

Trinity News

16th, 23rd, 30th March 2025



From the manse...

What do we mean by 'wilderness' or 'desert'? In the Bible, these are often real places, but for many of us, they symbolise times of struggle, uncertainty, and challenge. Jesus himself spent time in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. Likewise, the Israelites wandered in the desert, Abraham left everything behind to follow God's call, and the Desert Mothers and Fathers sought solitude to draw closer to God.

At times, we may find ourselves in a personal or spiritual desert—facing loss, doubt, or hardship. But no matter how vast the desert seems, it always has an edge. After a long period of difficulty, signs of life begin to appear. The barren ground gives way to green shoots, and eventually, the wilderness leads to a more fertile place. Our faith is a resurrection faith. When we face dead ends, we discover the God who opens new doors.

How do we navigate this journey? Desert travellers know where the oases are—places of rest and sustenance before pressing on. What are the oases in your own desert? Are they small moments of peace that you might overlook? God provides for us along the way, even when the path seems uncertain. As the Psalmist reminds us, "*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path*" (Psalm 119:105).

As we enter Lent, we are invited to step into a kind of wilderness by giving something up for 40 days. Many choose to fast from food or social media, recognising how distractions shape our lives. By stepping back, we create space to reconnect with ourselves, with others, and most importantly, with God.

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Services at Trinity

Sunday 16 March 	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung. Retiring collection for LB Mencap
	4:00pm	Messy Church led by Tania Stanford
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom Rev Nigel Bibbings
Tuesday 18 March	10:00am	Midweek service led by Lynda Hart
Sunday 23 March	9:15am	Early Church led by Richard Bates
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Roger Owers
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Catherine Roots
Tuesday 25 March	10:00am	Midweek service led by Colin Quine
Sunday 30 March	10:30am	All age Worship on Mothering Sunday led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Tina Salmon
Tuesday 1 April	10:00am	Midweek service led by Peter Baker
Sunday 6 April	9:15am	Early Church led by Karen and Steve Purton
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Catherine Roots
	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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What else is happening at Trinity

Monday 17 March	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 19 March	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 20 March	2:15pm	Knit and Natter in the Chatteris Suite
Monday 24 March	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 27 March	2:00pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite
Monday 31 March	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 2 April	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 3 April	2:15pm	Knit and Natter in the Chatteris Suite

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Temptation will come—whether it’s the urge to check our phones or to return to old habits—but we do not journey alone. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness but resisted by holding fast to scripture. He is with us, guiding us and strengthening us in our struggles.

This season of sacrifice is not just about survival; it is about growth. Through the wilderness, we come to a clearer understanding of who we are, why we are here, and what God is calling us to do.

So, are you merely passing through life, or are you living as a child of God, trusting in His guidance?

Seung-wook Jung

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Holy Week services at Trinity

Over the three days of Holy Week we will hear the account in St John's Gospel of the Passion of our Lord.

- ⇒ Jesus is Taken to the High Priest (John 18;1-27)
- ⇒ Jesus before Pilate (John 18;28-19;16)
- ⇒ Jesus is Crucified (John 19; 17-42)

Services are on 14th, 15th and 16th April at 10.00am. The service on Tuesday 15th will be our regular Tuesday morning service. If you would like to read all or part of one the passages please contact Roger Owers.

Seung-wook will lead the Maundy Thursday service at 7.30pm.

New Charity of the Year—Marie Curie

At Church Council on 26 February it was agreed that the Marie Curie charity <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/> will be our charity of the year 2025/6. There will be three retiring collections after 10.30 services throughout the year, and we are hoping to welcome the regional organiser to one of our services to tell us about their work. There will be an opportunity to give to the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal at our Mothering Sunday service on 30 March.



Two of our congregation have moved recently:

David Dawes has moved to be nearer his family. We wish him well in his new home. His new address is :

5 Kings Road, Stamford, PE9 1HD.

Muriel Simpson has moved to :

Marigold House, Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 3FF
Her phone number is as in the Church Directory. She would welcome visitors—but please ring first.

Easter Flowers

Don't forget to let Catherine Roots have your knitted/crotched Easter flowers by Tuesday 8th April so we can get them ready for placing on the cross.

If you need a pattern for either crochet or knitted flowers please ask Catherine.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in February was £4,732. 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 February raised £292.25 for Action for Children.

Circuit and Methodist Church News

Olive Tree Quiz Night 26 April

The Olive Tree Church in Luton invite you to their Quiz Night on Saturday 26 April from 7pm to 9.30pm. Entrance includes a ploughman's supper. £6 per person or £30 for a table of up to 6 people. For tickets call Claire 07923 242891.

Olive Tree Church, 42 Blenheim Crescent, Luton LU3 1HB.

Circuit Open Air service on Dunstable Downs 13th July

Plans are going ahead for the Circuit Open Air service on Dunstable Downs on 13th July. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and organisation on the day. If you can help in any way please contact Rev Nigel Bibbings as soon as possible. email: revdnigel@gmail.com; Tel: 01525 872026

Your six word stories

I doubted You. You convinced me
Looking to Jesus—Trusting in Him
Simply trusting in Him every day

Lent preaching series at Trinity, 10.30 services

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

- 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)

The zoom bible studies are also looking at Genesis—contact Catherine for the notes and join the group on Wednesday afternoon or evening. See p3 for dates.

Community Action Group

The next Community Action Group meeting will be on Sunday 16 March, after morning worship (at about 11.35am).

We will be discussing the End Poverty Now Campaign and how we might advance this in our meeting with Alex Mayer MP on 31 March, when we tell her about poverty in Leighton Buzzard. This will only be a small, informal meeting but everyone is welcome to contribute their views via myself or any other member of the Group.

We will also be discussing future activities to support Trinity's Charity of the Year the Marie Curie Trust (see p 4), and how we are going to use the storage space we now have available to store donations of food and household goods bound for numerous needy recipients.

Charles

Future dates for your diary

Mon—Wed 14-16 April 10am—Holy week reflections

Thursday 17 April 7.30pm —Maundy Thursday service

Thursday 24 April 2.30pm—'Easter Celebration & Cake' - service followed by tea and cake

Saturday 28 June 10am Pastoral meeting for all Pastoral Friends and Links

Sunday 29 June 10.30am—Church Anniversary/Bring a Friend - *(who will you invite?)*

Sunday 13 July Circuit Open Air service on Dunstable Downs (no 9.15 or 10.30 service at Trinity)

Sunday 20 July 10.30am Pastoral Commissioning Service

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

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.

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit: Tania Stanford, Richard Bates, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Roger Owers, Catherine Roots, Rev Nigel Bibbings, Tina Salmon, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Karen and Steve Purton, Peter Baker, Fiona Arscott-Smith
- Muriel, David and others who have or are planning to move home
- Tuesday worship—those who lead, support and attend
- 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 the Clipstone Park estate
- Teachers and pupils at Linslade Middle School
- The work of Marie Curie charity and those who support it
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with F

*The deadline for the next Trinity News is 12noon **Wednesday 3rd April 2025**. Send contributions to : trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.*

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