

# Trinity News



Sunday 7th, 14th April 2024

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## From the manse...

Did Jesus want to be a king? If we think about before he came to Jerusalem, it seems that he was not interested in being a king at all. He avoided being exalted and lifted by the crowd. Every time they were astonished by the miracles Jesus made, and they were excited and wanted to make him a king he always forced them to be silent and moved to another place or went alone to pray; he didn't let them do it. But when he was entering Jerusalem, it was different. Before he came into Jerusalem, he commended his disciples for preparing for his entry in a special way, riding a colt or donkey. It was not an expression of humility. If we look at 1 King 1:38, we can see that it parallels King Solomon's coronation.

*"38. So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Kerethites and the Pelethites went down and put Solomon on King David's mule, and they escorted him to Gihon. 39. Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then they sounded the trumpet and all the people shouted, 'Long live King Solomon!' 40. And all the people went up after him, playing pipes and rejoicing greatly, so that the ground shook with the sound."*

Looks similar, doesn't it? Also, it was prophesied in Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

It seems that he has now accepted the throne. Then why now? Why not earlier when the crowd was excited by the miracles, when he rebuked the evil spirits and healed the blind man, lame, paralysed, brought back the dead girl and called Lazarus from

the tomb, when they were sure that he was the Messiah? When the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders didn't have time to reach an agreement to kill him? Why now? Why not a bit later? When everyone knows that he is the messiah by the signs that he is making, when more people gathered to him and the Jewish leaders or even the emperor cannot control them? Why now?

Because he knew who he was, why he came, what the task was that he was called to be, and when the time was right. And he knew how they, the crowd who exalted his name, would turn their back to him. And how soon it will happen.

Finally, he proclaimed his kingship and declared that he was the Messiah, God's promised king. However, he was the king of peace, not war; he came to Jerusalem, came to our world, to give them, to give us, the peace which God has prepared. He did not come to kick all the enemies out and clean this world but to show them, show us, how we can live together.

He only wanted to fulfil the promise, the promise of God, as it was prophesied in Zechariah 9:10

*"I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth."*

He was the servant king, not a warrior king. He came to serve his people by leading them to God through his obedience to God, by renewing the relationship with God through the death on the cross. He was a king of humility who gave himself to his people. And he asks us now to follow him. The death and resurrection story, the story of Easter, could be our story when we accept his calling.

*Happy Easter!*

Seung-wook

## Services at Trinity

Sunday 7 April	9:15am	<b>Early Church</b> led by Steve and Karen Purton
	10:30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	<b>Evening Worship by zoom</b> led by Rev Nigel Bibbings
Tuesday 9 April	10:00am	<b>Midweek service</b> led by Frankie Fisher
Sunday 14 April	9:15am	<b>Early Church</b> led by Catherine Roots
	10:30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> led by Geoff Best
	6:00pm	<b>Evening Worship by zoom</b> led by Peter Baker
Tuesday 16 April	10:00am	<b>Midweek service</b> led by Fiona Arscott-Smith
Sunday 21 April	10:30am	<b>Morning Worship with Holy Communion</b> led by Rev Seung-wook Jung. Retiring collection on behalf of Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT)
	4:00pm	<b>Messy Church</b> led by Tania Stanford 
	6:00pm	<b>Evening Worship by zoom</b> led by Rev Patrick Kandeh
Tuesday 23 April	10:00am	<b>Midweek service</b> led by Rev Arthur Cowburn
Sunday 28 April	9:15am	<b>Early Church</b> led by Richard Bates
	10:30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> led by Sheila Norris
	6:00pm	<b>Circuit Local Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Celebration</b> The Square, Dunstable
Tuesday 30 April	10:00am	<b>Midweek service</b> led by Colin Quine

## Other activities at Trinity

Wednesday 10 April	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 11 April	2:00pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite
Thursday 18 April	2:15pm	Knit and Natter in the Chatteris Suite

## Trinity Notices

### Wednesday Fellowship Group 24 April 2.30pm

The Wednesday fellowship Group will be meeting in the Chatteris Suite on Wednesday, 24th April from 2.30-4.00pm. Contact Sue or Charles Horsefield for more information.

### Charity for April—Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust

Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust (LWPT) <https://lwpt.org.uk/> is an ecumenical charity which seeks to provide resources, support and information to preachers. There will be a retiring collection after the 10.30 service on 21 April.

### Charity of the Year

The eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that included among the list of retiring collections in last week's Easter Update Trinity News there were four quarterly collections for a local charity "LB Mencap".

The decision to support LB Mencap for the next year by means of quarterly retiring collections was taken by Church Council in response to views expressed at last year's "Talking about Trinity" meeting. That meeting discussed the possibility of adopting a local "Charity of the Year" and supporting it by means of retiring collections and any other fundraising which the Church wishes to undertake.

