

Trinity News

31st August, 7th, 14th September 2025



If you won the lottery tomorrow....

In Jesus' parable in Luke 12, a landowner finds himself in exactly that position. He's got more than enough, and instead of sharing or using it wisely, he decides to hoard everything—to store up his wealth, hoping that will give him security for the long term.

But our riches aren't about what we stash away in bank accounts or investments, but how we use what we have to build God's kingdom. It's about living out the prayer, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

How do we do that? It's not easy. It means swimming against the tide, or as Paul puts it, changing our orientation. He says, "Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2).

That sounds helpful but what does it really mean? Is Paul asking us to go around with our heads in the clouds, ignoring the world around us? It might seem like it, because he goes on to say we must "put to death" certain earthly things. Then he lists them—things like greed, impurity, and lust. Harsh words and necessary, but tough.

Then there's a second list—things we are told to "get rid of"—like anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language. And we must not forget this includes what we write or type! It seems Paul is calling us to put to death the broken passions inside us—those desires and habits that pull us away from God. And to get rid of

harmful ways we interact with others—the words we say, the lies we tell.

To set our minds on things above means we live differently. Not disconnected from the world, but living as though we are already in God's kingdom—in the way we treat each other, how we respond to those around us, even our enemies. It means building community through acts of compassion and care. When we set our minds on things above, we're not just being useful—we're transforming the world around us. We raise a standard of behaviour, showing respect for God's creation and honouring Him through how we live. But this is more than we can do on our own. This focus, this reorienting of our minds—that's not something we can manage by willpower alone.

The good news is, we don't have to do it alone. The joy of being a disciple is that once we start on this path, we are never alone. There is a helper, a presence, who invites, encourages, and directs our focus. Jesus—the captain of our souls—is here, through the Spirit, to help us in this ongoing task and joy of setting our minds on things that are above.

With every blessing, *Seung-wook*

Pastoral News

Joan Plant

It is with sadness we announce the death of Joan Plant, a long standing member of Trinity Church. The funeral was held on 29th August.

Services at Trinity

Sunday 31 August	9:15am	Early Church led by Steve and Karen Purton
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Steve Rogers
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Sheila Norris
Tuesday 2 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Rev Wallace Edwards
Sunday 7 September	9:15am	Early Church
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Peter Baker
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Tuesday 9 September	10:00am	Midweek service with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Sunday 14 September	9:15am	Early Church
	10:30am	Morning Worship led by Martin Wallis
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom
Tuesday 16 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Lynda Hart
Sunday 21 September	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung. Retiring collection for Marie Curie
	4:00pm	Messy Church led by Tania Stanford
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood

Tuesday 23 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Ken Harris
Sunday 28 September	9:15am	Early Church
	10:30am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Tina Salmon
Tuesday 30 September	10:00am	Midweek service led by Frankie Fisher

Activities at Trinity during September

Monday 1 September	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 3 September	2:15pm	Wednesday Fellowship Group in the Chatteris Suite (<i>details from Sue Stokes</i>)
Thursday 4 September	2:15pm	Knit and Natter
Monday 8 September	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 10 September	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 11 September	2:00pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite
Monday 15 September	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Thursday 18 September	2:15pm	Knit and Natter

Monday 22 September	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Wednesday 24 September	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 25 September	2:00pm	Games Fellowship in the Chatteris Suite
Monday 29 September	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity

Future dates for your diary

Thursday 2 October at 2.30pm – Harvest Celebration and Cake

Sunday 12 October at 2.30pm – Memorial Service for those who have died over the past year

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

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Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 28 September followed by a Harvest Celebration with cake on Thursday 2 October at 2.30pm. In addition to gifts of food and cash (for All We Can) we shall be supporting Work Aid with gifts of surplus tools of various sorts. These can be brought to the Harvest service on 28 September or to the Celebration on 2 October.

Although Work Aid welcome a long list of tools and equipment their main focus is on refurbishing tools, sewing machines and knitting machines. There are some items that they are not able to

accept and they have provided us with a poster containing a comprehensive list of the items they will accept and those that they will not. The poster will be on display on the Community Action Group notice board in the corridor. Please do take a look or check their website <https://workaid.org/donate-tools>.

Zoom bible study restarts 10 September

September 10th sees the start again of our fortnightly Bible Study meetings on zoom. If you would like to delve further into the bible with like minded people both from Trinity and around the circuit then you will be made very welcome.

We have two sessions 2pm and 8pm. Sessions are led alternately by Rev Seung-wook Jung, Roger Owers and Peter Baker.

Everyone is welcome from the just getting to know the bible to those who have a good knowledge. You can join in the discussion or just listen till you find your feet.

If you would like to know more then contact Catherine Roots at Catherine.roots1@ntlworld.com or log into one of the sessions on Wednesday 10th. You will find the zoom links below at the end of Trinity news.

Best wishes, Catherine Roots

Local Arrangements at Trinity

As there will be fewer ministers working across the Circuit in the near future, and ministers take a well deserved break for their sabbatical there will be more Local Arrangements at Trinity. There are lots of resources available to help plan a service and many in the congregation are happy to help. Could you organise a service? Please speak to a steward or Ann Guy.

