

Trinity News

16th, 23rd November 2025



From the manse...

As I prepared this piece, I found myself revisiting a reflection I had written during my previous sabbatical. Looking back, it's remarkable to see how much has happened in the seven years since then. Above all, we lived through the extraordinary experience of the Covid pandemic and all the changes it brought to our lives and ministry. And now, as I come to another sabbatical, I find myself reflecting more deeply on the words I first heard about sabbatical leave: "A sabbatical is not a holiday."

These three months starting in December, will be a time to look back over the past years and to prepare meaningfully for the next stage of ministry. Over the summer, I spent time in Korea, using the visit as a period of preparation. I also arranged to meet colleagues who once served in ministry here in the UK and have since returned to Korea, so that I may spend time with them and share God's word in their churches.

Another special blessing will be the opportunity to reunite with family members I have not seen in person for many years. In particular, my younger brother who lives in the United States, has been able to coordinate his visit so that we can all gather as a family for the first time in over twenty years—a truly meaningful occasion, even though we have kept in touch online.

During this sabbatical I also hope to make progress on completing my M.A. dissertation in its final year and to take time to discern the next steps for my ministry ahead.

I am deeply grateful for this precious opportunity for rest and renewal. Please remember me in your prayers—that I may spend this time well, as planned, and as God leads, and also for our children (Solee, Soyun and Yunsang) who will be on their own while Grace and I are in South Korea.

Rev. Seung-wook Jung

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South Bedfordshire Craftivist Group Doves of Peace

I would like to thank friends at Trinity for the really encouraging and positive comments from the pictures that the South Bedfordshire Craftivist Group have done that were displayed at Trinity last Sunday morning. Many of you agreed to send the postcard to your MP along with a suggested script.

If you were unable to be at Trinity last Sunday but would like to support our action for peace then please speak to one of the stewards who will be able to give you a card, or contact me directly if you would like more information. The more cards we can send the bigger the impact.

Thank you again, *Catherine*

Tent of Hope

It is good to still have the lovely Tent of Hope at Trinity giving us an opportunity to reflect on its message of creativity, diversity and community. You are invited to add to this thought provoking installation if you wish. The Tent of Hope also offers us a place to sit a while and pray, and draw closer to God. The Tent of Hope will be in the church for the next few weeks.

Cilla

Church Family Christmas Card

The deadline for your greetings to be included in the Church Family Christmas card is 30 November. No extensions available. Send your greetings to Ann Guy by email (guy.taylors@btinternet.com) or via the letter rack in the Anteroom **BEFORE 30 November**. We will be collating the card before Carols and Cakes on 4th December – willing hands welcomed.

Advent bible study series: 2,9 and 16 December 2pm

We will be meeting in the Chatteris Suite for a series of three Advent Bible studies on Tuesday afternoons during December. The dates are 2nd, 9th, 16th December from 2pm-3pm, ending with tea and biscuits.

Everyone is welcome to come along and share in the group.

If you wish to know more please contact Catherine Roots.

Giving at Trinity

The amount given to Trinity in October was £5,252. In addition we budget for the equivalent of £916 per month in Gift Aid. According to our budget our expected net monthly expenditure is £5,400.

The retiring collection in October for BRF Messy Church amounted to £137.55. The amount donated to All We Can in respect of August's retiring collection and gifts made at the Harvest Festival totalled £300.

