

Trinity News

Sunday 17th, 24th & 31st July 2022



The Front Page by Rev. Seung-Wook Jung

Have you ever thought about your faith? How big or how strong of a faith do you have in Christ? Jesus talked about faith, such as a little faith (to his disciples quite a few times) or great faith (to the Centurion who asked Jesus to heal one of his servants). But I wonder, is there any way to measure faith?

There is an interesting passage in 1 John 2: 12-14.

I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

It's not exactly about how to measure faith, but it seems to show us a sort of level of faith.

The faith of forgiven, the faith of overcoming the evil one, and the faith of knowing him who is from the beginning. The faith of children, the faith of young men and the faith of the father.

We probably have to spend a lot more time to understand it clearly, but we can also approach it with simple understanding as it is written and we can apply it to our faith as individuals and as a church.

Especially as we are having the Church Anniversary this week, we should think about our faith and the growth in Christ as a church. The growth of the church is not just about the number of members

Sunday 17th July 2022

Ordinary 16

| Time | Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise) | Led by |
|---------|---|--|
| 10.00am | Joint All Age Morning Worship with Holy Communion | Rev Seung-Wook Jung This is a Church Anniversary service and refreshments will be served after the service. |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship on Zoom | Rev. Nigel Bibbings |

Activities during this week at Trinity

| Date | Time | What? |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| Tuesday 19th July | 10.00am | Mid week Service led by Geoff Best |
| Wednesday 20th July | 2.00pm | Afternoon Bible Study Group on Zoom |
| | 8.00pm | Evening Bible Study Group on Zoom |
| Thursday 21st July | 2.15pm | Knit and natter in the Chatteris Suite |

Sunday 24th July 2022

Ordinary 17

| Time | Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise) | Led by |
|---------|--|-----------------------|
| 9.15am | Early Church | Steven & Karen Purton |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Steve Rogers |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship on Zoom | Rev. Seung-Wook Jung |

Activities during this week at Trinity

| Date | Time | What? |
|-------------------|---------|---|
| Tuesday 26th July | 10.00am | Mid week Service led by Catherine Roots |

Sunday 31st July 2022

Ordinary 18

| Time | Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise) | Led by |
|---------|--|----------------------|
| 9.15am | Early Church | Jo Baker |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | Catherine Roots |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship on Zoom | Rev. Joanne Sherwood |

Activities during this week at Trinity

| Date | Time | What? |
|--------------------|---------|--|
| Tuesday 2nd August | 10.00am | Mid week Service led by Rev. Seung-Wook Jung |
| Thursday 21st July | 2.15pm | Knit and natter in the Chatteris Suite |

Sunday 7th August 2022

Ordinary 19

| Time | Service (at Trinity unless stated otherwise) | Led by |
|---------|--|-----------------------|
| 8.30am | Early Morning Communion | Rev. Seung-Wook Jung |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship with Holy Communion | Rev. Seung-Wook Jung |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship on Zoom | Rev. Dr. Ebute Obiabo |

Activities during this week at Trinity

| Date | Time | What? |
|--------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 9th August | 10.00am | Mid week Service led by Roger Owers |

Zoom Links

Sunday Evening Worship

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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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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Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921 Passcode: 869411

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

or the years of church life. But we should have this question at least once in our lifetime: do we have the faith of children, young men or the faith of father.

Trinity Notices

Ben and Tasha are on the move

Ben has been accepted into training as an ordinand in the Church of England at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. We will be moving over to Cambridge in early August for the training to start in September. Tasha will continue to work as Trinity's administrator remotely until the end of September.

We would like to thank you for the support you have given us over the past almost 9 years in Leighton Buzzard, and please know we will continue to pray for Trinity as we move.

Midweek Bible Study Group

The Midweek Bible Study Groups will be taking a break over the summer. The last meeting will be on 20th July and will resume on 7th September.

Early Church

Early Church will also be taking a break over August. We look forward to seeing you back in September.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity during June was £5,235. In addition we have received income equivalent to £990 per month from gift aid. The amount required in income to balance our books is £6,620 per month.

Circuit & District News

Circuit Next Steps Meeting

The confirmed Next Steps Meeting will be on Tuesday the 2nd of August. At 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Mia Wilson in the Circuit Office on 07495 740 409 or office@southbedsmethodist.org.uk

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Meeting ID: 980 7954 0640

Passcode: 623473

Rev. Margaret Newman's Ordination

If you would like to watch Reverend Margaret Newman's ordination, please see the following link:

<https://youtu.be/QzCis57cNAA>

Advanced Safeguarding Course

The Advanced Safeguarding Course should be completed by all Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and Leadership Team. It is composed of some online learning and then a collective Zoom meeting. Please see below 2 dates in July for safeguarding online advanced training to be circulated.

