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What's happening at Trinity February 2020

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From the Manse

Beloved by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." —Matthew 3.16-17

Jesus has taken you into himself;
this is your blessing.
The heavens—the divine heart of all being—
are open to you.
You are divine in nature,
having been created by God in love.
God's Spirit is in you.
It is who you are.
You are God's child, offspring of God,
emanation of the Holy One.
You are the Beloved.
This is your true identity and true calling.
You are the Beloved.
This is the first and hardest learning of the spiritual life:
to let yourself be the Beloved.
With you God is delighted.
In that phrase is the echo of God's servant
in Isaiah 42, begotten and called to bring forth justice.
Go, then, and do justice and practice mercy,
knowing you are blessed and sheltered,
healed and forgiven,
and empowered to do so.

You are God's Beloved, in whom God is delighted.

Breath prayer:

Beloved... Beloved

How many times are we aware in our lives that we are the beloved? Yes, this is the first and hardest learning of the spiritual life, but without it we cannot live as his child. Without it, doing his will is only a huge burden which seems impossible to do so in our lives. So, it is the most urgent and important task as a people of God to 'let yourself be the Beloved'. Then we would feel that our lives are filled with joy, delight and power to be his beloved child even in this world.

Seung-Wook

February Greetings by Kathy Keeley

"February brings the snow. Makes the toes and fingers glow," goes the well-known poem. I always think February is the most dismal time of year. Christmas festivities are over and the novelty of cosy dark nights is wearing thin, yet spring has not yet arrived.

I check the temperature so I can give plants and animals the right sort of care to make it through the cold winter months. Whilst some are hardy enough to stay outdoors, other need some extra warmth. And isn't this also true of people? Thankfully, we have heating but it's wise to keep warm clothes and blankets in case it goes wrong.

Some go to warmer countries to escape the winter. However if everybody did this there would be chaos to come back to.

In Ephesians 6:20 Paul says, "For the sake of the gospel I am an ambassador, though now I am in prison. Pray that I may be bold in speaking about the gospel as I should."

Sometimes in a hostile or foreign environment people aren't very receptive to the message of the Bible. They don't feel it is relevant to their lives.

From Jane and Graham Seaton

I should put pen to paper, but am still having difficulty locating things - if the pen is found, the paper and stamps will have gone missing.

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone at Trinity for our leaving gift. We instantly spent it on a very clever and necessary device to decide where we can safely drill holes in walls. Our new home is beautifully warm, because it's been dry-lined. But that means it's almost impossible to put up a picture or a shelf without first locating some solid wood behind the sheets of plasterboard. Tapping gently and listening carefully is very slow. Now we have a digital display of lights to guide us, and our pictures are quickly going up. It's particularly nice to have some Bob Harris watercolours on view again—and we think of you all every time we drill a hole in the right place!

Graham has unexpectedly gone back to work for a few months, but we had four weeks off over Christmas, and it was lovely to invite family to join us.

We've chosen to join our local C of E, and are slowly getting to know names and faces. It's a small church in terms of members (but large and listed as a building), and has identified 'working with local families' as a project for 2020. We hope to be involved as the thinking starts during Lent.

We wish you all well for 2020

With love

Jane and Graham

Pause to Ponder

If the blind put their hand in God's, they find their way more surely than those who see but have no faith or purpose.

Helen Keller, Methodist Recorder 22/11/19

Messy Church Update

A big thank you to all those who help with Messy Church, especially those who gave up their Christmas Eve afternoon to help. We had 38 children and 45 adults, along with a team of volunteers and a worship band. The church was full! It was so lovely to see both regular attendees and new faces, along with additional family.

We would love for some new volunteers to come along and help at Messy Church; there are a variety of roles from helping the families participate in activities to washing up. The dates for this year are: 19th February, 8th April, 27th May, 22nd July, 2nd September, 28th October.

Please speak to Tasha in the office if you are interested in finding out more.



