

Trinity News

Sunday 7th & 14th November



From The Manse

I had an interesting but quite common question as a Christian from my son Yunsang few weeks ago. “Why did God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden in the first place?” It means that if there was no such tree they would not have sinned then they and all of us would have a happy life in the garden of Eden.

It reminds me when I had those questions and discussions that I had with my friends when I was a teenager in the church. That was the time we had a passion for looking for the truth from the bible. But I had almost forgotten it because it had been a long time since I had those questions for the members of my church.

Is it because that they have better understanding about the bible now or because they have lost their interest in it? I hope that it is the first. Probably because they don't need to discuss it anymore because they have great knowledge about the word of God through their long journey of faith which I have to follow.

However, the actual problem is that I don't know how wonderful their understanding of the bible is because I haven't got the opportunity to talk about it. Sometimes I even wonder about my sermon. Whether they have understood well or whether they have any question about it after the service.

So, it was good to have a question from my son and it was great pleasure to see that he seemed satisfied with my explanation to his question.

P.S. You can come to see me if you wonder about the explanation I gave to him.

Sunday 7th November 2021

Ordinary 32

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

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Wednesday 10th November	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)

Sunday 14th November 2021

Ordinary 33—Remembrance Sunday

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Ben & Tasha Williams
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Jenny Spouge
3.00pm	Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones	Rev Seung-Wook Jung & Roger Owers
6.00pm	There is no Evening Worship on Zoom	

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Wednesday 17th November	2.15pm	Knit & natter in the Chatteris Suite

Sunday 21st November 2021

Christ the King—Sunday before Advent

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	There is no Early Church today.	
10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Seung-Wook Jung
4.00pm	Messy Church Extra (Please see page 6 for details)	Tasha & Williams & Richard Bates
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)	Local Arrangement

Zoom Links

Sunday Evening Worship

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

Messy Church at Trinity

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who came to help and support our first Messy Church Extra on 17th November, it really did go down well! Also a big thank you to those who came to support Messy Church Meet Up, it was a quieter session than I had hoped for, but it is something we will continue to explore.

The next Messy Church Extra will be on Sunday 21st November at 4pm. We will be serving jacket potatoes and fillings again, so it would be helpful to know if you are planning to attend. Also, if anyone would like or is able to make/donate cake for pudding, this would be very well received—please let me know if this is something you could help with.

Tasha Williams

Church Directory

The 2021 Church Directory will be available again on 7th November. If you have not collected your copy, please do so then (and sign for it) . After this, the remaining directories will be posted.

A Service in Remembrance of Loved Ones

On Remembrance Sunday this year (14th November) Trinity Methodist Church will hold a service dedicated to the memory of those people in Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, and surrounding villages, who have passed away in the last two years.

The service will commence at 3 p.m. and will be conducted by the Reverend Seung-Wook Jung and Roger Owers.

All are welcome, irrespective of faith, religion or denomination.

For further details, please contact:

Tasha Williams at the Trinity office.

Pastoral News

Joan and family would like to thank everyone who attended Ken's Thanksgiving Service and making it such a memorable occasion

Laurie Renfrew is now home from hospital following an operation, and is slowly making progress. He and Nancy would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts, and for the cards he received while he was in hospital.

The funeral for Bert Edwards who is husband of Joan Edwards, died 30 October. The Funeral will be held on 22nd November at the church 11am.

Church Family Christmas Card

From Sunday 7th November, a pink post-box will be in the Ante-Room to receive your Christmas Greetings to be published in the Church Family Christmas Card. The box will remain in the Ante-Room during November for your greetings. Alternatively, you can email them to me in the church office

at tttprojectoffice@gmail.com

Tasha Williams

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity during October was £5,033. In addition we budget income equivalent to £1,125 per month from gift aid. The amount required in income to balance our books is £6,620 per month.

