

## Advent 1

Advent dawns with lights strung high and music everywhere,

Sights and smells abound around,

Senses assaulted and confused,

O hush the noise,

***Let's hear the angels sing.***

Amid the lists and cards and gifts,

Amid the pleas and "please can we",

Amid the chaos of the world,

O hush the noise,

***Let's hear the angels sing.***

Let's seek to see and seek to hear.

Let's seek to feel and seek to know.

Let's seek to find peace and love.

O hush the noise,

***Let's hear the angels sing.***

*Methodist Church Christmas Liturgy*



## Services at Trinity during December

Sunday 1 December	10:30am	Toy service led by Rev Seung-wook Jung and Jo Baker
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood
Tuesday 3 December	10:00am	Midweek service led by Joan Gregory
Thursday 5 December	2:30pm	Carols & Cakes 
Sunday 8 December	9:15am	Early Church led by Jo Baker
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Catherine Roots
	2:30pm	Thanksgiving service for the ministry of Rev Wallace Edwards
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Tuesday 10 December	10:00am	Midweek service led by Fiona Arscott-Smith
Thursday 12 December	2:00pm	Service of Thanksgiving for the life of David Warren
Sunday 15 December	10:30am	Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	4:00pm	 led by Tania Stanford
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Tina Salmon
Tuesday 17 December	10:00am	Midweek service led by Catherine Roots

Sunday 22 December	10:30am	Carol service led by Rev Seung-wook Jung	
	6:00pm	Zoom carol service led by Catherine Roots	
Tuesday 24 December	5:00pm	Nativity Service led by Early Church	
	11:30pm	Midnight Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung	
Wednesday 25 December	10:30am	Christmas Day Service led by Peter Baker	
Sunday 29 December	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Chris Lowe	
	6:00pm	No Zoom service	

## **Other activities at Trinity during December**

Monday 2 December	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 3 December	2:00pm	Advent bible study series in the Chatteris Suite
Tuesday 10 December	2:00pm	Advent bible study series in the Chatteris Suite
Monday 16 December	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 17 December	2:00pm	Advent bible study series in the Chatteris Suite
Thursday 19 December	2:00pm	Games Fellowship

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

## **Pastoral News**

### **David Warren**

There will a Thanksgiving Service for the life of David Warren at Trinity on Thursday 12 December at 2pm. Light refreshments will be served after at the family home.

### **Noreen's phone number**

Following her move to Rosebery Court, Noreen's new phone number is 01525 643289.

## **Trinity News**

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

There is still time to sign up for the Advent bible study series on 3,10 and 17 December, 2-3pm followed by tea/coffee in the Chatteris Suite. There is a sign up sheet in the church corridor noticeboard or contact Anne Gray or Catherine Roots.

### **Trinity family Christmas card**

If you are coming to Carols and Cakes on 5 December, please consider coming along early and help to collate our family Christmas card. We will be in the Anteroom from 1-2pm.

### **Charity of the month**

Our retiring collections taken on 24 and 25 December will be given to our charity of the year—Leighton Buzzard and District Mencap <https://lbmencap.wixsite.com/lbmencap>

## **Extract from the Community Action Group Newsletter No4**

### **Christmas and the Foodbank**

As usual at this time of year, Rosie at the LL Community Foodbank has indicated that they would be glad to see some Christmas food, like fancy biscuits and treats for children, in amongst the usual groceries we donate. Always remembering that the people who receive food bags often have very limited cooking facilities of course. The Foodbank often runs out of UHT milk and instant coffee at times of heavy demand.

In addition to bag distribution, on Christmas Day the Foodbank also send out boxes containing a hot Christmas lunch and tea, prepared on the day in the kitchen at The Sacred Heart. Churches are amongst the organisations invited to nominate people who will be on their own and if you want to do this please let me know.

