

# Trinity News

May 2026

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## EcoChurch at Trinity



As I am sure you will remember in 2023 we achieved the Eco Church Silver award.

To enable us to work towards the Gold award it would take a considerable amount of work, and we would need to update our heating and lighting system as part of that. This is an ongoing process. However, that does not mean that we can just sit back and forget about Eco work whether at church or at home. Part of the award is about how many people are making strides to be ECO minded at home as well.

The Community Action Group helps us in this with reusing items that are stored in the resource cupboard and Charles shares with us ideas that are happening on a regular basis. Here are some ideas that can also help you on the way to be more Eco minded.

Have you considered ethical banking. Do you know whether the money you hold in your bank is being used to fund Climate Chaos? 'Bank Green' is a [website](#) that can help you find out this information. As a church we bank with the Co-operative Bank which is an ethical bank and considered high in the ethical and sustainable banking range. Enter Bank Green into your search engine to find out or ask me to check for you.

Have you considered going to the repair café? Now the weather is beginning to improve you may want to use some tools for the garden that have gone blunt over the winter. The repair café is at The British Legion (Bossard Hall) on the Last Saturday of the month from 10.30 – 1.30pm. You can take along broken lights, tools, clothing repairs and things that you want to keep but you don't know how to mend. They also offer IT support.

One last thought is what search engine do you use for your Computer.

Many of us will use Google but there are other options. Ecosia, <https://www.ecosia.org/> is a search engine like Google but it uses 100% of its profit for the planet and produces enough renewable energy to power all searches twice over.

It is certainly worth considering.

*Catherine*

### **Annual Church Meeting Sunday 17 May**

Our Annual Church Meeting will be held after the 10.30am service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please take the opportunity to read the reports from the various groups and committees which will be displayed in the Anteroom before the meeting and ask questions about the work and activities of the church. There are vacancies on our Church Council. Please consider if you could support the work of the church by standing for Church Council, don't wait until you are asked. Church Council members are the trustees of our Church and needs opinions and expertise from across the membership.

## Services at Trinity during May

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### Sunday 3 May

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9:15am Early Church

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10:30am Morning Worship led by Fiona Arscott-Smith

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6:00pm\* Evening Worship by zoom led by Catherine Roots

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### Tuesday 5 May

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10:00am Midweek service led by Catherine Roots

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### Sunday 10 May

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9:15am Early Church

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10:30am Morning Worship led by Steve Rogers

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6:00pm\* Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Seung-wook Jung

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### Tuesday 12 May

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10:00am Midweek service led by Colin Quine

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### Sunday 17 May

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10:30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Seung-wook Jung followed by the **Annual Church Meeting**

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4:00pm Messy Church led by Catherine Roots

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6:00pm\* Evening Worship by zoom led by Rev Jenny Spouge

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### Tuesday 19 May

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10:00am Midweek service led by Roger Owers

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### Sunday 24 May

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9:15am Early Church led by Richard Bates

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10:30am Morning Worship led by Frederick Cole

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6:00pm\* Evening Worship by zoom led by Sheila Norris

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### Tuesday 26 May

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10:00am Midweek service led by Chris Berry

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**Sunday 31 May**

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10:30am Morning Worship for all ages led by Rev Seung-wook Jung

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6:00pm\* Evening Worship by zoom

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**Other activities at Trinity during May**

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Monday 4 May 8:00pm - 10:00pm Badminton at Trinity

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Wednesday 6 May 2:00pm - 3:00pm Bible study by zoom\*

8:00pm - 9:00pm Bible study by zoom\*

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Thursday 7 May 9:30am - 11:00am Trinity Toddlers

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2:00pm - 4:30pm Games Fellowship

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Monday 11 May 8:00pm - 10:00pm Badminton at Trinity

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Thursday 14 May 9:30am - 11:00am Trinity Toddlers

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2:15pm - 4:00pm Knit and Natter

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Monday 18 May 8:00pm - 10:00pm Badminton at Trinity

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Wednesday 20 May 2:00pm - 3:00pm Bible study by zoom\*

8:00pm - 9:00pm Bible study by zoom\*

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Thursday 21 May 9:30am - 11:00am Trinity Toddlers

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2:00pm - 4:30pm Games Fellowship

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Monday 25 May 8:00pm - 10:00pm Badminton at Trinity

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Wednesday 27 May 2:30pm - 4:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Group

