

Trumpeter



What's happening at Trinity

September 2019

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Where are they now. One off Special.

By Colin Dimmock

When I received my last batch of Methodist Recorders which I get third or fourth hand I always feel guilt knowing who paid the £3.30 a week they cost nowadays.

The headline on the issue dated 14/6/19 caught my attention. It said 'Secretary of Conference steps down from his post'. So what, you may say. I am one of the few people left who will remember when the man who will fill the gap made his appearance in the then Leighton Buzzard and Stewkley Methodist Circuit. On a hot August Monday over 25 years ago I was at what they called 'The Stewkley Bazaar'. Who's that young man over there sitting on a bale of hay dressed in shorts and tee shirt with a young lady at his side, I heard folk say. Those in the know whispered the answer. That's the new minister, he has just moved into the manse next door. His name is Rev Jonathan Hustler. He had come as a very young minister having spent some time studying in Rome. When he came to Trinity for a Communion service he always wore white robes at Stewkley dear old Stan Gibbons gave him great encouragement.

The recorder mentions his stationing in Leighton Buzzard and Stewkley, Cleveland and Mid Lincolnshire being a superintendent for some years before returning to Wesley House Cambridge as Vice Principle and Director of Pastoral Studies.

Little did I know that Jonathan would aspire to one of our Methodist top jobs as Secretary of Conference. Well done Jonathan. Then I remembered words spoken by one of our ministers Rev Leslie Holding. Methodist ministers, local preachers and members are all equal. We believe in the priesthood of all believers. But over the years I have discovered some are more equal than others.

Legacy Projects by Roger Owers

Late last year two projects were proposed for using legacy money donated to Trinity.

The first project for the Leadership Team was to consider how we can redevelop our church building, in particular making the front of our church more accessible and redeveloping the stage area of the hall. Although we were not expecting to be able to do everything with the legacy money we were hoping that this could provide a frame work for the future. We asked two architects who have experience of working with churches to help us with some ideas of what could be done. It soon became obvious that to make the whole of the church building more accessible from the front of the premises was going to be a major piece of work. It also raised a number of issues about how we really wanted to use our church buildings and we realised that we had not really developed our ideas enough to pursue an ambitious scheme at this stage.

The second project was to update the audio visual system in the church and to provide a more adequate system for Early Church in the hall. We invited two suppliers with church experience to make proposals about what we would need. One of them seemed far too expensive but the other has made some useful proposals. At the end of August we will have had a demonstration of some of the equipment they have suggested. Hopefully we will be able to bring some information to the next Church Council.

The Verger of St. John's by Laurie Renfrew

John Smith joined his local Anglican Church and quickly became the verger. John enjoyed the work but he was spotted by a lady member of the congregation who offered him a job in her local company. He travelled the world building up the business and he was interviewed by Michael Parkinson on BBC television. Michael asked him the big question "Is there anything else in your life you want to do?"

"I wish to go back and be the verger of St John's," he replied. Could you do something else with your life? Ask yourself!

Church Council Summary—27th June, 2019

- **Opening devotions** led by Rev. Julie Bradshaw based on 1 Corinthians 12 on how the Church is like a single body and the Church Council is like the heartbeat of the church, so it is important that all parts are represented.
- **Membership of the meeting** agreed to be correct
- **Pastoral concerns & courtesies** Lyn Boughtflower did at the end of May, Brian Peckham died 14th June, Andy Cornfoot died 17th June. Prayers were offered for bereaved families.
- **Minutes of the previous meeting** approved and signed.
- **Vacancies:** Janet Curzon would like to step down from Church Council as a representative of the Outreach and Social Action Committee. The Leadership Team is working on ways to increase church representatives on Church Council.

Life and Mission of the Church

- **Worship Planning Meeting:** A preaching series is planned for October
- **Pastoral Oversight:** nothing new to report, more Pastoral Friends and Links needed
- **Outreach & Social Action:** weekly Drop-In has been running for 6 years and is in need of new volunteers, a satellite food bank is being investigated, there will be an Oxjam concert on 5th October, feasibility of running a Saturday morning games session is being investigated.
- **Finance/Resources:** Roger Owers reported that the church finances were in quite a reasonable position. A budget had been prepared for the next financial year. The Outreach budget is secure for the next year, but not for further ahead. The budget was adopted. Church Council approved an application for a grant from the Circuit (£1000) and District (£2000) to continue Messy Church. Church Council agreed to staff pay increases and new employment termination dates. Hall lettings increased by 50p/hr. See Roger's article on page 3 for information about legacy funds.
- **Property Committee:** the committee's report summarised work completed, in hand and planned for future including repointing under the Rose Window, new windows on the top floor, refurbishment of Chatteris Suite kitchen and audio-visual upgrade.

