

Trinity Weekly News

Sunday 28th March 2021



REMINDER – THE CLOCKS *SPRING* FORWARD AT 1AM ON SUNDAY 28TH MARCH!

Services for 28th March

- Service on the Web led by Steven & Karen Purton
- 10.30am Morning Worship on Zoom led by Rev. Jenny Spouge
- Circuit YouTube service

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgImffM3oeRd29kRrAqKQ0g/playlists>

From The Manse

Palm Sunday, we are approaching the last Sunday of lent before Easter. Almost the end of the Journey following the footage of Jesus' ministry and it is a time for celebration of the coming of Jesus, his coming into Jerusalem. Large crowds gathered and shouted Hosanna and called him the King of Israel. It was a great welcome, and people were overwhelmed by great expectation. But soon after the expectation turned into disappointment, anger, and finally they shouted, "crucify him".

We are waiting for Easter as the end of the Lenten journey, and we are also waiting for the end of this long journey of pandemic, emptying our church building, meeting in different ways, different places. The times that we cannot greet each other properly, cannot touch, hug, or even shake hands.

We are waiting for the end of it but what we are expecting? Just going back to 'normal' as we were before the pandemic? We know that there are some changes, or a big change that we are facing. We have to see where we are honestly and practically.

I know it is difficult, difficult to think new things and accept the changes, as we saw it from the disciples of Jesus. They followed him for three years, all the way through his ministry, they heard his teaching, they saw what he had done, but their view had not been changed yet. However they still followed him, they still trusted him until they reached Golgotha, the place of death. All of their expectations, their dreams had died on the cross with Christ and they had a new beginning with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Palm Sunday is not just the time of welcoming Him; it is the beginning of Holy week, the time of death and waiting for the resurrection, the new beginning and it is the time for us, time of recreation, the time of restart, time of resurrection by dying with him and having a new beginning through him. As the true Palm Sunday, we truly welcome him by following him to Golgotha and raised again on Easter morning.

Easter Messy Church in a Bag & Messy Church Celebration on Zoom

Please do pray for the 32 children and their families who have received their bags this week.

If you would like to join us for our Messy Church celebration on Tuesday 6th April at 10.30am on Zoom. Please see the end of Weekly News for the invitation.

Maundy Thursday (1st April) Service at 7.30pm on Zoom

Maundy Thursday service following A Love Feast.

Please prepare your love feast cake or bread and loving cup (water, juice, or tea) for the love feast. Zoom Invitation at the end of Weekly News.

Trinity ACM Notice

The Annual Church Meeting for 2021 will be held, via Zoom, after the 10:30 service on Sunday, 25th April. (No ACM was held last year because of the Covid-19 Pandemic). This is the time when we appoint Church representatives to the Church Council (up to 7 nominations). We usually display reports of church activities in the anteroom for 2 weeks before the meeting. That is unlikely to be possible this year, so Tasha has agreed to send them out with Weekly News for the 11th & 18th April. Please would you send your nominations & reports to me by Tuesday, 6th April.

Elizabeth Hitchcock 01525 375684

For those who receive Weekly News in a printed form either directly posted or from volunteer deliverers Tasha will print the reports for the ACM and the Annual Finance report and organise delivery with volunteers.

Trinity Floral Memorial

As part of our outreach as a church to the local community in Leighton Buzzard we are creating a floral memorial to all who have lost their lives in Leighton Buzzard in the past year.

This memorial will consist of a large number of hand-crafted flowers and will be displayed on the Anteroom exterior wall on North Street.

The memorial will be completed for Easter Day and will then remain in position until late June or July when, Covid restrictions permitting, we will be holding a

memorial service for all those who have lost a loved one across the town. This will be open to the whole community of Leighton Buzzard as an opportunity for all to come together to remember.

A BIG Thank you

Thank you to all those who contributed towards the Floral Memorial on our cross in North Street. This is now complete and has already been admired and commented on by many. It was a joy to assemble it at the weekend as so many people asked about it. As previously mentioned the flowers will remain in position until late June or July when, Covid 19 restrictions permitting, we will be holding a memorial service for all those who have lost a loved one across the town. This will be open to the whole community of Leighton Buzzard as an opportunity for all to come together to remember.

