

Trinity News

Sunday 5th & 12th December



The Front Page by Joan Gregory

A minister was visiting a care home at Christmas, he asked the residents to tell him about a memorable Christmas. Without exception all mentioned a childhood memory.

Folk often say, well, Christmas is really for the children. Yes, all, God's children, however old.

The mystery of the incarnation we will never fully understand in this life, how God became man, coming into a sinful world as a babe at Bethlehem. Let us not forget however, without the birth, there would be no Calvary or Easter.

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour and Lord, let us be silent and listen to the angels message of Peace on Earth as Edmund Hamilton Sears wrote in his carol 'It came upon a midnight clear' (Singing the Faith 205).

“Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring.
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!”

As we listen to the angels message, may we welcome the true gift of Christmas—the Christ-Child, who came to bring peace, hope, forgiveness and love into a broken world. Let us rejoice at his coming and thank God for his most precious gift.

A blessed and peaceful Christmas to you all.

Sunday 5th December 2021

Advent 2

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

Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Wednesday 8th December	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)
Thursday 9th December	2.30pm	Carols and Cakes. See page 7 more information.

Sunday 12th December 2021

Advent 3

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
10.30am	Morning Worship	Fiona Arscott-Smith
4.00pm	Messy Church Extra	Ben & Tasha Williams
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?
Wednesday 15th December	3.00pm	The Wednesday fellowship group will meet again in the Chatteris Suite. We enjoy fellowship, bible study and refreshments. New members welcome, please contact Charles or Sue Horsefield for further

Sunday 19th December 2021

Advent 4

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Catherine Roots
10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Seung-Wook Jung
6.00pm	Carol Service at Trinity	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung

Zoom Links

Sunday Evening Worship

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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One tap mobile

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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)

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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)

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Dial by your location

+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

Trinity Notices

Messy Church at Trinity

Messy Church Extra will be on Sunday 12th December 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.

I am also looking for volunteers to help with the washing up at the end, if anyone would be able to stay and help.

Tasha Williams

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.

The Church Family Christmas card will be available to collect your copy from Sunday 12th December.

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

Trinity Nativity Trail

The Trinity Nativity Trail is now available around Leighton Buzzard town centre. The information booklet can be accessed via the website https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/Groups/271960/Whats_On.aspx or there are paper copies in the Ante-Room.

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

Thursday Fellowship

People are missing fellowship. It has been suggested that Trinity starts a Thursday Fellowship group which would meet fortnightly in the church hall. The aim is to provide an opportunity to chat

over tea and biscuits for all who wish to come along, Church family and others. The group would meet on the alternate week to “Knit and Natter”. Would you be interested in coming along? If so please complete the response slip accompanying this Trinity News and put it in the pigeon hole in the anteroom, email to the Church Office at <tttprojectoffice@gmail.com> or speak to a member of Leadership team.

Leadership team (Jo Baker, Anne Gray, Ann Guy, Chris Lowe, Sheila Pollard, Catherine Roots)

Knit and natter

Please note that Knit and natter is taking a Christmas break and will resume on 6th January.

Sunday 26th December 6pm via Zoom—Christmas Fellowship

There is no 'planned' evening worship on 26th December but you are invited to join us for Carols and readings followed by the opportunity to have a chat with friends afterwards.

If you would like to join us you can find the zoom link on page 5.

Circuit & District News

Vacancy

South Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit have a vacancy for Circuit Administrator. This role will support the circuit staff and leadership team in a variety of tasks on a flexible basis, working from home and at the circuit Office in High Town Methodist Church, Luton.

Computer skills with a working knowledge of Microsoft office – in particular Word and Excel, is essential.

This is a permanent appointment at 20 hours per week at £10.14 per hour.

A satisfactory DBS check will be required.

For further details and an application form please contact the Circuit Office at

office@southbedsmethodist.org.uk;

or Rev Patrick Kandeh, Superintendent Minister on 01582 731997

Deadline for applications 17th January 2022

Interviews will take place week commencing 31st January

Churches Together in Luton

An event for Christians in Luton marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Reflecting on the Church post Covid. Saturday 22nd January 2022, 10am-12.30pm at Holy Ghost Catholic Parish Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. Keynote speaker is Rt Rev David J Oakly, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Northampton.