Early Church Corner

Early Church is continuing to grow and develop, with several new families visiting over recent weeks. The Early Church Team will be meeting on Sunday 9th February to discuss and plan upcoming services. We'd love some feedback about what you like or don't like, if you've got any gifts or skills you could share with us, so please so speak to one of the team.

During February, we are continuing to look at the book of 1 Corinthians.

Coming up at Early Church:

2nd February—Boast only of what the Lord has done.

9th February—God's Wisdom—God's Spirit

16th February—It is God who matters

23rd February—Where is God's Temple?



Where are they now by Ray Roe

We all like surprises, especially nice one and I happened to receive one through the post inviting me to write a piece for your Church Magazine. So here goes.

Having belonged to the Methodist Church since the age of about six, I attended Sunday School as it was known then, followed by membership into the main Church at Hockliffe Street Wesleyan them, for a time, at Trinity Methodist on North Street.

Firstly, I must explain my background. My Grandfather Roe, a Christian gentleman, worshipped at the former Baptist Church in Lake Street and was a member of the Leighton Temperance Band and played bassoon; the actual instrument is still kept in the family. He also worked for Chamberlain Bros., outfitters in the High Street. My Grandfather, I have discovered, was born in 1868 and died in 1949.

Now, Grandfather's youngest son of five children, my own father, was born in 1898 and following service in the Black Watch Regiment in the First World War, 1914-1918, was offered an apprenticeship to a well-known business tailors and outfitters named Willoughby's in the City of London.

After successfully completing his apprenticeship as a master tailor, my father and mother lived in Lewisham, London for a time where my eldest brother was born in 1924. Later they moved to Sussex, where my other brother was born in 1929.

My father and mother and their two sons then had the opportunity to return to Leighton Buzzard to join my Grandfather in business at Market Square, which had living accommodation and it was there I was born on the 21st April, 1934. Despite worries of the Second World War starting in 1939, the year I started school, memories are still vivid of a happy childhood with my parents.

It was during my early years that I was introduced to Hockliffe Street Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School where I really enjoyed learning how to be a Christian and receiving books as prizes for attendance, which I still have in my possession. Sunday School in those days attracted large numbers of boys and girls, some of whom were evacuated to other parts of the country to avoid air raids.

As the years passed, inevitably changes came about. Hockliffe Street survived for one hundred years for 1864-1964, when it was closed. Atterbury Mission in Vandyke Road was also closed. Congregations from the three churches, Hockliffe Street, Atterbury Mission and North Street Primitive all joined as one thus forming North Street Trinity Methodist Church. It is not for me to say what people thought of the change but by meetings, prayer and guidance from our Lord; He has made His House His Home.

I do not think I would have uprooted my wife and family if it was not necessary. Top managers in the Government Department where I worked decided that my Grade was too high for the work I was doing at RAF Stanbridge and I could either take a downgrade, resign or accept a posting in my present Grade. Due to financial reasons, I accepted a posting to the South Coast and ended up in Folkestone at Shorncliffe Army Garrison in the Area Office there.

We had our Church membership transferred to Folkestone Methodist where we were warmly welcomed and have gained some lovely friends since 1978. The coastline at Folkestone is very appealing proving some lovely walks.

Sadly, my wife, Mavis, had a short illness and went to be with her Lord in 2017. I have a lovely daughter and son, now both in their fifties, who look after me so very well and for whom I am so grateful.

Christian Love to you all. God Bless.

Someone bigger than you and I by Colin Taplin

I may not be perfect, but I know Someone who can show me how to be the best I can be,
I may make mistakes, but I know Someone who forgives,
I may be ashamed of things I have done, but I know Someone who loves me just the same,
I may not say the right things, but I know Someone who listens anyway,
I may sometimes be wrong, but I know Someone who corrects,
I may sometimes be a failure, but I know Someone who can guide me to success.

