

Trinity News

Sunday 3rd & 10th October 2021



From the Manse

We are gradually and carefully opening our church building. We have been having Sunday morning services (Early Church and 10.30 service) every week since September and kept the Zoom service for our Sunday evening services. We are about to reopen our fellowship meeting after the service with refreshment as we offer a breakfast this Sunday for the Harvest service. We are also preparing the weekday service and activities (perhaps including the Tuesday service) as well.

It seems that we are fully back to 'normal' and the Harvest Service this Sunday will be the celebration of the re-opening our services and fellowship as well as thanks for the harvest. It will be wonderful to spent time together as we have waited for it for a long time.

However, we still have to be careful about the situation we are in. We still have to care for our vulnerable members because the threat of Covid has not been removed completely. Going back to our mission in and outside of the church cannot just happen by opening the church building. We need manpower more than ever. We have lack of stewards, helpers for catering, serving refreshments, helping Messy Church, Early Church, in all parts of our church.

We know that when we recover from a long term sickness, all parts of our body need to work together to get our strength back. Now we are in that sort of period, it is the time to work together. We have truly recognized during the pandemic that the Church is not a building but we are as the body of Christ. Now we have to work as the Church as God called us together as His body to work for His kingdom.

Sunday 3rd October

Ordinary 27—Harvest Sunday

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Breakfast	
10.00am	Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung and Jo Baker
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)	Rev. Margaret Newman

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Saturday 2nd October	2pm	Black History Month Launch. See page 7 for details

Activities during this week in the South Bedfordshire Circuit

There are no additional activities in the Circuit this week.

Sunday 10th October 2021

Ordinary 28

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Catherine Roots
10.30am	Morning Worship	Roger Owers
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Tuesday 12th October	7.30pm	Church Council, face to face in the Church Sanctuary
Wednesday 13th October	2pm	Afternoon Bible Study on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)
	8pm	Evening Bible Study on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)

Activities during this week in the South Bedfordshire Circuit (Sunday 10th October)

There are no additional activities in the Circuit this week.

Sunday 17th October 2021

Ordinary 29

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung and Jo Baker
4.00pm	Messy Church Extra (please see page 7 for information)	Tasha Williams & Richard Bates
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)	Local Arrangement

Zoom Links

Sunday Evening Worship (3rd & 10th October)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/93984169282?](https://zoom.us/j/93984169282?pwd=MXR4YU85aG9JdzhyQjZQTzFWLzlxQT09)

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Meeting ID: 939 8416 9282

Passcode: 699189

Dial by your location

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Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 2pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/92877340921?](https://zoom.us/j/92877340921?pwd=Y2x3MUdTeFpWT0YvenUxMXZDNTArdz09)

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Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921 Passcode: 869411

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?](https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dIU09)

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Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

Trinity Notices

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on 3 October and will be for everyone who normally attends either Early Church or the 10.30 service.

Breakfast will be available from 9.15 and the service will start at 10.00 am (please note the change of time).

It would be helpful to know approximate numbers who will be coming for the breakfast and so there will be a signing up sheet on the notice board in the corridor at the services on 19 and 26 September.

The Church will be decorated on the morning of Saturday 2 October between 9 and 11 am. If you would like to help with the decorations please contact Jo Baker on msjbaker@hotmail.co.uk
The gifts brought to the harvest service will be used to support the Food Bank operating from the Black Horse. The following items would be greatly appreciated:

Tinned meat - preferably that which can be heated.

Dried potato and tinned potato.

Coffee

Tea

Vegetables

Biscuits

Custard

Creamed Rice

Canned pasta - spaghetti etc

Crisps

Noodles

Chocolate

Shower gel

Shampoo/conditioner

Toilet rolls

Cleaning products - including washing powder/gel

Alternatively, there will be an opportunity to make a cash donation for the work of All We Can.

Messy Church Extra

On Sundays 17th October and 21st November at 4pm we will be trialling a new initiative—Messy Church Extra. It is for everyone! Come and join us in an interactive, family friendly worship celebration, followed by a jacket potato supper. If you can let Tasha know if you are intending to come, this will help with preparation. If you are able to bake or donate cake for desert, please also contact Tasha.

I am looking for a few volunteers, particularly who can help in the kitchen and with the packing down. If this is something you would be able to help with please contact Tasha in the Church Office.

Church Council

The next Church Council will be a face-to-face meeting held in the Church Sanctuary at 19:30 on Tuesday, 12th October. Please may I have reports for circulation by Wednesday 6th October.

Black History Month Launch

On Saturday 2nd October at 2pm Trinity Methodist Church are hosting the launch of Black History Month in Leighton Buzzard. Leighton-Linslade Town Mayor, Councillor Farzana Kharawala will launch the event with local resident Ken Breinburg presenting a talk on Black History and how black people came to be in the UK.

Knitters required.

We would like to give knitted poppies to place on the side of the ramp to those attending the service in memory on 14th November. If you are willing to help with this please contact Catherine Roots for more information or patterns.

Clearing the Stage

The Property Committee is hiring a skip to take away all the unwanted items that they can find, especially those on the stage. If you have anything you want to claim before it is removed, please do so as soon as possible. The skip is expected to be removed during the last week of October. Volunteers are needed to help with the clearing of the stage and filling of the skip. All offers of help to any of the Property Committee.