Action for Children Collection Boxes

After nearly 2 years I have resurfaced! In that time the Home collection boxes for Action for Children (or NCH!) have not been opened. Please have a look at the box to see when it was last emptied and get in touch. Anne Webber 379447

Charity of the Month – Mission in Britain

Mission in Britain is an essential part of the One Mission of the Methodist Church in Britain. Gifts to the Mission in Britain Fund enable the Church to support mission-orientated church projects through grant giving across a range of activities including:

- Mission Action on Poverty and Justice
- Ministering opportunities at Methodist Heritage sites
- Chaplaincy
- The use of church properties to serve local communities
- Sharing the gospel with all ages

You can give to the Fund through their JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/missioninbritain> or through the retiring collection which will be taken at morning service on 21 November. For more information, their website is <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/support-our-work/about-our-funds/mission-in-britain-fund/>

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. It 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! Please speak to Ann Guy for more information.

Toy and Gift Service 2021

With your help and support we would like again to send toys and gifts to the Children's Centre this year. They are in more need now than before. The Gift Service when we will acknowledge them will be on 5 December, and those attending worship that day will be able to bring their gifts to the service. The service will be at **10am**

that day with breakfast at 9.15 in the main hall.

The centre have asked if we can focus on the 3 – 12 year old age range this year. Gifts of both toys and clothing/knitting would be welcome etc. and toiletries for young parents would also be welcomed.

Trinity has supported this cause for some years and we hope that we can continue this important outreach.

If you are unable to bring your gifts on 5th December then please contact Catherine Roots on LB 745789 or catherine.roots1@ntlworld.com by Thursday 2nd December so we can arrange collection of your gifts in good time to go to the centre.

Advent Calendars

Traidcraft Real Advent Calendar. They cost £4.50 and as well as a daily chocolate, there is a Christmas story and activity book. If anyone would like me to order one for them, please let me know by 10th November. Sue Horsefield L.B. 632860.

Circuit & District News

Methodist Way of Life Course

Angela Brydon, District Discipleship Enabler is running some further sessions on the Methodist Way of Life.

These sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm on 16th, 23rd and 30th November. Wednesday Evenings at 7.30pm 17th and 24th November and 1st December and Friday Mornings at 11am on 19th and 26th November and 3rd December. These sessions will use the Finding the Way material available here (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19583/mwol-finding-the-way-booklet-1120.pdf>) to download or to order for free from Methodist Publishing.

The first weeks sessions will all explore the "What is Methodist Way of life" and " Christian Practices " Sections
Week 2 "Worship" and Learning and Caring"
Week 3 "Service" and Evangelism.

More information about booking places on these sessions will follow shortly.

Public Issues (from Charles Horsefield & Cilla Wagner)

This week I have not needed to look around for a subject to write about. With COP 26 in full spate Climate Change is hard to ignore. But the question on my mind is, What can I do to help? On Sunday Ivor Michelmores focussed on the issue in his prayers of intercession and I hope we are all doing that regularly. But we heard it said last week that "recycling is a red herring" and I imagine that the same could be said about most of the environmentally-sensitive things we might do at home. Some seem to think that major changes to what the country manufactures, what we drive around in and how we generate our energy are the only things that will get us to carbon neutrality by 2050. But will the momentum of these massive projects be maintained for the next 30 years if those of us who are not directly involved just get on with our lives as if we are not concerned? I think we all need to get involved in any way we feel able, do whatever we can along the lines suggested by Cilla below and pray that our leaders will deliver what they are promising at COP 26.

Cilla reminds us that whilst bread is a vital part of our daily diet it is thrown away on an alarmingly large scale. I appears that about 20 million slices are thrown away every day and if this was stopped it could do the same for greenhouse gas emissions as

planting 5.3 million trees. Wasting excess bread seems so unnecessary as it can easily be stored in a freezer and later used to make bread and butter pudding. Or turned into breadcrumbs for adding to meatballs or burgers. You may well have many other ways of using up excess bread.

Thinking the way that Cilla suggests will keep us all involved in the battle against global warming and if everyone thinks this way, we can actually make a difference. There is no Planet B.