I may sometimes show hatred, but I know Someone who can teach me how to love,
I may sometimes cry, but I know Someone who can dry the tears,
I may sometimes be lonely, but I know Someone who whispers "I'm with you",
I may sometimes be angry, but I know Someone who can teach me calm,
I may sometimes want to give up, but I know Someone who pushes me on,
I may sometimes get hurt, but I know Someone who can heal.

I may sometimes fall over, but I know Someone who is there to pick me up,
I may sometimes get lost, but I know Someone who can find me,
I may not know which way to go, but I know Someone who can find me,
I may not know the answer, but I know Someone who can tell me,
I may get tired, but I know Someone who can carry me, I may carry too much weight, but I know Someone who can share the load.

I may have nothing, but I know Someone who gives,
I may be in need, but I know Someone who provides,
I may one day lose it all, but I know Someone who can show me what really matters,
I may have concerns, but I know Someone who takes them away,
I may be in a difficult situation, but I know Someone who can help turn it around,
I may be in darkness, but I know Someone who can turn on the light.

I may be in danger, but I know Someone who rescues,
I may be in deep water, but I know Someone who walked on water,
I may be cast aside, but I know Someone who remains,
I may be empty, but I know Someone who can fill me up,
I may be held in disregard, but I know Someone who cares,
I may not like taking orders, but I know Someone who directs my path.

Once, my heart was broken, but Someone stepped inside,
To mend; cleanse; repair and make new,
My heart is clean; in that I take pride,
No more do I live the life I used to do,
For, although that Someone lives in my heart,
My God, My Saviour, is Someone bigger than you and I.

Action For Children (Retiring Collection for February)

We protect and support children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

- 87p of every £1 we spend helps children
- 476 Local Services from family centres to supporting children in care
- 387,000—We support over 387,000 children and their families
- 150—We've been changing lives for 150 years

For more information visit www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Sunday Services during February

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>2nd February</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Richard Bates & Judy Whyman Bates	Marina Mele
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Wallace Edwards	Anne Gray
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Michael Adams	Chris Lowe
<u>9th February</u>		
9.15am Early Church	Steven & Karen Purton with Rev. Seung-Wook Jung leading Diggin' Deeper	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Jacqui Donaghy
7.30pm—Sunday Night Live at The Olive Tree		
<u>16th February</u>		
8.30am— Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Elizabeth Hitchcock
9.15am—Early Church—Café Breakfast	Jo Baker & Catherine Roots	Anne Gray
10.30am—Morning Worship	Peter Baker	Chris Lowe
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Shepherd Kombo	Marina Mele
<u>23rd February</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung & Catherine Roots	Elizabeth Hitchcock

23rd February (continued)

10.30am—Morning
Worship

Local Arrangement led by
Ann Guy

Jacqui
Donaghy

6.00pm—Evening
Worship

Colin Quine

Catherine
Roots

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship

2nd February

Irene Hyde, Van Howard & Mary Eagleton

9th February

Irene Hyde & Kathy Keeley

16th February

Janet , Joan & Janette

23rd February

Irene Hyde

Coffee Team

2nd February

Charles & Sue Horsefield & Irene Hyde

9th February

The Wray Family

16th February

Nancy Renfrew, Margaret Dover & Mary Eagleton

23rd February

Phil & 'Cilla Wagner, Elaine Green & Frances Underwood

Flowers

2nd February

Mavis Edes—In loving memory of her dear husband Ron

9th February

Rosemary Webb—”In loving memory of my darling Husband Arthur, who passed away 5 years ago.”

16th February

Sue, Ali & Chris Stoke—In memory of family and to give thanks for fellowship and support at Trinity.

23rd February

Janet & Roy Curzon—In loving memory of Janet's parents.

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

4th February	Roger Owers
11th February	Joan Gregory
18th February	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
25th February	Stephen Poxon

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.