### **Ending Poverty**

As previously reported, whilst many of our existing and proposed activities here and overseas help to alleviate poverty, the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) tell us that government interventions will be needed if it is going to be ended. They want us to contact our MP, individually, as part of their Constituency Action Network and they will be sending out more details of this initiative soon. In the meantime it would be good to meet with the MP (Alex Mayer) to help her to understand about poverty in this area. Rosie has indicated that she would attend such a meeting, as would a representative of JPIT. And our neighbours at The Sacred Heart Justice and Peace Group have said that they like to join us. Perhaps we could organise a coffee morning in the New Year. Nobody would say that Leighton/Linslade is an area of urban deprivation but there are several parts of the town where people live in really miserable circumstances which often begin with family break-up. So what needs to be done and how can we help?

***Charles Horsefield***



## 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

### **Zimbabwe Victims Support Fund**

The ZVSF project was set up by Methodists to assist primarily with feeding programmes in Zimbabwe where rural families are experiencing high risk of starvation due to the ongoing drought that wiped out this year's harvest, and added further suffering to those already experiencing food and financial poverty. It is projected that the whole of Zimbabwe will be in an Acute Food Insecurity Crisis until the next harvest. If you have not assigned your charity giving this Christmas please consider Zimbabwe Victims Support Fund.

<https://www.zimbabwvictimssupportfund.org/>

(Poster on church Noticeboard)

### **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)

# Circuit News

## Circuit report to Church Council 22 October 2024

The following Circuit matters were noted by Roger Owers (Senior Circuit Steward) at the Church Council held 22 October 2024.

There are key vacancies at Circuit level. The Circuit urgently needs two new Circuit Stewards whose main role is to recruit and support the ministers. The Circuit is responsible for manses and someone is needed to be a first point of contact when there are problems in the manse and take on the organisation of the work to be done. In addition, Synod stewards are needed to represent the Circuit at the two District Synod meetings each year. (*Speak to Roger if you feel you can help with any of these roles.*)

Over the next few years there will be significant changes across the Circuit ministerial team. It has been agreed that Rev Margaret Newman will continue in the Circuit until August 2030. However Rev Nigel Bibbings has reduced his hours to  $\frac{3}{4}$  full time equivalent, in preparation for retirement in August 2025 when he will be leaving the Circuit. There are no plans to replace him. It is also possible that Rev Joanne Sherwood will leave the Circuit in August 2026 at which point the Circuit will then only have four full time ministers. This in turn will mean that there are fewer ministers available on Sundays and a corresponding increase in the number of Local Arrangements. (*There are 3 LAs at Trinity in the next quarter—stewards be warned.*) Patrick's appointment as superintendent also comes to an end in August 2026 and the process to consider this position will start in Spring 2025.

### **Festival of Carols at The Square, Dunstable**

Friday 13 December 3-8pm and Saturday 14 December 2-5.45pm

Christmas carol display...Craft stall...refreshments...music...children's activities.

Beati Vocal ensemble Friday 13 December 7-8pm

## Thank you...

Sincere thanks to all who kindly knitted or crocheted blankets or strips and squares; children's jumpers, hats and scarves; baby jackets and toys, and to those who generously donated coats and other items, We were able to continue to support Ukraine through Hope and Aid Direct ([hopeandaiddirect.org.uk](http://hopeandaiddirect.org.uk)) and contribute toward a shipment to India for the KSN hospital visited regularly by Chris and Linda Berry (see photo).

Needs nearer to home have also benefited, especially the Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre and Emily's Star ([emilysstar.co.uk](http://emilysstar.co.uk)) which supports vulnerable babies in the MK area.

Please keep up the good work. Christmas blessings to you all.

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### 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 at Trinity and around the Circuit— Rev Seung-wook Jung, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Joan Gregory, Catherine Roots, Jo Baker, Fiona Arscott-Smith, Tania Stanford, Tina Salmon, Peter Baker
- The families and children who will receive presents this Christmas through the work of the Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre
- All those who decorate our church at Christmas
- All those who mourn
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them.
- All those who live on Billington Park Estate

*The deadline for the next Trinity News will be 12noon **Wednesday 11 December**. Send contributions to : [trinityweeklynews@gmail.com](mailto:trinityweeklynews@gmail.com) or the Anteroom letter rack..*