Digital Collection Plate

Thank you for the positive response to the new Digital Collection Plate. The aim is to provide an additional method of giving and is especially useful for those people who don't carry cash. Use it in just the same way as you would when using a card to pay for goods when shopping.

At the recent retiring collection, several members of the congregation used the Digital Collection Plate for the first time and comments such as "That was easy", "Glad we have got one of these like other churches", "What a good idea as I didn't have extra cash today" were heard. We are pleased that it has been useful and if you do want to use it at any time, then there will always be someone on hand to help if needed.

Sheila Pollard and Debbie Adams

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in July was £5,062. In addition we have received the equivalent of £1,095 per month in Gift Aid. According to our budget our expected monthly expenditure is £6,400.

The retiring collection in July raised £369 for Methodist Homes.

Letters of John Wesley need a good home

Chris Berry has a set of the Letters of John Wesley volumes 1-8 covering 1721-1791 looking for a good home. (Contact details available from Anne Gray.)

Community Action Group

I am pleased to say that our Church Council has agreed that Trinity should join the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) [Constituency Action Network](#) (CAN), a network of churches across the UK who are committed to building meaningful relationships with their MP and working with them to speak and act for peace and justice. When we met our MP, Alex Mayer, she was not too concerned about the level of child poverty in our town but this is, undeniably, a developing problem across the UK and JPIT are urging us to encourage MPs to engage with it. More updates to follow but to find out how you can get involved please speak to me.

Charles

Finding out about HOPE AND AID DIRECT

"HOPE AND AID DIRECT is a 100% volunteer led, UK based, charity operating mainly in mainland Europe with a focus currently on the situation in Ukraine. We use our own vehicles or backloads to deliver vital aid donated by members of the public and corporates and work with trusted partners to ensure the aid reaches the hands of those who need it. Since the start of the conflict we have sent almost 90 44 tonne articulated trucks full of supplies. But we could not do this without the generous support of members of the public, like yourselves. Our mission is to take aid to those in need. On behalf of HOPE AND AID DIRECT, thank you for your ongoing support."

From Janet Page on behalf of HOPE AND AID DIRECT

The list of needed items at present includes warm coats, toys and games, toiletries, new underwear for all ages, commercial blankets and fleeces. Thanks to our willing knitters and crocheters we continue to provide hand knitted blankets, jumpers, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves etc for all ages as well as lovely knitted toys and useful sewing items. Please keep up the good work. Thank you, Cilla.

Circuit District and Connexional News

Lost in Wonder at the Edinburgh Fringe

Why Edinburgh? That may be the first question to answer. The Fringe is the busiest, most colourful, and chaotic festival in the UK (certainly in my experience), with street performers on every corner, voices rising from every stage, and people streaming by in an endless flow.

Yet in the middle of this rush, the Methodist presence is quietly and intentionally different. We are there to hold space, to offer an invitation, to share *our story, our song*.



With a fantastic volunteer team from across the Connexion, the roaming sofa once again became that invitation. A simple piece of furniture, but one that provided an opportunity for the team to ask a profound question: *When was the last time you were lost in wonder?*

I was only there for a few hours, but in that short time, I was deeply encouraged by what I witnessed. People sat down, some for a minute, some for longer, and shared openly. The range of stories was as wide as the Festival itself, from deep pain to simple delight.

Sitting on that sofa, people were permitted to remember, to wonder, and perhaps to sing a new song in their hearts. At the end of each sofa conversation, people received a free art gift, inspired by the conversation they had just engaged with.

It was only a small glimpse for me, but I left believing afresh in the power of intentional presence. In a busy, noisy world, the simple

act of creating space to ask a question, of listening with grace can be transformative.

It makes me wonder, how can I and you create a similar 'sofa' space in our places and spaces that surround us?

Matt Forsyth, Vice-President of Methodist Conference, Methodist News August 2025



A day filled with informative sessions and discussions on safeguarding stories and practices with the theme. "Hidden Vulnerabilities". Whether you're a safeguarding officer, church steward, minister or church member this event is for you. Learn how to create a safe environment for everyone. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your knowledge and skills. Register now <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1559642886859>

Twilight Organ Recital

Saturday 13th September 4pm - 5pm

Twilight Organ Recital by
local organist

Joe Leslie

The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable

Fund raiser for the Organ Fund



Zoom links

Sunday Evening Worship

<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>

By phone—0330 088 5830

Meeting ID: 928 7734 0921 Passcode: 869411

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8pm

<https://zoom.us/j/97662553267?pwd=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dIUT09>

By phone—0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 976 6255 3267 Passcode: 873153

If you need help joining our Zoom services please contact Catherine Roots.

Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit: Steve and Karen Purton, Steve Rogers, Sheila Norris, Rev Wallace Edwards, Tania Stanford, Peter Baker, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Martin Wallace, Lynda Hart, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Ken Harris, Tina Salmon, Frankie Fisher, Catherine Roots, Fiona Arscott Smith
- All those who mourn, in particular the family and friends of Joan Plant
- The work of Worship Committee
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them.
- All students, teachers and support staff returning to school and college for a new academic year
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with P

The next Trinity News will be published on 21 September. The deadline is 12noon Wednesday 17 September 2025. Send contributions to: trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.

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