
Lent preaching series – the Book of Genesis

A familiar list of characters including Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, Abraham, Jacob and Joseph and his coat of many colours are all to be found in the Book of Genesis, the first book of the bible. But why are these people in this book?

As the first book of the bible, Genesis can be described as an overture to the bible. It is going to introduce us to the way that God will change the world, to give us a new way of thinking, saving us and bringing us hope. We are invited to learn about our God who shows us who he is, what he is doing and why he does it. And we discover our place in God's world.

Of course Genesis was written a long time ago and enables us to glimpse a world of faith before the Jewish and Christian religion were established. It is the beginning. The first 11 chapters explore the idea of the emergence of humankind at the instigation of God's creative will. The rest of the book (chapters 12 -50) covers the ancestors of the nation of Israel. Most of the action takes place in Canaan, the promised land, culminating with the nation's migration to Egypt.

We will find God's Plan for the world who wants to uphold a relationship between people and God. But the plan is not imposed in a dictatorial way because God wants to work co-operatively with

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What's happening at Trinity

Sunday 16 February	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung. Retiring collection Action for Children
	4:00pm	Messy Church led by Catherine Roots
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Patrick Kandeh
Monday 17 February	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 18 February	10:00am	Midweek service led by Rev Wallace Edwards
Wednesday 19 February	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Friday 21 February	2:15pm	Knit and Natter - <i>note change of day</i>
Sunday 23 February	9:15am	Early Church led by Seung-wook Jung
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Roger Owers
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Monday 24 February	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 25 February	10:00am	Midweek service led by Catherine Roots
Wednesday 26 February	7:30pm	Church Council
Thursday 27 February	2:00pm	Games Fellowship

Sunday 2 March	9:15am	Early Church led by Steve and Karen Purton
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Tina Salmon

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

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humankind. And so we are also told of the way that people respond to God in all sorts of ways. Thus we find the very real and human stories of a variety of well known characters.

You are invited to join us in our exploration of the Book of Genesis during Lent at 10.30 services on:

- 16th March - The sovereign God who creates - Gen. 1-11 (Rev Seung-wook Jung)
- 23rd March - The God who calls and blesses - Gen 12-25 (Roger Owers)
- 6th April - The God who comes to people in their struggle - Gen 25-36 (Catherine Roots)
- 13th April - The God who confirms and safeguards divine promises - Gen 37-50 (Peter Baker)

We will be looking more deeply into these four topics in our zoom Bible Study groups on Wednesday afternoons 2pm and/or evenings 8pm commencing 5th March, then fortnightly on 19th March, 9th and 23rd April. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Zoom links are always available in the Trinity News or email Catherine Roots for help with how to join a zoom conversation.

Pastoral News

John Digby

The funeral of John Digby will take place at Bierton Crematorium on Thursday 20th February at 2pm. Refreshments will be served at Trinity afterwards.

If you are not able to attend the Crematorium you can watch a live stream of the service. Streaming details are available here:

<https://johnarthurdigby.muchloved.com/>

You are asked to continue to hold Sandra and the family in your prayers.

Christine Taylor

“Thank you for the cards and the kind words I received after the passing of my mum Christine Taylor. Thank you to those from Trinity who attended the service of thanksgiving at The Salvation Army. This has been a great support to myself and the rest of Mum's family.”

Peter Taylor.

Trinity News

Church Council 26 February at 7.30pm

Church Council members are reminded that there is a Church Council meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26 February which will include progress reports on actions taken resulting from Talking about Trinity 2. Reports should have been sent to Marina by 14 February.

Change of date: Knit & Natter Friday 21 February

Knit & Natter will meet on Friday 21 February (not Thursday 20 February). Back to usual Thursday on 7 March.

Community Action Group

A few good things to report in recent days. Chris Berry led another inspirational service recently and, as usual, did not leave empty-handed. Now that 200 Afghan refugees are set to leave the Holiday Inn at Dunstable to move into unfurnished accommodation, they need a huge amount of bedding, towels, crockery, kitchen utensils etc, just the sort of stuff we have been collecting.

And recently on my way into Boots in the High Street I saw three collecting bins I had never seen before (that doesn't mean they weren't there.) One was for foil blister packs, such as we have been collecting at Trinity, another for recycled cosmetics packaging and a third via which toiletries can be donated to charity. A very welcome initiative from Boots but other chemists are available of course.

Finally, we received at long last the offer of a date when our MP is available to come to Trinity to discuss poverty in Leighton Buzzard. More of this to come in a future article I hope.

Charles

If you are able, please take your empty blister packs to Boots on the High Street. If you have a smartphone you will be able to join the "Recycle at Boots" scheme and earn reward vouchers as you recycle your packs. However if you are not able to get to Boots, please continue to use the collecting box in the church corridor.

The Lent Encounter – Through the Wilderness

Sign up for free daily email devotionals from the Bible Society this Lent, to discover why God led his people into a desert for 40 years, how they became his covenant people and the ways this extraordinary story points forward to the new covenant in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sign up here: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter>

Future dates for your diary

Saturday 28 June 10am to 12.30pm Pastoral meeting for all Pastoral Friends and Links.

Sunday 20 July 10.30am Pastoral Commissioning Service

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.

Six word stories

Can you express something of your faith in a six word story?
Send your story for inclusion in the next Trinity news.

Where were you, you are here.
You went away, you came back.
You weren't listening, you are now.
I feared you, I trust you.
You have given us many warnings.

God is my refuge and strength.
Saved by faith, in God's grace.

"A hug, then into
God's hands."

I was scared,
now I'm braver

All this you did for me.

Needed love, Gave love, now loved.

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit: Catherine Roots, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Rev Patrick Kandeh, Rev Wallace Edwards, Roger Owers, Steve & Karen Purton, Tina Salmon
- All those who lead and attend our 6pm zoom service
- Our Church Council as they meet on 26 February
- The work of Action for Children
- All those who mourn, in particular the families and friends of Christine Taylor and John Digby
- 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 Vandyke Road, George Street, Regent Street, Atterbury Avenue, Miles Avenue, Brook Street, Brookside Walk, Kiteleys Green, Middle Green
- Teachers and pupils at Doverly Academy
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with D

*The deadline for the next Trinity News is 12noon **Wednesday 26th February 2025**. Send contributions to : trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack.*

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