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Thursday 28 May 2:15pm - 4:00pm Knit and Natter

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\*For zoom links contact the office [ttprojectoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ttprojectoffice@gmail.com)

### **Save the date:**

- Sunday 5 July, 6pm for a Circuit Service at High Street Leagrave.
- Sunday 19 July, 11am on Dunstable Downs (weather permitting) for a farewell service for Rev Claudia Lupi
- Sunday 2 August – Farewell service for Rev Patrick Kandeh
- Sunday 6 September – Welcome service for Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams, the new Circuit Superintendent

### **Pastoral News**

**Mike Powell, Hannah and Luke Weed** have moved and are now at 2 Saxon Close, Leighton Buzzard LU7 3LT. Their phone number remains the same.

**Vera Watts** is now in Elm Lodge, 18 Stoke Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2SW

**Mary Eagleton** has a new phone number – 07849525873

**David Williams**, member of High Street, Leagrave and long standing local preacher in the Circuit, passed away on 3rd April. His funeral will be on 7th May at High Street at 1.30pm followed by Committal at The Vale at 3pm.

### **Wednesday Fellowship 27 May, 2.30pm**

The Wednesday Fellowship will meet in the Chatteris Suite on Wednesday 27 May at 2.30pm. More information from Sue Horsefield.

### **May Fayre Monday 4 May - *Can you help?***

The May Fayre is a great opportunity for Trinity to be seen and meet people in the town. Volunteers are needed to help at the Trinity stall in the High Street any time from 10.00am - 4.00pm. As usual we will be offering activities for children and our theme for this year is Jonah and the Whale.

The signing up sheet is on the notice board opposite the hall, or contact Marina directly.

### **A warden's life - caring in the community**

Noreen Henshaw

For years, I was a Mobile Warden, employed by South Bedfordshire District Council supporting residents in sheltered Housing in Bedford Street, Lammas Walk and Merlins Court in Leighton Buzzard. The properties were within walking distance of each other with lawned areas and trees and shrubbery. I was responsible for the day to day running of 51 units housing 56 residents, mostly aged 70-80 years but including older residents. The housing consisted of a mix of bungalows and flats built in the 1960s replacing a row of Victorian cottages, a chicken field and Edwardian houses.

When I moved to Leighton Buzzard I worked in a local Middle School as a part time Home Economics teacher but wanted to get to know more people in the town. So I joined the local Senior Citizens Association committee which was centred around Duncombe Drive Day Centre. I helped to make and serve their afternoon cup of tea. Along with others on this committee I delivered the LINK magazine to senior citizens around Leighton Buzzard which provided a contact and useful feedback to the committee from the lonely and housebound

who needed help. We would visit these people for a chat on a regular basis and could contact Social Services for assistance if needed.

After seven years at the Middle School and three years at an Upper School I became disillusioned with the work and left. At first this was great – no work! But after a while, with my children in the last years of their schooling I felt a void in my life. There had to be something I could do! The answer came from a notice at Duncombe Drive Centre – “Can you drive? We need you, WRVS”. That was the answer.

I duly became a member of WRVS, starting with the Meals on Wheels team delivering to Sheltered Housing Schemes around Leighton Buzzard. I also took responsibility for running the Tea-bar held three mornings a week in the Old Fire Station in the High Street. Over the next few years I combined my voluntary work with my relief Wardens job with the District Council. These were very happy times, meeting and making new friends. I shall never forget the camaraderie we had in the Tea-Bar. However as they say, when one door closes another opens, and when I became a full time Mobile Warden I had to say goodbye to all my voluntary work, which made me very sad. I loved this work. Like many jobs it has its ups and downs, its happy and sad times. I think the worst aspect is when you lose one of your residents, whether through them going into hospital / residential care or through death.

*Do you have a story to tell? Send it to [trinityweeklynews@gmail.com](mailto:trinityweeklynews@gmail.com) or pass it to Anne Gray.*

## **Community Engagement – where are we heading?**

It sometimes feels like hard work - linking-up Trinity's efforts to engage with the community - but some signs of success are beginning to show. (Like Spring flowers perhaps?)

As a church we held a number of fund-raising events for our 2025/26 charity, Marie Curie, culminating in a popular music concert (*see below*). It was good to see that some of those who attended events were not from Trinity. But this year, with Trinity Toddlers going well, we have the opportunity to work with families who have come to us to join that group, as we raise funds for the charity they have nominated, Homestart Bedfordshire. The CEO of Homestart, Linda Johnson, has already visited Trinity Toddlers and we look forward to her coming to speak on a Sunday morning in due course.