- **Leadership Team:** Leadership Team have taken responsibility for Publicity and Communication proposal in Next Steps Review. Major issue is lack of church members represented at Church Council.
- **Early Church:** Church Anniversary Sunday—services will run differently. Church Family Picnic at Rushmere Country Park 21st July.
- **Messy Church:** Tasha Williams and Graham Seaton attended the International Messy Church Conference in May. We discovered ours is one of the largest in the country. More help is needed now we are running an extra session (August) and we take the children aged 7+ for more age appropriate activities.
- **Safeguarding:** Updated safeguarding policy agreed. There is some changes afoot for the advanced training module programme.
- **Health & Safety:** nothing to report
- **Churches Together:** Kathy Keeley reported on the meeting held on 25th June, 2019.
- **Circuit Matters:** Ben Williams has left his post as Circuit Lay-Worker, Rev. Joanne Sherwood has been appointed. Stationing for 2020 has begun to replace Eric Mustapha. Circuit is not organising a trip to 3Generate but funding is available for anyone wishing to attend. Circuit Next Steps Review should be discussed at next Church Council.
- **Next Church Council** Tuesday 15th October, 7.30pm
- **Annual Church Meeting** Sunday 26th April, 11.30am

Joint Public Issues Team: Church Leaders' letter to the new Prime Minister: a no-deal Brexit is gambling with the basic needs of our poorest citizens

An open letter to the new Prime Minister from leaders of 7 Christian denominations expresses concern that failing to agree a deal on Brexit will “hit those held back by poverty very hard indeed”.

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The Church leaders say they have been “compelled” to write to the new Prime Minister because of his position that leaving the European Union without a deal is acceptable.

The letter states that “At a time when increasing numbers of families have difficulties putting enough food on the table, we believe it is irresponsible to consider a course of action that is expected to make that situation worse”.

The Church leaders say that “It is notable that assurances about our ability to cope with a no-deal Brexit, while frequent, are yet to be supported by substantial evidence” and ask the Government to publish evidence of the impact a no-deal Brexit on disadvantaged communities. The letter also invites the Prime Minister to visit one of the many social actions projects run by churches to support millions of citizens who live in poverty.

The letter is signed by leaders from the Methodist Church of Great Britain, the United Reformed Church, the Baptist Unions of Great Britain, Scotland and Wales, the Church of Scotland, the Salvation Army, Quakers in Britain and the Scottish Episcopal Church, which together have approximately 700, 000 members.

Specific concerns over food supply, pricing as well as availability of medical supplies and energy are raised in the letter.

The letter warns that, in the event that a deal is not reached, “In essence, the Government will be relying on the hope that our former EU partners are willing to co-operate even without an agreement – a huge gamble to take with the basic needs of our poorest citizens and communities.”

The full text of the letter is here:

Dear Mr Johnson

As Churches, we have a particular care and concern for the people in our society who are locked in poverty. Around the country, local churches are helping families to cope with the rising tide of poverty. Projects range from simple coffee mornings run by a few volunteers, to large projects such as foodbanks, homeless support, employment advice and debt counselling.

With this in mind, we are compelled to write expressing our urgent concern about your position that leaving the European Union without a deal is acceptable.

Advice and data from multiple reputable sources, including the UK Government, indicate that failing to agree a deal will hit those held back by poverty very hard indeed.

The UK imports 10,000 shipping containers of food from the EU each day. These containers are part of long and complex integrated supply chains. Even minor disruptions to this chain have in the past rapidly had serious consequences. A no-deal Brexit will cause a huge and potentially crippling disruption. Government and many other reputable sources highlight the immediate risk of shortages and price rises. Over the longer term they point to the costs of new and less fluid supply chains increasing food bills for families.

Last year our partner, Trussell Trust, which represents around half of the UK's foodbanks, gave out a record-breaking 1.6 million 3-day supplies of food. At a time when increasing numbers of families have difficulties putting enough food on the table, we believe it is irresponsible to consider a course of action that is expected to make that situation worse.

It is also unclear how a wide range of other vital products and services will continue to be delivered in the event of a no-deal Brexit. Government, industry and charity sources indicate potential problems with both energy and medical supplies.

