of Joseph and his coat of many colours)

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 1st & 15th July, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
Mon 1st & 15th July, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House group
Thurs 11th July, NOON	Trinity	AUGUST TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Wed 17th July, 2pm	Trinity	Edwards' House group
Sun 21st July, From Noon	Rushmere Country Park	Church Family Picnic. Bring a picnic, blanket/chair and outdoor games. Join together for fun and fellowship.
Wed 24th July, 2.30-4.30pm	Trinity	Messy Church—please sign up via the website. Volunteers needed—please speak to Tasha Williams if you are interested or for more information.
Thurs, weekly, 2-4pm	Eaton Bray Methodist Church	Social Afternoons. Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments. All Welcome.

Cakes wanted:

It's almost Messy Church time again - Wednesday 24th July. If you can bake (or fake) a cake for Messy Church, please will you let me know by Sunday 21st July (even if you don't bring it until the day!)

Upcoming Messy Church dates that will require cake are: 28th August and 23rd October.

Thanks, Tasha

Gift Aid

Have you thought recently about whether or not you are able to help raise Trinity's income by gift-aiding your giving?

If you pay income tax (as a general rule this is if you currently have income of over £12,500 per year) then you can sign a gift aid declaration in Trinity's favour. This allows Trinity to claim an extra 25% on your giving.

if your income is not much higher than the £12,500 per year threshold, then you will need to check that the amount of tax you are paying is at least as great as the tax that Trinity will recover on your giving, after also taking into account any gift aided donations that you have made to other charities in the same year.

If you do not earn enough to pay tax but you are married and your husband/wife pays tax then you can still gift aid your giving by asking him or her to sign the gift aid declaration for you. In this case the gift aid will be claimed in the name of the taxpayer.

If none of these apply, then it makes sense for you to give to Trinity by placing cash in the Sunday offertory rather than through envelopes or standing order. This is because there is now a Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme which allows Trinity to claim gift aid on up to £8,000 per year of offertories placed in the loose collection on Sundays.

Currently Trinity receives more than £8,000 per year through loose collections, so any extra cash in our loose collection will not improve our gift aid income just now, but this may change over time so it is well worth bearing this in mind for the future.

If you are not currently eligible to gift aid your donations to Trinity, please review the position each year, particularly if your income is anywhere close to the £12,500 current threshold as you may become eligible in future years.

If you have any questions about gift aid, please speak to John Michael who will be happy to help you.

All We Can—Retiring Collection on 14th July

Our Mission: All We Can helps find solutions to poverty by engaging with local people and organisations in some of the world's poorest communities to end the suffering caused by inequality and injustice.

To do this we:

- Support and strengthen local partners to implement effective and sustainable solutions
- Respond to humanitarian crises with emergency relief
- Engage in global education to inform, motivate and challenge people to take a stance against poverty and injustice.

For more information please see our website www.allwecan.org.uk

Weekly activities

For contact details please see the Church Directory or contact the Church Office (01525 371905 or 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/ Games Afternoons	Alternate Thursday 2-4pm	Sandra Digby
Girls' Brigade	Friday 6-9.30pm	Marilyn Powell
Prayers	Saturday 9-10am	Joan Gregory

Prayer Diary for July

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

Loving and compassionate God,

Help us to see hope in the most desperate situations.

Help us to uphold the value of others in our words and actions.

Help us to see the potential you see in each of your children.

Help us to know and to respond to your guiding hand in our lives.

Amen

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with K/L
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in June (see pages 10-12)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 13)
- Rev. Seung-Wook Jung and his family as he is on Sabbatical and the other ministers of the South Bedfordshire Circuit as they take care of Seung-Wook's churches
- All We Can (formerly MRDF) - retiring collection on 14th July

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- Those who look after the fabric of our buildings led by Tim Hitchcock

Our local neighbourhood:

- Heathwood Lower School
- Dovery Down Lower School

Pray to God for the world around us:

- The Conservative Party as it chooses our new Prime Minister
- The homeless and people helped by the Leighton Linlade Homeless Service as we enter the warmer months