

## **The Work of Christmas**

**When the song of the angel is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their  
flocks,**

**The work of Christmas begins:**

**To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among the people,  
To make music in the heart.**

**Howard Thurman**

## Services at Trinity during January

Sunday 5 January	9:15am	Early Church led by Steve and Karen Purton
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Fiona Arscott-Smith
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Claudia Lupi
Tuesday 7 January	10:00am	Midweek service led by Peter Baker
Sunday 12 January	9:15am	Early Church led by Catherine Roots
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Richard Armiger
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung with Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 January	10:00am	Midweek service led by Roger Owers
Sunday 19 January 	10:30am	Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung. Retiring collection for Water Aid
	4:00pm	Messy Church led by Tania Stanford
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom Rev Claudia Lupi
Tuesday 21 January	10:00am	Midweek service with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Sunday 26 January	9:15am	Covenant service at Early Church led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Alison Arnold
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Peter Baker
Tuesday 28 January	10:00am	Midweek service led by Rev Patrick Kandeh

## Other activities at Trinity

Monday 6 January	8:00pm	Badminton in the Hall
Wednesday 8 January	2:00pm 8:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom Evening bible study by zoom (see below)
Thursday 9 January	2:15pm	Knit & Natter
Monday 13 January	8:00pm	Badminton in the Hall
Thursday 16 January	2.00pm 7:30pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite Thursday bible study

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

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

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## Pastoral News

### Christine Taylor

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Christine Taylor on 31 December. Please remember Peter and his family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements will be announced when available.

# Trinity News

## Thank you...

A huge **thank you** to everyone who assisted in any way to our services over Christmas. Decorations in the church will be taken down after 10.30 service on Sunday 5 January—all welcome!

## Charity of the month—Water Aid UK

Water Aid ([Wateraid.org](http://Wateraid.org)) is an international charity which aims to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, within a generation. They work with partners internationally and on the ground to help achieve widespread change. There will be a retiring collection for Water Aid on Sunday 19 January.

## Zoom bible study

The zoom bible study continues the series started during Advent using the Act on Poverty resource from JPIT. If you would like to join the meeting please contact the Church Office for joining details indicating if you would like to join the afternoon or evening session.

## Desperately needed—Sound desk operators

There have been occasions recently when we have been using the CDs at 10.30 services because there was no available pianist/organist or Ann Guy has had to cover the PA desk. Even Ann cannot play and manage the powerpoint! You will be given training/full instructions. If you feel you would like to have a go, please speak to Anne Gray or Ann Guy.

# Circuit and Methodist Church News

## Discernment course

The [Discernment course](#) exists to help leaders listen together to God's invitation when making decisions. The Discernment Course seeks to help leaders listen carefully to what God is doing in their local context, to develop tools to support decision-making and to learn how to make good and prayerful decisions together.

The course is intended for anyone involved in leadership in the local church, including church stewards, circuit stewards, local preachers, lay workers, deacons, presbyters and superintendents. For further details, see [Leadership Development - The Methodist Church](#) and [Learning Network Discernment Course.pdf](#)

## Wholehearted monthly

Wholehearted monthly is a new online gathering of people who are passionate about joining God in mission. Each month, we'll hear testimony from local leaders, learn from a renowned guest speaker, and break into groups for wisdom-sharing with those committed to Gospel justice, evangelism, inclusion and growth. More information will be coming in the new year, but save the dates in your diary for the second Tuesday in each month, starting 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00-9.00pm. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wholehearted-monthly-tickets-1082365166349?aff=learning>

## Encounter course

Encounter is a place to deepen your awareness of God, reflect on your faith journey and discern your unique calling. There are three taster evenings planned in January 2025. Full details available at [Encounter - The Methodist Church](#) and book at [Encounter 2025 Taster Evenings Registration, Mon 13 Jan 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

## Community Action Group

Over the Christmas period some Trinity members supported the activities of the Community Foodbank. Our donations were added to the huge quantities coming in and volunteers filled dozens of bags for family workers from CBC and other agencies to deliver. On Christmas Day, meals were prepared in the kitchen of The Sacred Heart and delivered to people who were going to spend Christmas Day on their own.

JPIT report that the Constituency Action initiative, of which we are a part, sent 500 post cards about poverty to the Prime Minister in September. Our MP Alex Mayer has responded positively to an invitation to come to Trinity for an informal meeting about the nature and causes of poverty in Leighton Buzzard. But given her very busy schedule this may not happen for a while. When we meet her, JPIT want us to ask that the government "listen to the poor". We will be discussing how they might do that at our next Community Action Group meeting after the 10.30 service on 19 January.