LB Mencap, which gives support to people with learning disabilities and their families, was selected to be our first "Charity of the Year" and our first retiring collection for them will be on 16 June. It is hoped that a representative from the charity will be able to come to the 10.30 service on that Sunday to talk about their work.

## **Update from the Community Action Group**

The Community Action Group (CAG) met, over coffee, after morning worship recently and covered a lot of ground. Some of the highlights are below.

Catherine is the point of contact for recycling of blister packs. There is a box for EMPTY blister packs in the anteroom next to the box for food going to the Community Foodbank.

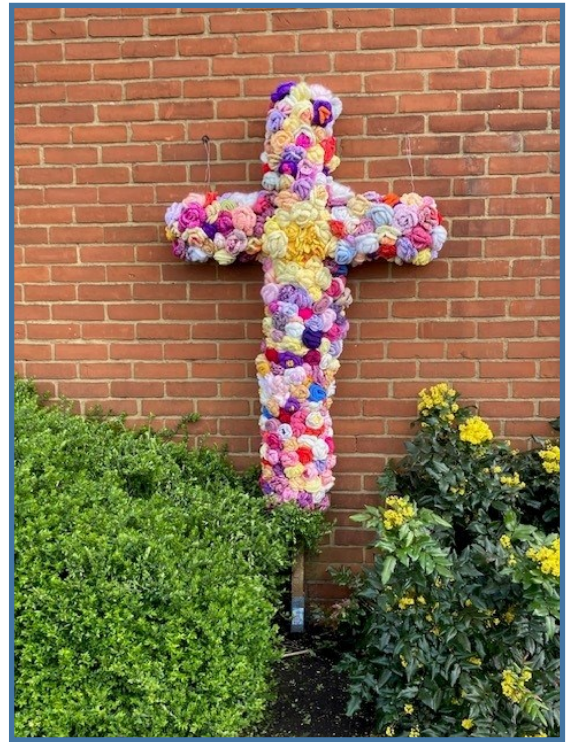
Food donations for the Foodbank have continued to come in steadily as have donations of cutlery, crockery and bedding for young families at Kilgour Court. CBC are not able to accept any more at the moment but we are able to store small items until they are needed. One advantage of this arrangement was recognised recently when a "rough sleeper" came to the door at the start of a Leadership Team meeting. It was a chilly Friday afternoon, he had no bedding and he was not going to receive any help from CBC until the Monday morning. I'm glad to say that we were able to let him have a duvet from our "stock". Should this happen again we will be better equipped, as the Homeless service have given us a sleeping bag that we can store until it is needed.

The Climate Change display in the Chatteris is now ready to be viewed although more contributions are always welcome - and we have volunteers who will keep the garden in shape. Trinity Scouts are hoping to make use of these resources as part of their badgework.

The next CAG meeting will be after a morning service in May, date to be announced. Anyone who would care to bring their coffee over and join our table will be very welcome.  
Charles Horsefield



## Easter flowers at Trinity



Thanks to all who provided and arranged the flowers, decorated our Easter Crosses and planted our garden!





Around 45 people attended our **Easter Celebration** followed by cake and fellowship in the Hall !

Thanks to Catherine and all who helped with the preparation

## **Zoom links**

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

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

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

By phone—0208 080 6591

Meeting ID: 948 6562 3492 Passcode: 494002

### **Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study 2pm**

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

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

By phone—0330 088 5830

Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921 Passcode: 869411

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm**

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

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

By phone—0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

*For help joining our Zoom services please contact Catherine Roots.*



## **Prayer Diary**

### **Please pray for....**

- Those who are leading and preaching at Trinity and around the Circuit - Steve & Karen Purton, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Rev Nigel Bibbings, Frankie Fisher, Catherine Roots, Geoff Best, Peter Baker, Fiona Arscott-Smith, Tania Stanford, Rev Patrick Kandeh, Roger Owers, Peter Baker
- Plans for "Talking about Trinity 2" on 29 June
- Plans for the Trinity May Fayre stall in the High Street
- Trinity Scout Group- the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and their leaders in particular Richard Bates the GSL.
- Those in our Church Directory with names beginning with G
- All those who mourn
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them.
- Children, parents and staff of Brooklands Middle School
- All those who live on Hockliffe Road, South Street, Hartwell Crescent, Albany Road, Brooklands Estate

*The deadline for the next Trinity News will be 12noon Wednesday 17th April . Send contributions to : [trinityweeklynews@gmail.com](mailto:trinityweeklynews@gmail.com) or the Anteroom letter rack.*

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