And is our Recycling Cupboard fulfilling its full potential? It provides a useful function in holding some unsold items between B & B stalls and supporting Chris Berry in his work with refugee families in Dunstable and Calais. And the contents are made available to Trinity Toddlers families. But could we achieve more with it and do more to promote it?

### **Other Initiatives**

Church Council has agreed to support Christians Against Poverty <https://capuk.org/> through our October retiring collection. CAP provides a powerful combination of practical help, restorative church communities and Jesus' love to support people in poverty. They will be invited to give a presentation about their work at a service in due course.

*Charles*

## **Charity of the year 2025/26 – Marie Curie**

The musical evening on 28 March at Trinity, headed up by our very own Timewarp band along with the Jung family and returning guest Chris Mesley, raised a total of £1077.44. The total raised during the year was £3087.55 – an amazing amount for a charity doing great work to support palliative care across Bedfordshire and the rest of the country.

## **May's charity of the month – Christian Aid**

Christian Aid <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> is a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide working with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid on Sunday 17 May. You can donate cash or use the digital collection plate.

There is a list of the monthly Retiring Collections for 2026/27 on the church notice board.

## **Giving at Trinity**

The amount given to Trinity in March was £4,971. 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 Stage**

We have been gifted some folding tables from Eaton Bray and have decided to get rid of three of the large brown tables in the Main Hall. In due course we will purchase a trolley that will hold the folding tables. This will mean they will not need to be lifted on and off the stage.

...Yet again the stage has become a dumping ground for rubbish. So the week of the 25<sup>th</sup> May – (Half term school holiday) we are ordering a skip to clear it again. If you are available to help with this please tell Catherine.

***If you have put anything on the stage that is your group's equipment, please ensure it is removed OR let Catherine Roots know, otherwise it will be disposed of. Please do this no later than FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2026.***

## **Are you a gardener? – we need your help**

The bushes at the front of the church are threatening to hide our beautiful Easter Cross and need trimmed. However, the more important problem are the bushes which threaten to overhang the fire escape steps from the Hall into North Street. If you could use your gardening skills to maintain the foliage at the front of the church please speak to Anne Gray.

## Other News

### Praying for Justice

The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) have launched a weekly newsreel which highlights what is going on in the UK and around the world to support prayers for justice and peace. You can read the transcript (<https://jpit.uk/justice-weekly>) or follow on Facebook or Instagram.

### Leprosy Mission needs trustees

Leprosy Mission is seeking new Trustees. To find out more see their website

<https://careers.leprosymission.org.uk/job/0f9e811f-01cf-4748-8cf7-8f158eca172f> .

<p>HEALING CONFERENCE 2026</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE - A HEALING JOURNEY</b></p> <p><b>16 MAY</b> 10-4:30pm</p>		 <p><b>KEY SPEAKER</b> <b>BEN PUGH</b></p>	 <p><b>WORSHIP</b> <b>ELAINE SIMPSON</b></p>
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**Methodist Central Hall**

## Community Events

**Stewkley Singers** will be performing **Mozart Requiem in C Minor** and **Haydn Te Deum** at All Saints Church on Saturday 9 May at 7.30pm. Tickets from Anne Gray or Room No9, High Street.

## Prayer Diary

Please pray for....

- Those who are leading at Trinity and around the Circuit Fiona Arscott-Smith, Catherine Roots, Steve Rogers, Rev Seung-wook Jung, Colin Quine, Rev Jenny Spouge, Roger Owers, Richard Bates, Frederick Cole, Sheila Norris, Chris Berry, Peter Baker
- Our Annual Church Meeting on 17 May
- All who are involved with organisation and running the Trinity May Fayre stall, and those who visit the stall
- The work of Christian Aid
- Work of local police and law enforcement officers
- All those who organise and support our Messy Church services
- All those in our congregation who are ill, in hospital or awaiting medical treatment and those who care for them
- All who mourn
- All those who live on Hockliffe Street, North Street, Chamberlains Bridge and Briggington housing estates
- Staff and pupils at Leighton Middle School and Gilbert Inglefield Academy
- All those in our Church Directory whose name begins with H

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