

Trinity News

Sunday 21st & 28th November



The Front Page by Ann Guy

How early did you see Christmas goods in the shops, hear Christmas music, see Christmas movies on the TV? For me this year it was July, when Sky decided to put on a month of Christmas movies. Has Christmas and Advent become too commercialised? As a child I cannot remember hearing much about Christmas until the start of Advent when the first candle was lit on the wreath at church. We also had an advent calendar at home, not ones filled with chocolate but usually it had a stable scene. My brothers and I took it in turns to open doors, and I very quickly worked out I could get to open the big door on Christmas Eve if I let my two younger brothers open doors first.

As a child the advent season meant we would start preparing our Christmas concert at school, and at Sunday School we would start learning Christmas songs ready for the Sunday when we would lead the service. Many of you may have similar memories. Memories of Advent and Christmas last year were very different as we all found ourselves in lockdown, no parties, no family gatherings, no church services and no singing carols in a group. Like us, I'm sure you did what you could to stay in touch with families and celebrate the birth of Jesus in the best way we could.

This Christmas everyone is looking forward with anticipation to celebrating, the parties, festivities and family time, but amongst all the Christmas goods in the shops, it is very difficult to find anything to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. I went to find an Advent calendar in the supermarket.

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Sunday 21st November 2021

Christ the King—Sunday before Advent

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

Activities during this week at Trinity

| Date | Time | What? |
|-------------------------|------|---|
| Monday 22nd November | 11am | Funeral of Bert Edwards |
| Wednesday 24th 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) |
| Friday 26th November | 11am | Funeral of Pat Griffin |

Sunday 28th November 2021

Advent 1

| Time | Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise) | Led by |
|---------|---|----------------------|
| 9.15am | Early Church | Rev. Seung-Wook Jung |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship— Anticipating Christmas | Ann Guy |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5) | Tina Salmon |

Activities during this week at Trinity

| Date | Time | What? |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Thursday 2nd December | 2.15pm | Knit & natter in the Chatteris Suite |

Sunday 5th December 2021

Advent 2

| Time | Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise) | Led by |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|
| 9.15am | Breakfast (please see page 8 for details) | |
| 10.00am | All Age Morning Worship—Toy & Gift Service | Rev Seung-Wook Jung & Jo Baker |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5) | Peter Baker |

Zoom Links

Sunday Evening Worship

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?](https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?pwd=RlozVHRhYnFrcEU1cUJjdHZxUDQzQT09)

[pwd=RlozVHRhYnFrcEU1cUJjdHZxUDQzQT09](https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?pwd=RlozVHRhYnFrcEU1cUJjdHZxUDQzQT09)

One tap mobile

+442080806591,,94865623492#,,,*494002# United Kingdom

Dial by your location

+44 208 080 6591 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 948 6562 3492 Passcode: 494002

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 2pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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

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Dial by your location

+44 330 088 5830 United Kingdom

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=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dlUT09)

[pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dlUT09](https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dlUT09)

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Dial by your location

+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

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All I found were chocolate calendars advertising the brand of chocolate or having a picture of Santa on the front. Has the true meaning of Advent and Christmas been lost in all the trappings?

Advent is a time of anticipation. A peaceful, joyful celebration in anticipation of the coming of Christ, past, present, and future. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus", which means "coming" or "arrival".

Advent breathes hope. Advent points beyond the struggles of everyday life to a God who loved people so much that God sent his son to become human. It points to a God who understands us, and still loves us.

This Advent, I pray that we will all share the true meaning of Advent as often as we can and with anyone who will listen. In the words from Clare Stainsby's hymn, number 192 in Singing the Faith –

Beneath the paper wrappings, there's an open stable door,
beneath the fir tree trappings, there's a welcome and there's more.

Beyond the tinsel fairy is a presence that's divine,
there's a child to change the future, turning water into wine.

Look inside and you will see the love,
the one who came to give his life for you and me.

Trinity Notices

Messy Church at Trinity

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

Trinity Directories 2021 have now been printed and distributed. If you have not received your Directory please contact Tasha in the Church Office. The Trinity Directory contains personal information. Please keep it safe and do not pass contact details to others outside the church family without individual's consent. For the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) the information in the directory is covered by the Privacy Policy of The Methodist Church which can be found at <https://www.tmcp.org.uk/about/data-protection/managing-trustees-privacy-notice>.

Please send any updates to Tasha at the Church Office.

The Leadership Team

Church Family Christmas Card

With the level of COVID-19 still high the Leadership team decided not to have our Christmas post box again this year. But you can send your greeting to the whole church family via the 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 (deadline Sunday 28th November). Alternatively, you can email them to me in the church office at tttprojectoffice@gmail.com
Tasha Williams

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.

Sunday 5th December is our Toy service at 10am as stated above.

We are again having a breakfast fellowship which will start at 9.15 in the Main hall.

If you would like to join us for breakfast please put your name on the board in the main corridor so we have an idea of numbers. Or you can tell a steward or contact Catherine Roots on 01525754789 email: catherine.roots1@ntlworld.com

Carols & Cakes December 9th 2.30 - 4.00pm

We are holding our 'Carols and Cakes' service again this year and hope that you will be able to come along and join us in Christmas fellowship.

The service will start at 2.30 and will be led by Joan Gregory followed by tea and cake in the main hall.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Catherine Roots on 01525754789 email: catherine.roots1@ntlworld.com

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

Creating Safer Space Foundation Course

The North Beds Circuit have organised a Creating Safer Space Foundation Courses - details of which are below.