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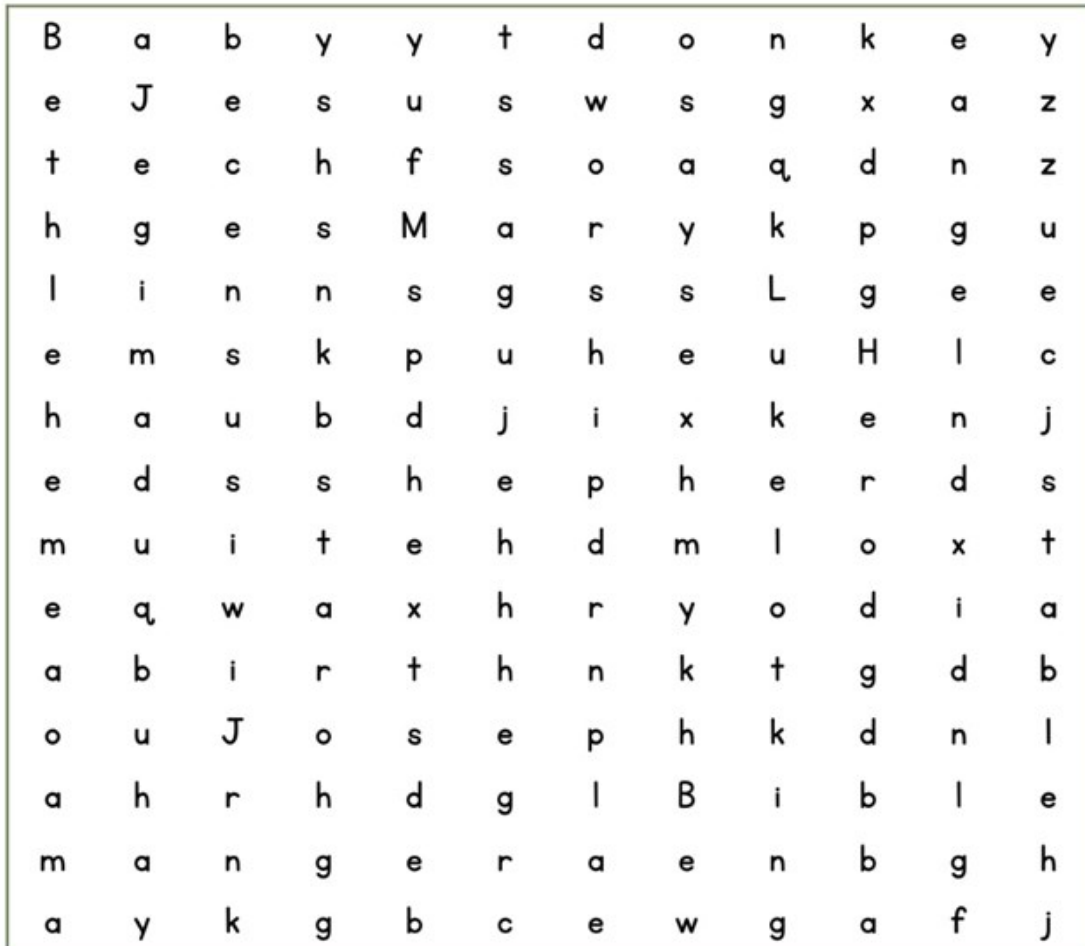
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# Christmas Word Search



Baby	census	manger	donkey
king	Mary	Herod	angel
Bethlehem	inn	birth	shepherds
Joseph	stable	Luke	star
Jesus	worship	Bible	hay



**Christmas Messy Church**  
will be on Sunday 15th December  
4pm-6pm.  
All welcome!

Trinity Methodist Church invites you to our  
Christmas services

Sunday 1 December 10.30am - Toy Service

Thursday 5 December 2.30pm - Carols and Cakes

Sunday 15 December 4.00pm - Christmas Messy Church

Sunday 22 December 10.30am - Carol Service

6.00pm - Zoom Carol Service

Tuesday 24 December 5.00pm - Nativity Service

11.30pm - Midnight Communion

**Wednesday 25 December 10.30am**

**Christmas Day Service**



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