Thank you, Tim Hitchcock

Thanksgiving Service

When we held Ken Gregory's funeral, we were only able to invite a limited number of people and were unable to sing. Ken loved to sing, so we are celebrating his life with a Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday 23rd October at 3.30pm. This will be followed by light refreshments. If you are able to come along you will be most welcome. From Joan Gregory.

Covid Update

As Autumn begins and more people are considering whether or not to return to Church services at Trinity, we thought it would be a good time to set out our current plans for dealing with continuing levels of Covid 19 infection within the community.

There are some things that we shall be continuing to do:

Encouraging continued wearing of masks while on the premises, particularly when singing

- Encouraging hand sanitising on arrival at Church
- Receiving the collection in receptacles in the anteroom, rather than passing round a collection bag
- Not handing out hymn books, Bibles etc but using the screen and encouraging the congregation to bring their own books
- Organising Communion Services so that there is no

congregating at the altar

- Asking stewards to wipe down surfaces that have been used after each service.

There are also some things which we shall no longer be doing:

- Taking names of those attending services
- Having a one-way system to arrive and depart from services. The front and back doors will be available for entry and the lift will be switched on.

We shall be returning to serving refreshments when there are volunteers available to prepare them. The first occasion will be on 3 October when breakfast will be available before the service. We have volunteers to help with this breakfast but we do not yet have volunteers to prepare refreshments for other services. If you are willing to offer to help in future please let a member of the Leadership Team know.

Anticipating Christmas

The first Sunday in Advent, 28 November, is a Local Arrangement for the 10.30am service and I am hoping to arrange a service in which the congregation plays an active part. As we all missed out on our Advent and Christmas services and singing carols and advent hymns together, I am hoping, with your help, to be able to put together a service of celebration for the Advent and Christmas period. This will include your poems, readings, prayers, hymns and carols together with other music, or pictures, anything that speaks to you of the wonder, awe and love of the Christmas period. If you feel able to speak about the reasons for your choice with the rest of the congregation that would be wonderful, however, this is not a requirement! Each one of us has favourite hymns, carols, prayers and readings that mean that special something to us during the Christmas period and this service will give you, the congregation, a chance to share these with others. I know this seems very early in the year to think about Christmas

but I wanted to give you the time to find something to share with others during the service. This is your service, pray about it and reflect on those meaningful times and let me know what you would like included. I look forward to hearing from you. Ann Guy

Wider Church News

St. Albans Cathedral Free Church Service

On 6th October The Reverend Simon Carver (Minister of Dagnall Street Baptist Church and Free Church Chaplain for the Cathedral will be leading the Free Church Service in the Lady Chapel at St. Albans Cathedral at 11am.

Marlborough Road Methodist Church Thinking Lunch

On Thursday 7th October The Reverend Dr Evie Vernon will be leading a talk for Black History Month: Still I rise—acknowledgements to Maya Angelou. This is hosted by Marlborough Road Methodist Church., Marlborough Road, St. Albans, AL13XG at 12.30pm. Bring your own lunch.

GodVenture Thanktober

GodVenture have again produced a very helpful “Thanktober” poster which includes 31 thanks prompts. You may want to use this yourself or pass on to friends and family. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Tasha in the Office.

Public Issues (from Charles Horsefield & ‘Cilla Wagner)

This is a busy week for Public Issues both nationally and locally. Last Sunday there was a South Beds Circuit service at which a racial justice strategy was adopted, based on a project led by Rev Arlington Trotman. Then on Monday 27 September LL Town Council recognised a Climate Emergency and set targets for reducing carbon emissions, which should impact on all our lives to

some extent. On Saturday 2nd October there is a meeting at Trinity, to be attended by The Mayor, to celebrate Black History month. And on Sunday 3rd October at our own Harvest Festival we will be collecting food and other items that will go to the LL Community Foodbank at the Black Horse. Those who volunteer at the Black Horse are often reminded of the poverty that is still growing in the town by the gratitude expressed by recipients of food bags, all of whom have been referred to the charity by relevant agencies. A video made at The Black Horse at the end of the Covid Lock Down is to be shown at our next Church Council Meeting.

Whilst all these important issues are being addressed, Cilla has been looking on our behalf at what we can all do at home to make things a bit better. She has focussed this week on the issue of water. The charity Water Aid tell us that one in ten people in the world still don't have clean water and the effects of climate change are making things worse. Their recent report makes us aware of how fortunate we are to have access to clean water at home and how we shouldn't waste it or take it for granted.

In our gardens - do we have water butts or other containers to collect rainwater? Do we collect the cold water that we run off before filling a washing-up bowl, for use in the garden and do we use the washing-up water afterwards? It won't do any harm. Do we remember that there is no need to water the leaves of plants, only the earth around the roots? And that one good soak late-on is more effective than several splashes throughout the day. Standing plant pots on saucers during summer retains excess water and larger pots are less likely to dry out than small ones, especially if the soil surface is covered with grit or small pebbles to retain moisture.

Prayer Diary

Stir us up to serve you, Lord,
that in our serving, others may see you;
and, as others see you in us,
we may meet with you afresh in them,
so that we, in turn, are stirred again
to serve you with joy, .
day after day. Amen

(BRF, Messy Church)

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity over the coming weeks.
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Leighton Road, Vimy Road, Vimy Court, Bridge Street, Pulford Road, Church Avenue
- **People who lead and attend** the Property Committee
- **People in our Church Directories** who's surname begins with S
- **Children, parents and staff** at Pulford Lower School
- **For the world around us** particularly those affected by the end of the furlough scheme

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