

Trinity News

Sunday 2nd & 9th January



The Front Page by Rev. Seung-Wook Jung

“What is Christmas? “

“It is the day God was born”

“Are you sure?”

“No, no, no it’s Jesus’ birthday”

“Yes, then why do you receive a gift at Jesus’ birthday?”

“Because I want to”

It was a conversation I had quite a few times repeatedly with my nephew.

Yes, it is Jesus’ birthday, but we receive a gift to remind us of his birth which was the gift from God.

He was the gift. And there is a special way to receive this gift.

Accepting him into our lives, accepting him as our Lord, as our shepherd and our friend. And as we are getting into a new year, we are going to do it in the Covenant service. We are offering ourselves to him and refresh our relationship as we celebrate Christmas, His coming.

It seems that we have been through a long dark tunnel the last couple of years, even though we are not completely out of it. As we are having a new year its vaguely visible that we are near the end of the tunnel.

We hope that we can get out of it this year. But as children of God, we don’t just hope that it will happen. We pray for it and wait for the answer as we believe that he always answers our prayers.

I pray that getting into the New year, refreshing the relationship with God leads us to be in his presence every step we are making this year.

Sunday 2nd January 2022

Christmas 2

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Jo Baker
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Seung-Wook Jung
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)	Rev. Nigel Bibbings

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)
Thursday 6th January	2.15pm	Knit and natter resumes in the Chatteris Suite

Sunday 9th January 2022

Ordinary 1

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

Sunday 16th January 2022

Ordinary 2

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
10.30am	Morning Worship with Hoy Communion and Covenant Service	Rev Seung-Wook Jung
4.00pm	Messy Church Extra	Tasha Williams and Catherine Roots
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 5)	Rev. Nina Johnson

Zoom Links

Sunday Evening Worship & Christmas Fellowship

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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

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Dial by your location

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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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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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Trinity Notices

Refreshments at Trinity

Hopefully, Covid restrictions permitting, we can restart the Fellowship with refreshments anew following Morning Worship in the New Year.

However, we do need volunteers to prepare the refreshments and set up the tables and chairs in the Hall. If you would be happy to help, please contact: Anne Gray or any of the stewards.

Messy Church Extra

Messy Church Extra is back on Sunday 16th January at 4pm. As always it would be helpful if you could let Tasha know if you're planning to come along as this will help with catering. We are also looking for donations of cakes and washer uppers—if this is something you could help with, please speak to Tasha.

Pastoral Concern

Irene Davis has now moved to Room 9, Blythe Unit, **Lanesborough House**, 53, Birmingham Road, Coleshill, Birmingham. B46 1DJ to be nearer her family.

Marilyn Powell is currently in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. If anyone would like an update, please contact Mike, but most of all please hold her and the family in your prayers.

Advanced Safeguarding Training

There are now some online Advanced Safeguarding Training available for the new year. If you think you need to do this training, please check with Ann Guy.

Circuit & District News

Zoom link for the Watchnight Service

Our Watchnight Service will be face to face and also via Zoom. Below is the zoom link to join HSL Watchnight Service on Friday, 31st December 2021 at 10:00 PM.

Join HSL Watchnight Service

[https://zoom.us/j/95213584706?](https://zoom.us/j/95213584706?pwd=SUJQZDQ3QmFEZ2JqNmUrTVd5V1V6UT09)

[pwd=SUJQZDQ3QmFEZ2JqNmUrTVd5V1V6UT09](https://zoom.us/j/95213584706?pwd=SUJQZDQ3QmFEZ2JqNmUrTVd5V1V6UT09)

Meeting ID: 952 1358 4706

Passcode: 959706

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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.

District Discussions

Angela Brydon, District Discipleship Enabler has been in contact to let us know that the next District Discussion is on the theme of Christmas - as in what did you do as a church? It is an opportunity to come together to share and learn from one another, on zoom for an hour. Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.30pm. Registration is required using this link - <https://zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tJcuduusqDwsH9w8YamOGNGIxU3jtHS2dFOG>

Leading Local Arrangements Worship Workshop

Saturday 29th January 2022, 10am-12noon

High Town Methodist Church or Zoom tbc

- Do you struggle when it says LA on the plan?
- Do you think you could improve the worship in LAs?
- Would you like to try leading an LA, but are scared to say so?
- Would you like to see more people involved in leading LAs?
- Would you like worship to be offered by the whole congregation?
- Would you like a go - but don't want to be a Worship Leader?

All these questions and more!

Come and gain a greater understanding of how to craft an act of worship, be introduced to resources and share with others in discussion and planning.

Contact Jenny Spouge to book your place

jenny.spouge@methodist.org.uk or 01582 659035

Public Issues (from Charles Horsefield & Cilla Wagner)

As usual our two contributions to this article are looking through different ends of a telescope. Cilla has some good news about practical things we can actually do something about but I'm going to begin with something I just heard on the radio. It seems the World Health Organisation (the employers of Dr Who?) have been reminding leaders of rich, developed countries like ours that poorer countries are nowhere near completing their first round of Covid jabs, Whilst we in the West are considering a fourth round and the price of vaccine is soaring. Allowing the virus to rage in poor countries is not just callous and contrary to the commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves, it is also short-sighted. Because it could result in waves of new variants that will reach us eventually. As with so many of these high level issues we feel powerless to act but that is not actually the case. Whilst there

is no point in worrying about things beyond our control, we can talk about them and pray about them. Everything and everyone is interconnected in some way and even the smallest of waves can spread a long way - towards as well away from us.

But what about the good news? It is encouraging to learn from Cilla that more recycling opportunities have been made available in the Tesco car park. A large container has been provided to take empty bread bags, crisp and biscuit packets, pet pouches, cling film, sweet and chocolate wrappers. In addition Tesco and Superdrug, in cooperation with Maybelline Cosmetics, have provided a large box in which empty cosmetic and skin care containers such as lipsticks, tubes, pallets and plastic jars can be deposited for recycling. No glass containers though - these can go in the bottle bank in the corner of the car park. Best wishes for a Happy New Year of recycling in every way we can, from Charles and Cilla.

Prayer Diary

Dear God, Thank You for new beginnings. What an incredible day this is with a fresh year's potential stretched out before me. I want to be found faithful this year in each and every opportunity You bring to me. Thank You, Lord, for new beginnings. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor David McGee for www.christianity.com

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity over the coming weeks.
- Trinity members preaching around the Circuit: Fiona Arscott-Smith, Roger Owers & Catherine Roots
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Bedford Street, Lamas Walk, Beaudesert, Rush Court, White House Court, St Andrews Street, St Andrews Close, Guildford Mews, Gilbert Mews
- **Those at Trinity who lead and are involved in Early Church**
- **People who are in the directory whose name begin with A**
- **Children, parents and staff at Linslade Lower School**
- **For the world around us** especially those isolated and affected by COVID-19

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