

Trinity Weekly News

Sunday 15th/22nd August 2021

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From the District Chair

Dear Friends,

The start of the Methodist Church year on 1 September provides a natural opportunity for circuits and churches to plan for the year ahead, as we look to the future with a mixture of hope and concern at what the autumn and winter may bring. Although the national vaccination programme has been a great success, it is unclear whether and to what extent future restrictions may still be necessary.

However, one of the most encouraging developments during the past eighteen months has been the way in which circuits and churches in the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District have responded to the situation posed by lockdown and the need for social distancing. Detailed risk assessments have been carried out efficiently and effectively. Sunday services have continued by electronic means whenever restrictions have prevented congregations from meeting in person. At other times, church premises have been suitably adapted to allow safe access. I am immensely grateful to all those who have worked so hard to ensure that worship, fellowship, and mission can continue.

Already there has been much theological, political, and social commentary on the present and future implications of the pandemic for corporate and individual human life on a fragile planet. Clearly, far-reaching changes are presently underway and will likely continue apace. Yet the people of God are well placed to adapt and respond to changing circumstances. Our identity in Jesus Christ gives us an overarching story and a fixed reference point in which to assess and prioritise change. Holding fast to him means we need not be anxious when familiar and apparently stable patterns of living, working, and worshipping must be reassessed in the light of changing circumstances. After all, 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13.8).

Grace and Peace

David Chapman

Chair Beds, Essex & Herts Methodist District

Services at Trinity from September

We are all looking forward to returning to weekly Early Church and 10.30am services from September. However we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on entry to Trinity and wear a face covering while in the building (unless exempt). It is lovely to be able to sing in church again, but again please ensure that your mask covers your mouth and nose while you are singing. I am very pleased to say that we have not had occasion to use our lists of attendees at services during the pandemic. We will continue to keep a list of people who attend services for the present but you no longer have to register. Thanks go to Chris for managing the registration process over the past few months. Seating in Church will no longer be restricted but, wherever possible, as a courtesy to others please try to keep at least 1 metre apart from those who are not in your household.

Our Harvest Service will be held on 3rd October – breakfast followed by a joint service for everyone at 10am. We will be asking for donations for the Leighton Buzzard Food Bank. More details later.

Following the success of our 6pm zoom services, we hope to continue these on a weekly basis from September. The exception will be when we join Circuit evening services. (See below for Circuit services in September.) Our evening services will be publicised across the Circuit, and we hope that people from the Circuit and beyond will be able to join us. If you would like to support these by helping with the Zoom technology, please contact either Catherine Roots or Anne Gray. Full training will be given in the comfort of your own home.

Anne Gray, Leadership team

Messy Church at Trinity

Over the summer I am planning 2 further Picnics in the Park on **18th August & 2nd September** at Parsons Recreation Ground (near the bandstand) 12noon-2pm. Anyone is welcome to come and join us (it will only be cancelled if it is raining).

In October I am hoping to restart face to face Messy Church, I am also looking at the possibility of moving the service from the Wednesday of the holidays to either the Saturday or Monday afternoons in the short holidays (but this is dependent on volunteer numbers). In order to restart Messy Church, I am in need of more volunteers as there are a number of people who have decided to step down from helping. In order for Messy Church to run effectively I need around 20 volunteers for a variety of roles. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer your help, please contact me in the office.

Tasha Williams

Creating a safer space - Safeguarding course

As things are beginning to go back to normal in September, there are a large number of people who need to update their safeguarding course. This needs to be done every 4 years, however, as we have been unable to do any courses for the last 18 months there are a large number of people requiring an update. At present courses are only being offered on Zoom, which I appreciate restricts some from completing. As soon as it is possible we will look to do an 'in person' course, however no date has been fixed.

The links for registering on one of the courses are below. If you have no access to the internet or are not happy following the link to book a place you will have to wait until we can offer a face to face course.

- Tuesday 7th September 7pm to 8.30pm and Wednesday 8th September 7pm to 8pm - *Note attendance is required on both evenings.* <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/165116799793>
- Thursday 9th September 9am to 12 noon <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/164000242139>
- Saturday 11th September 2021 9am to 12 noon
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-safer-space-foundation-training-on-zoom-tickets-166650569339>

If you have any queries or issues about these courses, please contact Ann Guy.

GDPR & the Church Directory

Please complete your GDPR form (one per person) as soon as possible so that we can proceed with compiling the next Church Directory. You can give completed forms (BOTH SIDES) to a steward, put them in the post box on North Street or email them to the church office (tttprojectoffice@gmail.com). Printed copies are available at the church.

Thank You

Public Issues

Interest has been expressed in volunteering to help with the Community Food Bank at Black Horse House and there is some scope for this now. Teams are in place for every day of the week to pack food bags and sufficient drivers have signed up to cover regular food collection and deliveries. But with the holiday season in full swing, gaps will need to be filled and we need back-up for other contingencies. If anyone is prepared to volunteer for either role on this basis, please write to Rosie at rosiemgeorge@outlook.com.

As we move forward with our Eco-church initiative (inspired by Catherine's recent sermon) Noreen and Christine have put in some hard work to reclaim the Church garden. It now looks much less like a jungle and without a pigeon in sight. But with more work it could be useful as a resource for teaching about nature. If anyone is interested in joining the next working party please contact me.

Finally, Cilla has offered to reintroduce the display of a list of useful tips on how to be more environmentally conscious at home - an idea initiated by the late Geoff Bunting about 10 years ago. The list will be displayed somewhere it can be seen by those attending worship.

Charles Horsefield

Prayer Chain

Dont' forget to put the Prayer Chain in your diary. We will be praying from Friday 3rd at noon till Saturday 4th September at noon. The main event will be on zoom but the church will be open at set times for those who want to come to church to pray. More details to follow.

Thanksgiving service for the life of Bob Squires

Will anyone who would like to attend a thanksgiving service for the life of Bob Squires who died at the end of June, please contact Jenny Spouge. An idea of numbers will help with organisation of the service.

More sad news

Mr John Chastney, former district treasurer, died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack on Sunday 25 July while visiting family in Nottingham. Many of us will have worked with John and come to appreciate his financial expertise and dedication to Christian service. Please remember in your prayers John's wife, Sue, and their family.

Circuit Services in September

5th September at 6.30pm – Welcome Service for Rev Patrick Kandeh, the new Superintendent Minister for the South Beds Circuit. More details to follow.

26th September at 6.00pm – Service to launch the Circuit's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy. More details to follow.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity during July was £4,524. In addition we have received income equivalent to £1,121 per month from gift aid. The amount required in income to balance our books is £7,100 per month.

Weekly News

Over the Summer, as in previous years, Weekly News will be produced fortnightly during August. It will be sent/printed for Sundays 1st, 15th & 29th August, before moving over to the new Trinity News from September.

Activities at Trinity during August

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.

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Sunday evening Zoom link (for Sunday 15th August)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87399790220?pwd=c2plQ2c5UDJ5V01HSIF0SE1KcXhOZz09>

Meeting ID: 873 9979 0220

Passcode: 911105

Dial by your location: +44 208 080 6591 The United Kingdom

Sunday Morning Zoom link (for Sunday 22nd and 29th August))

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942094746?pwd=bnhkdU9tOU5aNUIDSC9vZEtUS0dtQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 4209 4746

Passcode: 869582

Dial by your location: +44 208 080 6591 The United Kingdom

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