Happy New Year, *Charles*

### 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=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dIUT09)

[pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dIUT09](https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dIUT09)

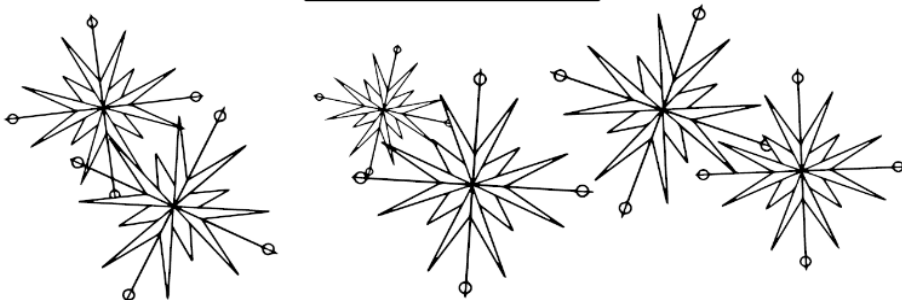
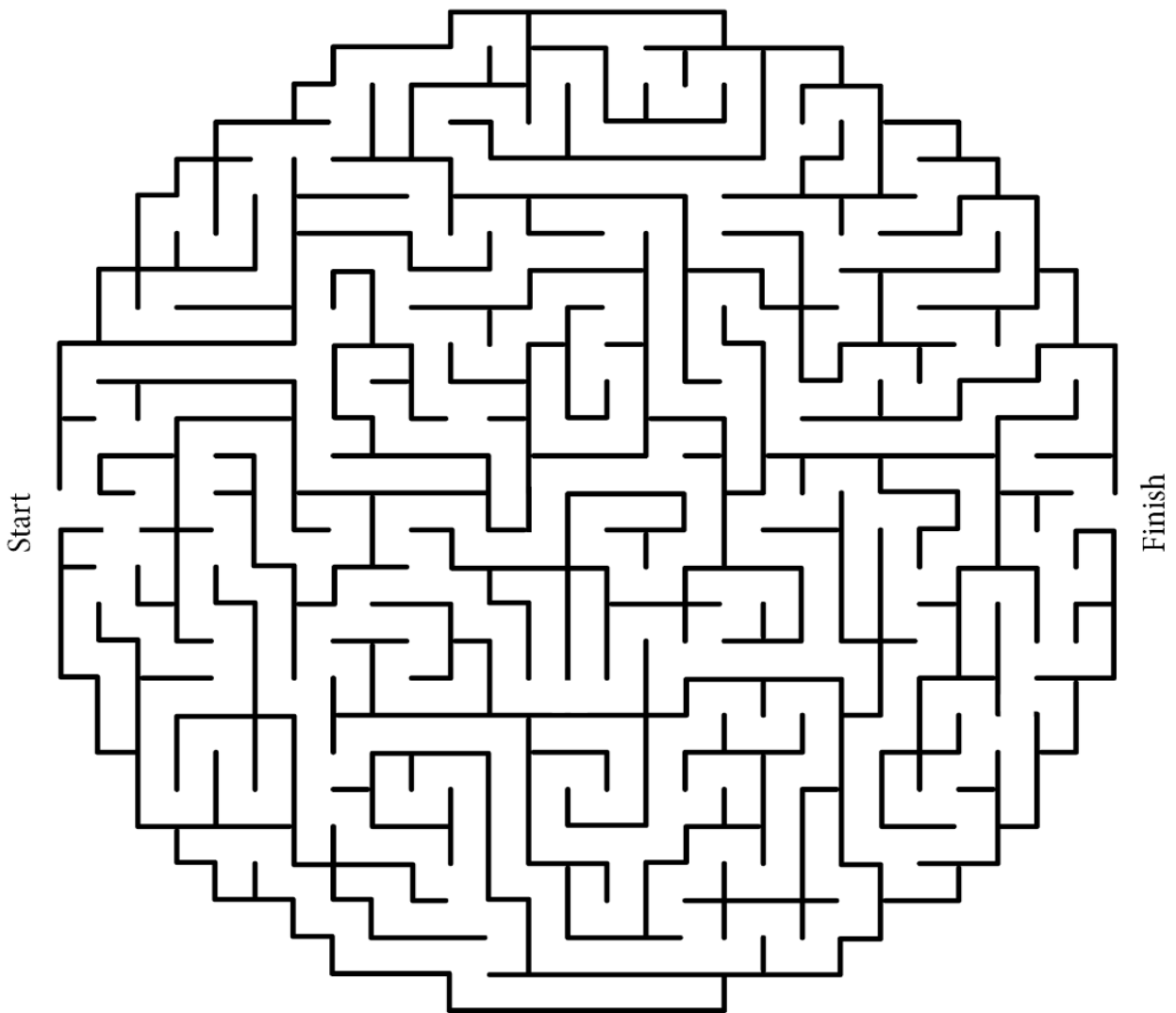
By phone—0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

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

# Help Mary and Joseph Go to Nazareth

See if you can find two ways to  
complete the maze.



## Prayer Diary

### Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit— Karen & Steve Purton, Fiona Arscott-Smith, Rev Claudia Lupi, Peter Baker, Catherine Roots, Richard Armiger, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Roger Owers, Tania Stanford, Alison Arnold, Rev Patrick Kandeh
- The leaders and congregation of the Early Church service at Trinity
- 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 Bedford Street, Lamas Walk, Beaudesert, Rush Court, White House Court, St Andrews Street, St Andrews Close, Guildford Mews, Gilbert Mews
- Teachers and pupils at Linslade Lower School
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with A

*The deadline for the next Trinity News will be 12noon **Wednesday 15 January 2025**. Send contributions to : [trinityweeklynews@gmail.com](mailto:trinityweeklynews@gmail.com) or the Anteroom letter rack..*

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