

# Trinity News

Sunday 16th, 23rd & 30th January  
2022



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## The Front Page by Catherine Roots

We recently celebrated, on 6th January, Epiphany. What is Epiphany? It is the celebration of the Magi's visit to Jesus Bethlehem.

When I was younger I used to be fascinated by the 'Wise men' as we used to call them. The words of the hymn 'We three Kings' conjured up for me a wonderful picture of special people travelling over deserts and mountains following a star with fascinating and wonderful gifts. They did not just travel for an hour or so but for weeks. Never giving up on their quest even though there must have been times when they wanted to turn back, or doubted themselves. When they were nearly at the end of their journey and met with Herod they surely must have thought then they had got it wrong. But their perseverance paid off.

They found Jesus.

2022 is for us an unknown journey that we need to follow. There will be hard times and good times ahead. We can't know where it will lead us. It is all quite uncertain.

But there is one thing that we can be sure of. The love of Jesus for each one of us. That love is unconditional, all we have to do is accept it. There will be times when we may forget to turn to Jesus to share our joys and concerns. There will be times when we will let him down in the things we do or say.

Jesus will never let us down or desert us. When we are unsure of life then that is the time to remember that we are not alone. Jesus is by our side always, it is just that sometimes we forget.

So as we travel through 2022 remember the story of the Magi who followed the star. Let Jesus be your guiding star and never lose sight of him. Let him guide you and be your constant companion always.

## Sunday 16th January 2022

### Ordinary 2

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	There is no Early Church this week	
10.30am	Morning Worship Covenant Service with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
4pm	There is no Messy Church Extra this week.	
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 6)	Rev. Nina Johnson

### Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Wednesday 19th January	2pm	Afternoon Bible Study on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 6)
	8pm	Evening Bible Study on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 6)
Thursday 20th January	2.15pm	Knit and natter in the Chatteris Suite

# Sunday 23rd January 2022

## Ordinary 3

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
10.30am	Morning Worship	Richard Armiger
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 6)	Rev. Patrick Kandeh

### Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Wednesday 26th January	3.00pm	Wednesday Fellowship Group in the Chatteris Suite. We are looking at Miriam in Numbers Chapter 12 and anyone is welcome to join us. For further information please contact Sue or Charles Horsefield.

# Sunday 30th January 2022

## Ordinary 4

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Breakfast	
10.00am	All Age Morning Worship	Rev. Patrick Kandeh
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 6)	Tina Salmon

## Activities during this week at Trinity

Date	Time	What?
Wednesday 2nd February	2pm	Afternoon Bible Study on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 6)
	8pm	Evening Bible Study on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 6)
Thursday 3rd February	2.15pm	Knit and natter in the Chatteris Suite

# Sunday 6th February 2022

## Ordinary 5

Time	Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise)	Led by
9.15am	Early Church	Ben & Tasha Williams
10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung
6.00pm	Evening Worship on Zoom (for Zoom link please see page 6)	Rev. Margaret Newman

## 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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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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### Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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## **Trinity Notices**

### **Pastoral Concern**

The funeral of Marilyn Powell will be held at Bierton Crematorium on Friday 28 January at 2pm. All are welcome. Refreshments to follow at Trinity Methodist Church in the hall. Please let Mike Powell or Hannah Weed know if you hope to attend.

Sadly Alan Scott, aged 97, died on 6.1.22. after being admitted to hospital following a fall a few days before. His funeral will be on Thursday 10th February at Trinity at 11.30.am. The family are sorry that in light of the current covid situation, there will be no refreshments after the service.

Thank you for the many text and email messages. They are greatly appreciated. The voice is not great so I have not replied to phone calls for that reason but your concern is also appreciated. I am now on the mend and pray I will be back to my old self soon. God bless you. Catherine

### **Messy Church Extra**

Unfortunately, we have decided that, due to COVID, it would not be safe or appropriate to have Messy Church Extra in January. We really hope it can resume in February and are still looking for willing volunteers in particular to help pack down and wash up after tea. Please do contact me if you think this is something you can help with. Tasha

### **Charity of the Month: Buzzer Buses**

Buzzer Buses ( <https://www.buzzerbuses.co.uk/>) provides a door to door community transport service for Leighton Buzzard, Linslade and surrounding villages. The service is available to anyone in the area who is unable to use regular public transport or

where no suitable service is available. Sadly the buses do not run on Sundays but are a lifeline for many in the town to get to medical appointments, shopping etc.