Sat 1st Feb, 10am-1pm	All Saints Church	Nature & Climate discussion. See poster for details.
Tues 4th Feb		Church Council Reports due to Elizabeth Hitchcock
Sat 8th Feb, 6pm	Salvation Army, St. Albans	An Evening with Michael Portillo. See board for details.
Tues 11th Feb, 7.45pm	Beech Hill	Circuit Meeting
Tues 12th February, NOON	Trinity	MARCH TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Wed 12th Feb, 7.30	Trinity	Church Council
Wed 19th Feb, 2.30pm	Trinity	Messy Church—Please book your space on our website

Tues 25th Feb, 8pm	Tasha's house	Worship Consultation
Wed 26th Feb, 7.45pm	TBA	Ash Wednesday service followed by Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

Daffodil Rally at Westminster Central Hall—London

Monday 2nd March, 2020.

This will be the last Daffodil Rally in Central Hall - more information will be supplied later relating to what is happening in 2021. **Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in coming?**

Pick up from Trinity Methodist Church at 9am. Leave Central Hall at 4.15pm and returns to Trinity at 7.15pm Other picks ups/drop offs from The Square, Dunstable, Toddington Methodist Church and Harlington Methodist Church (please see poster for timings)

All timings are subject to traffic conditions on route.

We shall be travelling with Motts Coaches from Aylesbury. The fare will be £13.50 per person and it includes a tip for the driver. The fare is slightly higher than in previous years due to a compulsory charge that the coach company must pay to Westminster council.

Cheques payable to Motts Travel.

Please be at the pick-up point at least ten minutes before the coach is due. You can take your own refreshments, but food is also available at Central Hall but be prepared to wait!!

On the return trip from London the driver will advise us on pick up point. Any cancelations let me know ASAP please as I will have a waiting list.

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Saturday Prayers, 9am-9.45am, Ante Room

We believe it's a blessing for Trinity to have a prayer group as part of the church's ministry and outreach. A short Iona service with a Psalm and reading brings us together. We are committed and dedicated to prayer, spending time to remember God is with us, listening and answering prayers.

We pray for those with special needs, the world, our country, town, circuit and Trinity, also our minister, leaders and any events coming up at Trinity. We feel free and comfortable with each other, as we are able to pray aloud or in silence, led by the Holy Spirit, we listen, remembering that prayers are a two way conversation with God. We are particularly encouraged when folk who have asked for prayer later share with us, that they have felt God's love and help in their situation or concern.

We welcome any prayer requests, which are treated in the strictest confidence. You are very welcome to come along and share in this time of prayer and worship. We come closer to God in our praying and sharing. It's a special time of blessing, as Jesus said,

For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.

Matthew 18:20

God bless you all, from The Prayer Group.

Responding to the Gospel

Once upon a timeless God,
Who imagined the unfinished store of creation, peopled it,
And give it countless twists and turns
Help us to discover your unfinished stories within us:
Stories of walking on water and through water,
Of red earth and dry bones spirited,
Of desolations becoming homecomings
And death transformed by love,
Through our witness dispel wishful thinking,

False promises and the desire for happy endings
 And replace them with generous, honest,
 Life-giving communities of hope, Amen.

Barbara Glasson, President, British Methodist Conference,
 2019/2020

The Methodist Church Responding to the Gospel. Prayer hand-
 book 2019/2020. ISBN:978-1-8582-479-5

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	Alternate Thursday 2-4pm	Janet Curzon
Games Afternoon	Alternate Thursday 2-4pm	Sandra Digby
Girls' Brigade	Friday 6-9.30pm	Marilyn Powell
Prayers	Saturday 9-10am	Joan Gregory

Prayer Diary for February

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

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore Thee,
a heart to delight in Thee,

to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen

St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with C & D
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in February (see pages 10-12)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 12-13)
- Action for Children (Retiring Collection charity for February)

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- Leaders of the Early Church Breakout groups—Diggin' Deeper, Freedom Generation, Kidz Klub

Our local neighbourhood:

- Leedon Lower School
- Clipstone Brook Lower School
- Church Street
- St. Andrews Street
- Baker Street
- Mill Road

Pray to God for the world around us:

- The fires in Australia and effect they have had on the country.