
Dunstable Holiday Inn – supporting the refugees

It has been over two years ago since the refugees first arrived in Dunstable, and so began our journey in helping well over one hundred different refugees trying to adjust to life in a different land. They each have come to the UK from places including Afghanistan, Eritrea, Columbia, Iran, Pakistan and many others to seek a life of safety and security free from fear. A small group from The Square Methodist Church have been helping the refugees with their English, with lessons planned on two evenings every week. This has given each refugee confidence as they try to get used to a different culture, and try to settle to life here in the UK. The church also welcomes the refugees to its “Warm Space” every Friday providing a hot drink, a cake and a chance just to sit in a welcoming environment. Of course, as we get to know each refugee, there are other needs that we may be called upon to act, and these include finding lawyers, help opening bank accounts, transport, writing letters etc.

Many, when they arrive here have very little, so they ask for clothes, and a suitcase (to keep their clothes safe) so a special thank you to all who have kindly donated these. All of the refugees will have to attend an interview at the Home Office to determine their destiny, Asylum granted or not. This waiting procedure is not easy for them, particularly as for many they are having to remind themselves of the awful experiences that led to them leaving home and seeking asylum here in the UK. As we help them to adjust we recognise however that it is a privilege that God has given to us, to be able to support them and share God’s love with them at such a stressful time in their lives.

Chris Berry, The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable

Services and activities at Trinity during November

Monday 18 November	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 19 November	10:00am	Midweek service led by Chris Berry
Wednesday	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 21 November	2:00pm	Games Fellowship Chatteris Suite
Sunday 24 November	9:15am	Early Church led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Rev Jenny Spouge
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Nigel Bibbings
Monday 25 November	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 26 November	10:00am	Midweek service led by Ivor Mitchelmore
Thursday 28 November	2:15pm	Knit and Natter
	7:30pm	Thursday Bible Study
Sunday 1 December	10:30am	Toy service led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood

Everyone is welcome to our services and activities—contact the Church Office for more details.

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Pastoral News

David Warren

We are sad to announce the death of David Warren in the early hours of 7th November. Pamela and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind messages and cards at this sad time. They are much appreciated. Please continue to remember the family in your prayers.

Phyllis Savage - Service of thanksgiving Friday 29 November

The family of Phyllis Savage invites you to join them in a service of thanksgiving and remembrance of her life on Friday November 29 at 1pm. This will be a time for everyone who knew her to say a fond farewell and thank you for all the memories. Let Mum know that Leighton Buzzard will always remember her.

Susan Johnston (God Daughter)

Trinity News

Trinity Family Christmas Card

Don't forget to send your greetings for the Trinity family Christmas card by Sunday 24 November at the very latest. Leave your entries in the church letter rack or email them to Ann Guy (guy.taylors@btinternet.com). Please add any charity logos you wish included but note that they will be printed in black and white.

We will be collating the Christmas Card before Carols & Cakes between 1-2pm on Thursday 5th December. If you can help please contact Anne Gray, anneladac@hotmail.co.uk

Toy Service 1st December at 10.30am

Our annual Toy Service will be on Sunday 1st December at 10.30am. As I am sure you realise your kind gifts will be gratefully welcomed and very much appreciated by the Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre. We would appreciate new toys suitable for children aged 0–7yrs. Any baby garments and bedding would also be appreciated . Please do not gift wrap your gifts but if you wish to give wrapping paper this would help with the cost.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity. Any questions please speak to Catherine Roots.

Advent Bible study 3,10,17 December 2-3pm

There will be an Advent bible study series on 3,10 and 17 December, 2-3pm in the Chatteris Suite followed by a cup of tea. Sign up on the sign up sheet in the church corridor noticeboard or contact Anne Gray or Catherine Roots.

Thursday bible study

The Thursday bible study group will meet on 28 November at 7.30pm at the home of Helen Shephard. Contact the Church Office for more details.



Mince pies

Mince pies are an important part of Christmas at Trinity. If you are able please bring some mince pies for refreshments after Carols & Cakes on 5 December, the Carol service on 22 December and Nativity service on 24 December. They can be left in the kitchen.

Thank You!



Carols and cakes

5th December at 2.30pm



Your favourite carols followed by
tea and cake -
Invite your friends

Trinity Methodist Church, North Street,
Leighton Buzzard LU7 1ES
Registered Charity No. 1151861

Giving at Trinity during October

The amount given to Trinity in October was £5,527. In addition we budget for the equivalent of £1000 per month in Gift Aid. According to our budget our expected monthly expenditure is £6,400. The retiring collection in October raised £133 for BRF Messy church. The Harvest Festival collection in the "House" raised £132 for All We Can.

Future dates for your diary

Tuesday 3,10,17 December 2-3pm **Advent bible study** in the Chatteris Suite.

Thursday 5 December at 2.30pm - **Carols and Cakes**

Sunday 8 December at 2.30pm - thanksgiving service to celebrate the ministry of **Rev Wallace Edwards**

Church calendar : <https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/Calendar/Month.aspx>

Circuit News

Leading Local Arrangements—a worship workshop

As the number of ministers across the Circuit reduces there will be an increasing number of Local Arrangements. It is the responsibility of church stewards to ensure that an act of worship occurs as planned, but everyone can be involved in leading worship.

Rev Jenny Spouge will be leading a Worship Workshop on Saturday 23rd November 2024, 10am-12noon at The Square Methodist Church in Dunstable where you can gain a greater understanding of how to craft an act of worship, be introduced to resources and share with others in discussion and planning. All are welcome.

Register your place at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/worship-workshop-tickets-1070435444229>.

Contact Anne Gray if you need a lift.

Refugees in Dunstable

After hearing Chris Berry's recent sermon a few people have expressed an interest in supporting the work going on with refugees at Dunstable. Chris says that at the moment they are looking for men's and boys' winter clothing and also for mobile phones and laptops that are no longer needed. If you have anything for him please let me know and I'll make sure it gets to Dunstable. Charles

Edlesborough Christmas Bazaar 30 November 10 til 12noon

...Christmas gifts...Cake stall...Christmas Hamper raffle...Guess the weight of the cake...Refreshments...

Community News

Christmas Tree Festival at St Barnabas, Linslade

Friday 22 November 1.30-6.00pm; Saturday 23 November 10.00am-5.00pm; Sunday 24 November 2.00-4.00pm

Leighton Buzzard Festival singers -The Star of Kings

St Barnabas Church, Linslade, 30 November at 7.30pm.
Seasonal choral music and audience carols. (Poster in church corridor)

Stewkley Singers - Deo Gracias

Stewkley Village Hall, 7 December at 7.30pm.
Christmas music by Britten, Vaughan Williams, Bach and Poulenc.
(Poster in church corridor)

Zoom links

Sunday Evening Worship

[https://zoom.us/j/94865623492?
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?
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?
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 at Trinity and around the Circuit—
Chris Berry, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Jenny Spouge, Rev Nigel Bibbings, Ivor Mitchelmore, Rev Joanne Sherwood
- The work of our pastoral co-ordinator, friends and links
- All those who lead, attend and volunteer at Messy Church
- The work of Buzzer buses
- All those who mourn
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them.
- Those in our Church Directory whose name begins with W
- All those who live on Stoke Road, Rosebery Avenue, Golden Riddy, Falkner's Way, Lime Grove, The Paddocks, Rothschild Road, Knaves Hill Estate
- Children and staff at Footsteps Nursery

*The deadline for the next Trinity News will be 12noon **Wednesday 27th November**. Send contributions to : trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack..*

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