Catherine Roots on behalf of the Connections Group



Pastoral Notices

Tony, Felicity and Caroline wish to thank everybody who have sent Condolence messages and Cards on Ann's death. The number received exceeded all expectations and I am very humble.

Thank you and God bless you all, love.

Tony

We are moving away from LB at the end of March to Poole. We're sorry to be leaving all our friends at Trinity, especially at this time when we can't say goodbye in person! Thank you all for your great kindness to us and to Gareth's mother Thelma over the past 19 years, and we wish you all the best for the future.

Heather and Gareth Watkins

Eco-Church Service

The Eco Church scheme is celebrating 5 years of Eco Church with a special online service on 26 March at 11am – details are on the A Rocha website at Eco Church turns five - celebrate with us! - Eco Church

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/eco-church-turns-five-celebrate-with-us/>

MWiB Easter Offering Service 2021

We are delighted to announce the completion of the promised video-recording of this year's Easter Offering Service, 'Into all the world', which is now available for you to watch on our brand new MWiB YouTube channel. The video has been produced by the MWiB Executive, and lasts around 45 minutes. With the text of the service on screen, and recordings of hymns and songs to join in with, the video is ideal particularly for smaller groups (if able to meet) and for individuals to watch at home.

If you're unable to meet, why not arrange a time for your group to watch it at home 'together-apart', and perhaps arrange an online/Zoom chat over coffee afterwards?

You will also find at the end of the service the following information regarding payment of donations to the Easter Offering (and please note especially that however you make your donation, you need to reference it for "Easter Offering 2021", so that it can be counted in this year's total):

~ Any offerings made via the EO service are wholly donated to the World Mission Fund. If you would like to donate directly, via the Just Giving page, please visit www.justgiving.com/mcfworldmission/donate and reference your donation with EO Service 2021. You can also access this page via the Methodist Church website (www.methodist.org.uk) when you search for World Mission Fund.

~ If you would like to make an offering in your usual way, please contact your treasurer with the offering and make sure they know it is for the World Mission Fund.

~ Offerings can also be made to the WMF via Bank Transfer with the reference EO 2021. You can access this information from your church or regional group.

The link to the YouTube video is:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qg9uuQg_6qM&t=2s

Activities at Trinity during March

It is possible to join the Zoom activities online or by telephone. Contact Catherine if she does not already have you on her list for services or the bible study.

Sunday 28 th March	Service on the Web led by Karen & Steven Purton	10.30am Morning Worship on Zoom led by Rev. Jenny Spouge
Wednesday 31 st March	Lent Bible Study	

9.15am Early Church Invitation

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86273967531?pwd=Z3hyVEFKOUYzUGkrMFhIT2hacU9kQT09>

Meeting ID: 862 7396 7531

Passcode: 050022

10.30am Morning Worship Invitation

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89378097505?pwd=NIg0TGdQMUIJFTzVWc0h6c0MvK0RGdz09>

Meeting ID: 893 7809 7505

Passcode: 348864

Dial by your location

+44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom

+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Wednesday 2pm Lent Bible Study on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87174164024?pwd=RzlSY25Fc08yYXIEWHdqQW1DcktYUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 7416 4024

Passcode: 158275

Dial by your location

+44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom

Wednesday 8pm Lent Bible Study on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82089472011?pwd=RU8yRXVQSVBQVktiTnVZMTNWMzhRZz09>

Meeting ID: 820 8947 2011
Passcode: 095710
Dial by your location
+44 203 901 7895 United Kingdom

Maundy Thursday Zoom Service at 7.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85986279985?pwd=b2tnSDFmV0QvNktNOU5Na05BYXJQQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 8627 9985

Passcode: 271334

Dial by your location

+44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom

Tuesday 6th April 10.30am Messy Church Celebration on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88392352395?pwd=S2YwRjd0MlpOOXZrVnVuR2hMbExnQT09>

Meeting ID: 883 9235 2395

Passcode: 885338

Dial by your location

+44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom

Circuit Worship

If you are unable to join in with an act of worship at Trinity for whatever reason, why not look on the Circuit page of our website (https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/Groups/281012/Circuit_Events.aspx) and see what other churches in the Circuit are up to.

Items for Weekly News to Tasha Williams at the church office via trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or by leaving a message on the church office answer phone (01525 371905)