Contact Buzzer Buses on 01525 853566 or email [buzzerbuses@btconnect.com](mailto:buzzerbuses@btconnect.com).

There will be a retiring collection for Buzzer Buses on 16 January after the 10.30 service.

### **Giving at Trinity**

The amount given to Trinity during December was £4,893.72. 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.

## **Circuit & District News**

### **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.

### **Week Prayer for Christian Unity 2022**

Hosted by Churches Together in Hertfordshire.

Tuesday 25th January at 7.30pm on Zoom. Worship and a time of open prayer led by Rt. Rev. Michael Beasley (Bishop of Hertfordshire) and Rev. Stephen Copson (Central Baptist Association). Music Provided by harpist Alison Eve.  
Meeting ID: 894 6588 1609 and Passcode: 656904



## **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/91512345678>

## **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](mailto:jenny.spouge@methodist.org.uk) or 01582 659035

## **'Speaking Truth: Voices of Survivors of childhood abuse' webinar series**

Two informative and thought-provoking webinars are being planned by the Methodist Survivors' Advisory Group members for an audience across the Methodist Church:

- Wed 19 January 2022, 11am – 12:30pm Webinar 1 - Hearing Reality: Voices Crying in The Wilderness

- Wed 23 February 2022, 11am – 12:30pm Webinar 2 - The Church's Response to Survivors: From Stumbling Block to Stepping Stone

Please contact Tasha in the Church Office for details of how to register.

## Local/Community News

### 999 Thin Blue Line Sock Appeal

We are looking for volunteers to knit 999 socks for our appeal "Happy Socks with Chocs". The socks, with a knitted thin blue line, will be filled with chocolates provided by local business and distributed to members of the emergency services, in need of support. For further details please contact

Rachel.Carne@beds.police.uk

Printed instructions can be found in the Jan/Feb edition of BeeLocal or at Morrisons, Lake Street (where finished socks should also be handed in).

## Public Issues (from Charles Horsefield & Cilla Wagner)

My contribution to this issue is quite brief. Whilst using an exercise machine at the gym I read a news feed about new Law graduates being offered starting salaries of up to £150,000 a year, so it seems that things are looking up. But then later the same day I read in JPIT news about the rises in, respectively, the number of people living below the UK's defined Minimum Income Standard; living in relative poverty; and actually experiencing destitution, as defined in the UK. The figures given were for 2019 (ie pre-pandemic) and it would be nice to think that the post-pandemic rise in starting salaries for lawyers will be mirrored in a rise in living standards for all. But I think we all know that what we are

actually going to see is the poor getting poorer over the coming months. Which makes Cilla's piece this month very apposite. She says that the pandemic has been a very difficult time for many and the importance of caring for one another more fully has come to the fore. This has taken many forms including sharing with others, be it time, possessions, resources or talents. Taking time to phone and have a chat with someone on their own. Perhaps writing a letter or sending a card to let someone know they haven't been forgotten.

Some have found more time to have a good clear-out of unwanted clothes and other items and donating these to Charity Shops or other worthy causes. One kind member often has a supply of books she is pleased to share with other avid readers. Magazines are also passed on and enjoyed (more details available on request). It is good to know we have an efficient and hard-working community food bank in operation and we are encouraged to give tins and dry goods to support this vital work. Some make a real difference by assisting others regularly with shopping or other chores.

Cilla asks that we share other ways of helping others that we have either engaged in or experienced ourselves. And some of us are discussing how an initiative within the Methodist Church might enable us to coordinate our efforts within Trinity. Watch this space.

## Prayer Diary

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Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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### **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
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Roman Gate Estate
- **Those at Trinity who lead and are involved in Communion Services**
- **People who are in the directory whose name begin with B**
- **Children, parents and staff at Greenleas Lower School**
- **For the world around us** - The shrinking of Lake Chad by more than 90% since the 1960s due to drought which is causing tension and conflict between communities who rely on the water supply.

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