Public Issues (from Charles Horsefield & Cilla Wagner)

It's tempting at this time of year to try to catch the seasonal mood and Cilla has slanted her tips towards an eco-friendly approach to Christmas this week – see below. But before we get to them, let's acknowledge a topic it is hard to avoid at the moment, asylum seekers in small boats. By definition, asylum seekers have escaped risks to their lives at home. Now they find themselves facing greater risks in the hands of criminals who promise to get here. I learned only recently that 81% of asylum seekers don't travel further than the country adjacent to their own, so what might appear to us to be a large number is actually only the relatively small proportion that are able and willing to pay a huge sum of money to come to the UK.

In the latest Joint Public Issues Team Newsletter we are told that

Germany and France both allow asylum seekers to seek employment within a few months of their arrival, whilst their claims are being processed. In the UK such employment is prohibited and we give the people who make it here a very small allowance on which to subsist – much less than they would get in France and Germany. The UK's tough approach is clearly not enough to discourage people who are in fear for their lives. So JPIT are encouraging us to lobby our MP for a change to the no-employment rule that would help to alleviate poverty and whilst helping to address the current chronic shortages of manpower in some industries.

Amongst the people to whom CBC Family Services will be taking Christmas food bags over the next three weeks will be asylum seekers. And many of those food bags will be provided by L.L. Community Foodbank at the Black Horse. There are lots of appeals being made at this time but if anyone wants to buy seasonal fare for the Foodbank, please either put it in the plastic bin in the anteroom or hand it to me direct. We are particularly short of boxes of mince pies at the moment.

Cilla reminds us to try to ensure that all our gifts are sustainably sourced with logos such as Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Energy Star and Palm Oil Tree (a new one on me!). Or better still, that we make presents ourselves. The edible kind will always be enjoyed. Re-use old wrapping-paper where possible, so we don't contribute to the equivalent of 108 million rolls that are thrown away. We can even get creative with brown or plain paper but we should avoid glossy or glittery paper that is not easily recycled. She also suggests we swop our traditional fairy lights for the LED variety that don't get hot but are brighter, even though they last up to 25 times as long and use about 75% less electricity.

Other News

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>

Bee Local Magazine

Our Christmas greetings to the community have been published in the Bee Local magazine which can be viewed digitally on page 29. It can be viewed here: <http://read.beelocalmagazine.co.uk/books/oixm/mobile/index.html> or in your printed copies which are usually delivered to houses in December or in some supermarkets.

Christmas Carol Concert

The Town Mayor, Cllr Farzana Kharawala, invites you to join her at her Christmas Carol Concert on Saturday 11th December, 7pm at All Saints Church.

This is a free event, with a retiring collection in aid of All Saints Church and The Town Mayor's Charity Fund. The event will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Save the Date!

You are also invited to the Town Mayor's Charity Quiz on Friday 14th January 2022 at Brooklands Residents Association. Tickets are priced at £12.50 per person to include supper. Teams of up to 8 people. There will also be a raffle.

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 7 January 2022.

Lessons and Carols at St. Albans Cathedral

We are giving you priority booking for Lessons and Carols on Sunday 19 December and Tuesday 21 December, 7.30pm.

You can book up to a maximum of 4 tickets. Priority booking will start on Wednesday 8 December and end at the close of the day on Thursday 9 December. Tickets will then be released to the general public.

If you fall into more than one group eligible for priority booking, we kindly ask that you only book one set of tickets to one service.

To book:

Tickets can be booked by visiting www.stalbanscathedral.org/christmas and clicking on the service you would like to book for. You will need the following unique promotion code to gain access to the booking page: XMAS21.

If you don't already have an account, you will need to create one before you can book tickets. Where possible, please order digital tickets. If you require space for a wheelchair, you will need to book via the Box Office by calling 01727 890290. Please note we cannot process general requests for tickets by phone.



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

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for your son, Jesus. Help us to love our neighbours well. May we live in a world of restored relationships, where all people are able to fulfil the potential you have placed inside them. And let this season of Advent be a time where we can draw even closer to you.
Amen.

www.tearfund.org

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity over the coming weeks.
- Trinity members preaching around the Circuit: Ben Williams, Peter Baker
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Billington Park Estate
- **People in our Church Directories** who's surname begins with Wi-Wr
- **Children, parents and staff** at Ashbourne Day Nursery
- **For the world around us** especially struggling with the preparations of Christmas and those for whom Christmas is a difficult time.

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