The UK Government's no-deal planning documents highlight that many of the difficulties caused by a no-deal Brexit can only be tackled in collaboration with the EU. The Cabinet Office states that for many issues we must seek accommodations with the EU which are "not within the UK's gift to unilaterally control or mitigate". In essence, the Government will be relying on the hope that our former EU partners are willing to cooperate even without an agreement – a huge gamble to take with the basic needs of our poorest citizens and communities.

The impacts of a no-deal Brexit are at best highly uncertain, and at worst deeply worrying. Our view that it would put at risk the welfare and safety of the poorest communities in the UK is formed on the basis of the best available evidence, including our presence in local communities in every part of the UK. It is notable that assurances about our ability to cope with a no-deal Brexit, while frequent, are yet to be supported by substantial evidence.

Evidence-free dismissals of well-founded concerns are at this stage both dangerous and inappropriate. Your Government's willingness to embrace a no-deal Brexit places upon it a responsibility to demonstrate that the most vulnerable in our communities, those locked in poverty, will not be harmed.

We ask that your Government urgently publishes its current evidence on the impact of a no-deal Brexit on disadvantaged communities. We would also be pleased to welcome you to one of our many projects to hear from those who a no-deal Brexit may most impact.

Rather than being absent from the debate, this evidence and these communities should be at the heart of our debates around Brexit.

We assure you of our prayers as you take up this challenging new role.

Yours sincerely

What's the time Mr Wolf? by Kathy Keeley

Autumn is starting and children and teachers are planning to go back to school. Academic, tax and calendar years all begin and end at different times. I'm sure there's a good reason for it. Perhaps it gives people a chance to tie up loose ends and address things that have been overlooked. Lunar cycles are also marked on our calendars and diaries to remind us that what happens at night, when many are sleeping, is as important as what happens during the day.

In Genesis 8:22 it says, "As long as the world exists there will be a time for planting and a time for harvest. There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night."

Different countries around the world have different time zones, experiencing day and night and seasons at different times which is important when considering agriculture, horticulture, forestry migration, holidays and trade. We rely on those who went before us to communicate their knowledge and understanding of these things to keep us secure.

In Deuteronomy 32:7 the Bible says, "Think of the past of the time long ago. Ask your parents to tell you what happened. Ask the old people to tell of the past." We should remember that this can be difficult if memories are painful or confused. Some things are better learnt by experience which gives understanding. This is why we need teachers like Jesus who was sent by his father in heaven to help those in need.

YOUR TRUMPETER NEEDS YOU!

Do you attend any of our church groups—house groups, social groups? Have you read any good Christian literature recently? Have you been on any outing with Tuesday Fellowship Circle or other group? Have you heard a sermon that struck you recently? Do you write short stories, songs or poems? Is there something happening locally or wider afield that you think we should all know about?

Could you write a review for Trumpeter? Please contact Tasha Williams in the church office (01525 371905 or tttprojectoffice@gmail.com) if you would like to submit an article.

Sunday Services during September

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>1st September</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Richard Bates & Judy Whyman Bates	Marina Mele
10.30am—Morning Worship	Fiona Arscott-Smith	Jacqui Donaghy
6pm—Evening Worship	Rev. Nigel Bibbings	Ann Guy
<u>8th September</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Ben Williams & Jane Seaton	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship	Local Arrangement led by Ann Guy	Catherine Roots
6pm—Evening Worship	Rev. Julie Bradshaw	Donald Wray
<u>15th September</u>		
8.30am—Early Communion Service	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Marina Mele
9.15am—Early Church—Café Style	Steve & Karen Purton	Elizabeth Hitchcock
10.30am—Morning Worship	Tina Salmon	Anne Gray
6pm—Evening Worship	Geoff Best	Ann Guy
<u>22nd September</u>		
9.15am—Early Church with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung & Catherine Roots	Chris Lowe
10.30am—Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Charles Horsefield
6pm—Evening Worship	Local Arrangement led by Ann Guy	Catherine Roots

<u>29th September</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Richard Bates & Judy Whyman Bates	Ann Guy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Nina Johnson	Alison Arnold
6pm—Evening Worship—Café Style	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Anne Gray

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship	
1st September	Janette Cook, Mary Eagleton, Kathy Keeley
8th September	Van Howard, Mary Eagleton
15th September	Janette Cook, Janet Graham, Joan Edwards
22nd September	Irene Hyde, Kathy Keeley
29th September	Irene Hyde

Coffee Team	
1st September	Tim & Elizabeth Hitchcock and Chris Bosworth
8th September	Charles & Sue Horsefield and Debbie Adams
15th September	The Wray Family
22nd September	Nancy Renfrew, Irene Hyde, Margaret Dover
29th September	Phil & Cilla Wagner, Frances Underwood and Elaine Green

Flowers	
1st September	Flower Fund
22nd September	Pam Preston, in loving memory of all family and friends

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

3rd September	Roger Owers
10th September	Stephen Poxon
17th September	Colin Dimmock
24th September	Rev. Wynn Jones



Worship and Engagement in Later Life

A training day for all involved in leading worship and pastoral care for older people. Discover ways in which older people, including those living with dementia, can be drawn into worship and find it a positive experience.