July 25th @ 1pm—<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-safer-space-advanced-module-online-2021-tickets-349480394267>

Vacancy

The position of an Independent Interim Regional Safeguarding Group Chair has become available. It is a voluntary role. If you would like more information please contact Tasha in the office at tttprojectoffice@gmail.com

Public Issues with 'Cilla and Charles

Summer has arrived and for many gardening is on the agenda. To help make gardening a little bit less labour intensive it has been suggested we leave a small area to its own devices to encourage wildlife and a slightly untidy garden is acceptable and beneficial too.

We have noticed that "No Mow May" was put into practice even more this year.

Hedgehog numbers are on the decline, sadly. Leaving or creating a small hole in your fence allows them to move freely from one garden to another.

The importance of encouraging bees and butterflies to visit our gardens has also come to the fore. Bees seem to favour open faced, daisy like flowers and flowering shrubs and did you know their favourite colours are blue and purple?

Planting, nurturing and protecting trees is essential and (like it or not) ivy is praised for providing shelter and food for birds. A source of water, topped up regularly is a real blessing to all wildlife.

We are urged to avoid the use of chemicals in our gardens and to only use peat free compost and perhaps the best advice of all is to take time off and enjoy our gardens to the full.

'Cilla Wagner

Lots of big decisions are being considered at the moment – even more than usual! People are putting themselves forward to run the country and, closer to home, we are trying to decide how best to overcome the problems faced by our church and circuit. Don't worry, having listened to Cilla's talk about humility at Tuesday Worship, there is no way I am going to offer my personal views as to what we need to do – or indeed as to who should be chosen. But having listened to the BBC News and having read the suggestions collected at Church Council, I am struck by the thought that, when people are trying to answer big questions, they need to consider The Big Picture. It's no good choosing a Prime Minister on the basis of a promise to reduce personal taxation a bit without considering the issues of world and national recessions, war in Europe, climate change and an on- going pandemic. And it is no good trying to solve an income short-fall at Trinity without considering the decline of The Church in the UK, soaring heating and maintenance costs for large buildings and the way family life has changed in recent years. A shared vision would be good.

Charles

Minutes of the Trinity Church Council held on 30th June 2022

Present: Rev. Seung-Wook Jung (Chairman), Elizabeth Hitchcock (Secretary), Peter Baker, David Dawes, Margaret Dover, Elaine Green, Ann Guy, Noreen Henshaw, Tim Hitchcock, Charles Horsefield, Sue Horsefield, Kathy Keeley, Tony Oldroyd, Patience Owers, Roger Owers, Sheila Pollard, Jackie Roberts, Alison Stokes, 'Cilla Wagner, Tasha Williams.

1. Opening devotions: in his prayers, the Chairman remembered those of our congregation who have died since the last meeting – Alan Dawson, Sue Russell, Kathleen Webb. He also remembered

Donald Wray, who is in hospital, and his wife, Serena, being cared for by Gwyneth and Helen. He prayed for faith and commitment to our church at this difficult time, trusting in God's guidance and wisdom.

2. Apologies: Jo Baker, Richard Bates, Jan Cornfoot, Anne Gray, Chris Lowe, Catherine Roots, Sue Stokes, Judy Whyman-Bates.

3. Membership of meeting: the list was agreed to be correct.

4. Identification of any conflict of interest: Tasha Williams would need to leave while employment issues were discussed.

5. Pastoral concerns and courtesies: none.

6. Minutes of meeting on Wednesday, 9th February 2022: accepted.

7. Matters arising: none.

8. Notice of AOB: a) ECO/Green Day 5th November (Catherine Roots); b) re-start Games afternoon (Catherine Roots); c) Chessington Church visit (Rev Seung-Wook Jung)

9. Appointments: Cathy Sheehan has agreed to be the Independent Examiner of our accounts for the next year; appointments to the Leadership Team of Charles Horsefield and Alison Stokes were confirmed; the appointments of Margaret Dover, Elaine Green, Noreen Henshaw and 'Cilla Wagner as Church Representatives to the Church Council were approved.

10. Vacancies: there are still 6 vacancies of Church Representatives to Church Council.

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

Leadership Team (Sheila Pollard): see report. Sheila noted our general lack of resources, in particular a shortage of leaders for Early Church. We also have to fill many more Local Arrangements for Sunday services. It is good to be able to welcome Charles Horsefield and Alison Stokes to the Leadership Team. Thanks

were expressed to Chris Lowe for the time he has served on the team. It is disappointing that Trinity Fellowship Circle has had to close, but it is hoped that the proposed Games afternoon will add to the fellowship of the society. Church Council members were urged to contribute their thoughts to the Next Steps Circuit Initiative.