COP26

An opportunity to share your views on climate change and what you would like to happen. I will have sign up sheets available at church on Sunday 7th November. They will then be posted on social media, anonymously if people prefer. For further information contact Sue Horsefield

Other News

Charity Meal—24th November, 7pm

The Town Mayor, Cllr Farzana Kharawala, has arranged a meal at The Mevan, Leighton Buzzard, to raise funds for her chosen charities. Tickets cost £20 per person to include starters and a sharing platter. We will also run a raffle during the evening, but please bring cash!

To book a place, contact Julie by phone – 01525 631921 or by email – julie.murphy@leightonlinlade-tc.gov.uk

Payment can be made by cash by prior arrangement, cheque – made payable to ‘Town Mayors Charity Fund’ or Bank Transfer – details on request.

RSVP by Friday 19 November.

Minutes of Church Council held on Tuesday 12th October, 2021

Present:

Rev Seung-Wook Jung (Chairman), Elizabeth Hitchcock (Secretary), Jo Baker, Peter Baker, Jan Cornfoot, David Dawes, Margaret Dover, Anne Gray, Ann Guy, Tim Hitchcock, Charles Horsefield, Kathy Keeley, Tony Oldroyd, Patience Owers, Roger Owers, Sheila Pollard, Jackie Roberts, Catherine Roots, Alison Stokes, Sue Stokes, 'Cilla Wagner, Tasha Williams.

- 1. Opening devotions:** the Chairman led a meditation on 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7, showing how 'love' could be replaced by 'Jesus' throughout the passage and noting how the love received by us from God should guide us to love others and tell them of the love of God.
- 2. Apologies:** Richard Bates, Sue Horsefield, Chris Lowe, Marilyn Powell.
- 3. Membership of the meeting:** the list was agreed to be correct.
- 4. Identification of any conflict of interest:** none.
- 5. Pastoral concerns & courtesies:** since the last meeting, we were sad to record the deaths of Mavis Edes, Alan Curtis and Godfrey Williams (recently moved to Leighton Buzzard with his wife, Wendy). Laurie Renfrew is in Harefield hospital, awaiting a heart operation. Anne Hodgskiss & Pat Kight have both moved away. Thanks were expressed to all Pastoral Friends and Links for their continued support.
- 6. Minutes of last meeting:** accepted.
- 7. Matters arising:** none.
- 8. Notice of AOB:** none.
- 9. Appointments:** the appointments of Sheila Pollard as Treasurer and Varuna Perera as book keeper were proposed by Ann Guy, seconded by David Dawes and agreed by the meeting. Thanks were expressed to David Dawes for his work as Treasurer for the

last two, difficult years. Nominations of David Dawes, Roger Owers and Alison Stokes as church representatives to Church Council were proposed by Anne Gray, seconded by Ann Guy and agreed by the meeting.

10. Vacancies: a letter from Merle Tungay, retiring from her role as Flower Circle Secretary and Treasurer after 34 years was read out. Grateful thanks for her faithful service were expressed. 2 vacancies are outstanding for Church representatives to Church Council.

11. Life and Mission of the Church – Reports from:

A. Leadership Team (Anne Gray): see report. Weekly face to face services re-started on 5th September, thanks in no small part to the work of Alison Arnold, who chairs the Covid Group. Rev Seung-Wook Jung was unanimously re-appointed at the Circuit meeting for a further 5 years from 2022-2027. Thanks to David Dawes who has been the Treasurer for the last two years. It was agreed that retiring collections for Charities of the Month should resume. It was also agreed that the Leadership Team should go ahead with looking into purchasing a tea trolley for use in the anteroom, using the gift in memory of Diane Keats. The proposal that consideration of a Thursday Fellowship being held in the Hall was given the go-ahead. The proposal that joint services of the Early Church and 10:30 congregations be held on the 5th Sunday of each month was agreed, as a trial for one year. Concern was raised that these services would disrupt the recently established pattern of weekly Early Church services. It was agreed that there should be no services on Sunday, 26th December (Boxing Day).