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29 October

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Cambridge CB2 1JP

30 October

Badminton Road
Methodist Church,
Bristol BS16

30 October

St Luke's Church,
Great Colmore Street ,
Birmingham

1 November

Pinner Methodist
Church, Love Lane,
Pinner HA5 3EE

13 November

Leeds Church Institute
New Market St, Leeds
LS1 6DG

19 November

Penrith Methodist
Church, 10
Wordsworth St,
Penrith CA11 7QW

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 9th September	Trinity	Rev. Seung-Wook returns from Sabbatical
Wed 11th September, 2pm	Trinity	Edwards' House group
Mon 16th September, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House group
Mon 16th September, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House group
Tues 17th September, NOON	Trinity	OCTOBER TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Sat 28th September, 7.30pm	The Square, Dunstable	'Shambles' Big Band Live Concert. Celebrating 150 years of Action for Children. Tickets £5/£1 (Pay on the door). Please see poster in the hallway for more details.
Wed 23rd October, 6.30pm	Central Methodist Hall, Westminster	Inaugural Walter Hall Lecture. Please see poster in the hallway for more details.
Fri 20th– Sun 22nd September	St Mary's, Eaton Bray	Flower Festival to celebrate it's 800th Anniversary. Eaton Bray Methodist Church will be participating.
Thurs, weekly, 2-4pm	Eaton Bray Methodist Church	Social Afternoons. Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments. All Welcome.

Early Church Corner

We are going back to the lectionary themes for a few weeks before joining with the wider church family for a preaching series on Colossians in October.



Now we are back from Summer, we will be going back to breakout sessions on our first, second and fourth Sundays each month, with a Café Breakfast service on third Sundays. As ever we would love to hear your feedback about bits you love and bits you think we could be better at!

Coming up at Early Church:

1st September—The Great and the Humble (Humility and Hospitality)

8th September—The Cost of Love (The Cost of Discipleship)

15th September—The Lost Sheep

22nd September—Only One Master (The Shrewd Manager)

29th September—The Rich Man and Lazarus

Retiring Collection on 8th September for World Mission

- The World Mission Fund enables the Methodist Church to encourage, build and maintain long-term mission partnerships with countries across the world.
- It also provides support to overseas partners to spread the good news through engaging in mission, evangelism, multi-faith relationships, church growth, education and advocacy.
- **£2.5m** - The Connexional Grants Committee awarded £2.5 million of grants from the World Mission Fund in 2016/2017 (£3 million in 2015/2016) to Partner Churches and organisations overseas, to help leaders in their communities deliver their strategic plans and become more sustainable for long-term mission. In addition, £1 million was spent in 2016/2017 on the mission partner programme.
- **£60,000** — Junior Mission for All (JMA) collectors raised more than £60,000 in 2016/2017 (£73,150 in 2015/2016). Of this, 80% was used for mission work overseas.

- **34** – There are 34 mission partners from Britain and Ireland, funded in 16 countries overseas.
- **£3.5m** – In 2016/2017, the World Mission Fund received £3.5 million. Total outgoings in 2016/2017 were £3.8 million.
- **£355,295**— Thanks to Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB), in 2017 the Easter Offering collection for the World Mission Fund totalled £355,295.
- The **One Mission Matters** magazine has more details and issues are available on www.methodist.org.uk or by post.

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 September

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

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.
Amen.

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with O/P/Q
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in June (see pages 10-12)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 13)
- Rev. Seung-Wook Jung as he returns from sabbatical

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- Scouts led by Richard Bates
- Girls' Brigade led by Marilyn Powell

Our local neighbourhood:

- Mary Bassett Lower School
- The Rushmere Park Academy (formerly St. George's School)
- Sandhills Estate
- World Mission (our retiring collection for September)

Pray to God for the world around us:

- For those returning to school, college, university, work.
- The water shortage in Chennai, India (see www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide for article)
- Ministers who have moved around the Connection and/or who are starting in new placements