What's on at Trinity

Sunday 16 November	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung. Retiring collection for Buzzer buses.
	4:00pm	Messy Church led by Tania Stanford
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Joanne Sherwood
Monday 17 November	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 18 November	10:00am	Midweek service led by Chris Lowe
Wednesday 19 November	2:00pm	Afternoon bible study by zoom
	8:00pm	Evening bible study by zoom
Thursday 20 November	2:00pm	Games Fellowship
Sunday 23 November	9:15am	Early Church led by Richard Bates
	10:30am	Morning Worship - a Local Arrangement led by Anthea Shenton. Talk from JPIT representatives
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
Monday 24 November	8:00pm	Badminton at Trinity
Tuesday 25 November	10:00am	Midweek service led by Fiona Arscott Smith
Thursday 27 November	2:15pm	Knit and Natter

Sunday 30 November	10:30am	Joint service for the beginning of Advent led by Rev Seung-wook Jung
	6:00pm	Evening Worship by zoom led by Catherine Roots

Everyone is welcome to our services and activities—see the website <https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/> or contact the Church Office for more details.

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Christmas coffee morning with children's activities and Bring & Buy, Saturday 13 December

There will be a coffee morning at Trinity on Saturday 13th December 10:00-12noon on behalf of Marie Curie. There will be Christmas activities for children so bring invite your family and friends. There will also be a Bring & Buy stall. If you have any donations please speak to Cilla. Anything not sold will be given to a local charity shop. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, the craft activities or by chatting to any guests we may have. If you can help, please speak to Marina. Please come along and support this great cause.

Marina and the Connections Team

Melissa Emergency Appeal

All We Can is responding, in partnership with the Methodist Church in Britain, to Hurricane Melissa. They are working closely with their regional partner, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean, to ensure that funds raised are directed to where they are most needed.



<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/appeal/hurricane-melissa/>

Community Action

Sue and I attended the JPIT "For Goodness Sake" Conference in Derby on 8 November along with hundreds of others from the Methodist Church, Baptist Union, URC, Church of Scotland and The Iona Community - who are the newest members of JPIT. We returned home filled with enthusiasm for all things related to Community Action. Two of the huge JPIT Conference organising team, **Thomas and Alex, are planning to come to Trinity for our 10.30am service on 30 November.** They want to say a few words and then present us with a certificate of registration with JPIT's Constituency Action Network. We were one of the first churches in the country to sign up but I'm sure there will be many more now following an inspiring presentation by Rev Steve Tinning about how his Baptist church engaged with their MP in Clacton. Alex and Thomas have said they also want to attend our Community Action Group meeting after the service which, as always, will be open to all. In the meantime we will put some material from the conference on the Community Action noticeboard.

Back at Trinity, we have some space in the Recycling Cupboard once again, since Chris Berry's last visit to lead Tuesday Worship. He went home with a car packed full of kitchenware, bedding, clothing and suitcases for the refugees at Dunstable. It was hard to imagine how the two young women he brought with him had room to breathe on the way home!

Charles

Stewkley Singers

Saturday 6 December at 7.30pm, St Barnabas Church, Linslade
Britten Ceremony of Carols, Stanford Motets and other beautiful Christmas music. Tickets from Anne Gray or Room No9.



Festival of Carols at The Square

*Friday 12th & Saturday 13th December,
3 - 8pm*

Displays, carols, crafts and refreshments.

*Vocal ensemble, Beati, will be singing at 7pm on
the Friday evening.*

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=ektDbjZ4VkVxdVNxUWp2cUxtb3dlUT09>

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: Rev Seung-wook Jung, Tania Stanford, Rev Joanne Sherwood, Chris Lowe, Richard Bates, Anthea Shenton, Fiona Arscott Smith, Peter Baker, Catherine Roots, Roger Owers
- Seung-wook as he prepares for his sabbatical
- Our pastoral co-ordinators, Sue and Chris, and pastoral friends
- The work of the Buzzer Buses
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them
- All children and staff at Footsteps Nursery
- Those who live Stoke Road, Rosebery Avenue, Golden Riddy, Falkner's Way, Lime Grove, The Paddocks, Rothschild Road, Knaves Hill Estate
- All those in our Directory whose name begins with W

The next Trinity News will be published on 7 December. The deadline is 12noon Wednesday 3 December. Send contributions to: trinityweeklynews@gmail.com or the Anteroom letter rack attention Anne Gray.

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