B. Finance (David Dawes): see report. David thanked Roger Owers and Sheila Pollard for their support during his time as Treasurer. Over the Covid lockdowns, income from lettings had gone down, but it has now started to improve, though not back to previous levels. David proposed that the accounts be accepted, subject to the approval of the Independent Examiner, seconded by Sheila Pollard and agreed by the meeting.

C. Resources (Sheila Pollard): following research by David Dawes, it had been suggested that we change our bank from HSBC to the Co-op. Sheila sought approval to proceed with these arrangements as soon as possible, seconded by Ann Guy and agreed by the meeting. The Resources Committee had explained their suggested response to the Connexion's request that all churches should donate 15% of their balances to the Connexion's Fund Reserve. The committee's recommended response of 15% of the General Fund excess over our Reserves limit (£240) was proposed by David Dawes, seconded by Kathy Keeley and agreed by the meeting.

D. Policies (Sheila Pollard): acceptance of the Reserves Policy was proposed by Sheila Pollard, seconded by Anne Gray and agreed by the meeting. The proposed minor changes on the other policies which required updating were agreed.

E. Property Committee (Tim Hitchcock): see report. Our energy supplier has recently ceased trading.. It had been suggested that we use Scottish Power instead, but they have said they will not supply us, so a deal with British Gas is being pursued. Proposed by Tim Hitchcock, seconded by David Dawes, agreed by the meeting. Approval to sign off the Annual Return was proposed by Tony Oldroyd and seconded by Sheila Pollard. Agreed.

F. Worship Planning Meeting (Peter Baker, Rev Seung-Wook Jung): see report. It was agreed that there is no need in future for this group to submit reports to Church Council meetings, as its thoughts are conveyed to the Leadership Team for consideration and implementation.

G. Pastoral Oversight (Sue Horsefield, Patience Owers): see report. There is still a shortage of volunteers to be Pastoral Friends.

H. Public Issues & Social Action (Richard Bates, Charles Horsefield): see report. The town's Black History event was held at Trinity on 2nd October. A 'thank you' poster has been received from the Leighton Linlade Homeless Service in response to our donation of Harvest Festival gifts.

I. Messy Church (Tasha Williams): see report.

J. Safeguarding (Ann Guy): see report

K. Health & Safety (Alison Arnold): no report.

L.. Churches Together (Kathy Keeley): Chris Lowe has been appointed Secretary of Leighton Linlade Churches Together.

12. Trustee Duties: (Sheila Pollard): Sheila went through a summary of the Charity Commission's guidance for trustees of a charity. She concluded with thanks to all the people involved in trying to fulfil the many responsibilities this incurs.

13. Circuit Matters (Jackie Roberts): the Circuit has welcomed its new Superintendent Minister, Rev Patrick Kandeh. 3. New Circuit Stewards have been appointed, one being Roger Owers. A decision was made at Conference regarding the closure of churches, that there should be at least 12 members, rather than 6. This could have repercussions. For 2 of the Circuit's churches.

14. Date of next Church Council: Wednesday 9th. February, 2022 at 19:30. Seung-Wook proposed this be a Zoom meeting, considering the likely inclement, dark weather, seconded by Catherine Roots and agreed by the meeting.

Date of ACM: Sunday, 15th May, 2022 after the 10:30 service (moved from 8th May)

The meeting closed with the Grace at 20:55.

Prayer Diary

Holy God,

We lift up COP26 to you. We lay it at the foot of the cross and call for your will to be done.

Bless the world leaders and everyone attending, Lord. Bless them with your heart for justice. Bless them with boldness and courage to take decisive action that will care for the whole of your creation. Bless them with good relationships with each other so we can tackle this emergency together.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Tearfund

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity over the coming weeks.
- Trinity members preaching around the Circuit: Peter Baker, Roger Owers, Catherine Roots,
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Mentmore Road, Camberton Road, Ashburnham Crescent, Mardle Road, Cedars Way, Mentmore Gardens
- **People who lead and attend Church Council**
- **People in our Church Directories** who's surname begins with U
- **Children, parents and staff at Cedars Upper School**
- **For the world around us**

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