This course is open to anyone in the South Beds Circuit wishing to attend. (Please speak to Ann Guy if you are unsure).

Tuesday 7th December Face to Face at Shefford Methodist Church 10am to 1pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stephanie-field-18541537543>

Farley Hill Methodist Church Christmas Table Top Sale

Farley Hill are holding a Christmas Table Top Sale on Saturday 27th November 11am-3pm. All are invited. Tables are £10 if you wish to sell, please contact Gill on 07973758637 or Julie on 07873171712.

Houghton Regis Community Development Charity

Houghton Regis Community Development Charity, which is supported by the Methodist Church and Central Baptist Association, plus local congregations, has employed a Pioneer Worker on the new housing development, 'Bidwell West', in the town. The Charity is seeking a Treasurer, to deal with the reasonably small amount of financial dealings. The Treasurer would become a Trustee of the Charity. The Charity is moving into a new phase with the project, as it bids to develop a significant community building in Bidwell West in 2022. So it is also looking to develop the trustees team, identifying people with relevant experience and expertise to serve as trustees and support the team administratively. For more information, contact David Skinner on david.skinner4@ntlworld.com

Public Issues (from Charles Horsefield & Cilla Wagner)

As we move into the "Season of Goodwill" there are many other Public Issues of concern but it would feel a bit premature to abandon the big one – Climate Change – so soon after COP 26. Especially since the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have signed a statement aimed at world leaders, calling for..." further actions that respond meaningfully to the magnitude of the emergency we face." Fortunately, Cilla has again answered the question as to what we who are not politicians, international financiers or major industrialists can actually do about Climate Change – apart from worrying, praying and persuading. Worrying won't help of course; praying and persuading might, but implementing the measures we can actually take in our own lives, including recycling, certainly will. And she has given me a seasonal angle on recycling in her contribution this time. If we all implement these small measures, together we will achieve a significant impact.

Cilla reminds us that whilst most shops and businesses are frantically encouraging us to buy Christmas presents, one well-known toy shop, “The Entertainer”, have re-launched their “Toy Re-homing Scheme”. They are appealing for old, unwanted toys (including games and books) which will be recycled and given to poorer children in the UK with the help of The Salvation Army. There are branches of The Entertainer in Friars Square, Aylesbury as well as in Hemel Hempstead and Luton. If you are unable to get your family’s unwanted toys directly to these shops, Phil and Cilla will be pleased to take them on your behalf, as will I. I am planning to suggest to my grandchildren that if some of their old toys are collected up and passed on, Santa will have a clearer path to deliver some more to them on Christmas Eve. And toys destined for the waste bin will have a new lease of life with their new, grateful, owners.

Other News

All Saints Christmas Tree Festival

All Saints are holding their Christmas Tree Festival again this year and Trinity is exhibiting it’s prayer tree as we have in previous years. If you’d like to see it and the other trees from the community it is open: Friday 19th November—10am-5pm, Saturday 20th November—10am-5pm and Sunday 21st November—12.30pm-5pm.

Our prayer tree will then be bought back to display at Trinity for the Christmas period.

Tearfund Virtual Advent Calendar

Sign up now to receive your daily Advent emails for 2021. They’re so much better for your soul than a chocolate calendar ...

(although perhaps a Fairtrade one of those might be an excellent accompaniment!) <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/advent>

They also have a range of Christmas eCards to send via email:

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/christmas-ecards>

Free transport for people to get vaccinated

Anyone who needs a lift to get to and from a vaccination appointment or a walk-in session at a vaccine centre, can now get free transport through selected local operators.

Just quote “Central Bedfordshire Council Taxi Vaccination”

Service when making a booking from these community transport, bus and taxi operators:

- Buzzer Buses – 01525 853566
- Greensands Community Transport – 01234 832 611 between 9am and midday Monday to Friday. Bookings can be made up to a week in advance with a minimum of two days before travelling. We will need a name, address, telephone number and an emergency contact/next of kin for each person travelling. For more information or to cancel or amend bookings call 01234 834 933 between 8.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday
- South Beds Dial a Ride – 01525 220044
- Premier minibus and car hire – 01582 650650 please note accessible vehicles are busy from 8am to 9.15am and 2.30pm to 4.30pm
- Neojtaxi - 01525 222999
- Go Luton – 01582 404040
- Diamond Cabs – 01582 450450



Christmas at Trinity



Sunday 5th December

9.15am— Breakfast

10.00am— All Age Toy and Gift Service

Thursday 9th December

2.30pm— Carols and Cakes

Sunday 19th December

6.00pm— Carol Service

Friday 24th December

3.00pm— Christmas Eve All Age
Nativity Service followed by Messy
Church Activities with drinks and
cakes

11.30pm— Midnight Holy Communion

Saturday 25th December

10.30am— All Age Christmas Worship

Nativity Trail

1st December— 24th
December in shops
around Leighton
Buzzard. Go to our
website to download
a form or visit the
church.



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Prayer Diary

Still within us now, O Lord, any voice but yours, lest we hear but do not receive, lest we listen but do not act, lest we know but do not love, and let your Holy Spirit turn our hearts and lives to your truth. Amen

Liturgy of the French Reformed Church (from <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/prayer-of-the-day/>)

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, Rev. Wallace Edwards
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Stoke Road, Rosebery Avenue, Golden Riddy, Falkner's Way, Lime Grove, The Paddocks, Rothschild Road, Knaves Hill Estate
- **People in our Church Directories** who's surname begins with Wa-We
- **Children, parents and staff** at Footsteps Nursery
- **For the world around us** especially those in Afghanistan

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