Finance/Resources (Sheila Pollard): see reports. We have already suffered a loss of more than £9,000 from the General Fund, with the potential for a further loss by the end of August. There is some money left in the Community Links Fund, but there is nothing left in the Painting and Refurbishment Fund. We have about £19,000 in the Legacy and Memorial Fund but we must try to use other funds to maintain the church. It is forecast that things will be much worse by August 2023. To maintain our reserve fund of £24,000, across both funds, we would need to make savings or raise additional funds of about £21,000 next year. After discussion, it was agreed that Messy Church must continue, as we want Outreach and Mission to keep going. The question was raised that we might be able to employ a Toddler Leader/Family Worker who could support Early Church and Messy Church, but only once we have secured the church's finances for regular commitments. There may be a possible Circuit grant of 50% of costs for such a venture. Following the recommendations set out in the report, the following decisions were agreed:

- Write to the Circuit asking them to consider ways to reduce the burden of the Circuit Assessment on churches – proposed by Ann Guy, seconded by Tim Hitchcock. Agreed.
- Staff pay: adopt the recommended increases but set new Termination date of 31st March 2023 for Tasha's employment – proposed by Roger Owers, seconded by David Dawes. Agreed.
- Gift Day on 15th October, ideally to increase regular giving. The Legacy and Memorial Fund should only be used as

a safety net to cover any deficit - proposed by Roger Owers, seconded by David Dawes. Agreed.

- It was also agreed that we would halve our donations to Methodist Property Fund (£150) and the Ministers' Housing Association (£50). At this point, the Chairman brought the good news that we will be receiving 4 new members on 17th July and 2 new members at Early Church the following week. There have also been queries from other interested parties. We must continue to pray for new leaders to come forward, particularly for Early Church.

Property Committee (Tim Hitchcock): see report. The quinquennial survey has been carried out and the report is expected imminently. Thanks were expressed by the meeting.

.Pastoral Oversight (Sue Horsefield, Patience Owers): see report. Thanks expressed to Sue and Patience for their work.

Public Issues & Social Action (Charles Horsefield, Richard Bates): see report.

Messy Church (Tasha Williams): see report. A very encouraging report and thanks to Tasha.

Safeguarding (Ann Guy): see report. The policy was agreed and signed by the minister.

Health & Safety (Alison Arnold): no report.

Churches Together (Kathy Keeley): see report

12. Circuit Matters (Jackie Roberts): it is hoped that we will continue to hold a Circuit service on. Dunstable Downs after the custom was resumed successfully this year. Rev. Nigel Bibbings and Rev Joanne Sherwood are considering staying on in their present posts. There will be a Welcome Service at The Square on 5th September for the new minister. Mount Pleasant church is to close. Farley Hill is merging with Strathmore. Kensworth and Edlesborough are worshipping together, alternate weeks at each venue.

13. AOB:

Catherine Roots – ECO/Green Day on 5th November. Agreed.

Catherine Roots – Games Group in September on alternate Thursdays. Agreed.

Rev Seung-Wook Jung – the proposed visit by the congregation from Chessington has had to be cancelled.

.Colin Taplin has offered to begin training as a Local Preacher. Welcomed by all.

14. Date of next Church Councils: Tuesday, 25th October 2022 at 19:30 in Anteroom. Wednesday, 8th February 2023 at 19:30 in Anteroom.

The meeting closed with the grace at 20:40, after which members were invited to add their views of the Circuit questionnaire to the display board, to be collated by the Leadership Team.

NB. The Quinquennial Survey report has been received and no significant extra costs associated with it are expected in the next year.

Prayer Diary

Lord, we want to thank you for the offer you have given to us of life in all its fullness, a true, rich life lived in you. We want to thank you for making that offer through Christ's death, and proving it by his Resurrection. We ask that our lives be so lit up by the spirit of thankfulness that others may see them and learn of your love. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

From <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/1069/local-arrangements-summer-service-give-thanks.pdf>

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, Fiona Arscott-Smith and Catherine Roots
- Events at Trinity and around the South Bedfordshire Circuit over the coming weeks.
- **People who live on:** Clipstone Park
- **Those at Trinity who lead and are involved in** the Connections Group
- **People who are in the directory whose name begin with N**
- **Children, parents and staff at Leedon Lower School**
- **For the world around us** - The Conservative Leadership contest and for those struggling with the current heatwave.
- **All We Can**

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