

# Trumpeter



## What's happening at Trinity

September 2018

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## Numbers

There are 18 different churches listed in the Leighton-Linslade Churches Together website.

Trying to purchase a Bible from an online bookshop there are 1116 different versions to choose from. That is even after narrowing it down to Christian Bibles as opposed to instruction manuals for other things.

No doubt each bible has subtle alterations to make it accessible to its target audience, but what do we edit out? Subtle changes in vocabulary can drastically alter the meaning of a text and the inferences we take from cross referencing the language used.

How often do we selectively interpret the bible to fit in with our own view of the world? We should remember “The stone which the builders rejected turned out to be the most important of all.” (Psalms 118:22) This could also be the same with the words we choose to use and the people with whom we associate.

At the same time Jesus warned us against presenting too much information and making our prayers excessively long and complicated.

No doubt our services would be less personal if all these separate churches were replaced with one large one and our bibles may be harder to read without a bit of editing.

The Numbers section of the Old Testament details the census carried out by Moses dividing up the people attributed to the different tribes of Israel. Goodness knows how they managed before the days of computers with everybody moving around all the time.

At the same time there is the Parable of the Good Shepherd who leaves his flock to try to find the one that is missing. We need to be mindful about what we leave out.

*By Kathy Keeley*

## Messy Church

Messy Church happens at Trinity in it's "normal" format five times a year (each school holidays) and at Christmas we organise the Messy Nativity service for Christmas Eve.

This is what a "normal" session looks like:

2pm—Volunteers arrive and are assigned their role. The team is briefed about what the session will be about and we have a prayer.

2.30pm—Families arrive and we spend 15 minutes in the church colouring paper bags to collect their crafts in. We welcome the families and explain what is going to happen and what the theme is.

2.45pm—Families go into the hall for a variety of theme appropriate crafts and activities. These often include a food activity (decorating cakes or biscuits), sensory play activities (especially for our younger members but enjoyed by all), games and crafts (some messier than others!)

3.30pm—We all go into the church for a Celebration, this includes a story, lively songs (often with actions or dance moves) and prayer.

4pm—Tea time is in the hall, this is often a cold tea, followed by cakes.

4.30pm—Families leave and volunteers help to tidy up.

Over the past year we have looked at a wide variety of bible passages and stories including Easter, Psalm 139 and Creation and our responsibility to look after the Earth.

There are many roles within Messy Church including planning, setting up, helping on an activity table, helping in the kitchen and tidying up. If you feel able to do any of these roles, please speak to Tasha Williams in the church office.



## Your personal data - GDPR

As I am sure you know on 25 May 2018, the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force, putting far greater pressure on everyone, including churches, to manage, protect and dispose of citizens' personal data in an appropriate manner. Personal data means any information which identifies an individual – their address, date of birth, email address, telephone number etc.

At Trinity we collect information about our members and adherents for the Church Directory. The purpose of the Directory is to promote the work and activities of the church at Trinity and information should not be used for any other purpose. Everyone who is listed in the Directory is given a printed copy for their personal use - it is not a public document and should be kept securely.

It is important that the details in the Directory are accurate, so as part of the revision process for the 2019 Directory we will be asking you to give us up-to-date contact details. Please return the form promptly! We will also be asking you to indicate if you wish your name to be included in the printed Directory, and if you wish to receive communications from Trinity by electronic means (e.g. email). Email addresses are not listed in the printed Directory but circulation of Weekly News and Trumpeter by email helps the church to reduce printing costs. Anyone who needs email addresses for church business (e.g. in relation to committee activities or Church Council meetings) can use this information providing individuals give their permission.

Some church activities require us to hold information about individuals who have not completed a Directory update form, or additional information not collected for the Directory. In that case, it is important to have EXPLICIT permission to hold these details.

This is best done through a signed form or email clarification, which is stored in a secure place. Equally importantly, this information must be deleted when it is no longer required for the stated purpose. If you think this may apply to you, talk to Anne Gray or Catherine Roots to be sure that you understand what is involved.

It is important to respect the privacy of personal data, and not include phone numbers, email addresses etc. where it will be on public display – e.g. on a poster for the church notice board. If in doubt, ask permission.

I realise that all this sounds complex, and possibly “over the top”, but it is the law and we must comply. Privacy is important to each of us, and it is good to understand how we handle the information we have about each other.

Anne Gray

Senior Steward and Data Champion

### **Church Family Picnic**

Thank you to those who came on our Church Family Picnic on Sunday 19th August at Rushmere Country Park. We had a great time playing games, talking and eating picnics. It was quite warm, but lacked a bit of sunshine until later on, but that didn't stop us from having fun and eating ice-cream! We hope to be able to repeat it next year – if anyone has any feedback please let Tasha Williams or Judy Whyman-Bates know.

## Sunday Services during September

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>2nd September</u>		
8.30am— Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Jacqui Donaghy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Brenda Ballantine	Alison Arnold
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Deacon Jacqueline Esmara-John	Donald Wray
<u>9th September</u>		
9.15am Early Church— The False & True Mothers—Loving Sacrifice	Jo Baker & Richard Bates	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Catherine Roots
6.00pm - Revelation	Circuit Youth Service	
<u>16th September</u>		
10.30am—Morning Worship with Communion	Rev. Arlington Trotman	Elizabeth Hitchcock
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Steven Poxon	Charles Horsefield
<u>23rd September</u>		
9.15am—Early Church— Job's Wife—The Right Kind of Support	Steven Purton & Graham Seaton	Jacqui Donaghy

### 23rd September (continued)

10.30am—Morning Worship	Steve Jones	Anne Gray
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6.00pm—Evening Worship	Fiona Arscott-Smith	Elizabeth Hitchcock
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### 30th September

10.30am—Harvest & Parade Service	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Anne Gray
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6.00pm—Café Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Donald Wray
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### **Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship**

2nd September	Irene Hyde, Jane Baker & Christine Taylor
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9th September

16th September	Debbie Adams & Christine Taylor
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23rd September	Janette Cook, Janet Graham & Joan Edwards
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30th September	Janette Cook, Janet Graham & Joan Edwards
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### **Coffee Team**

2nd September	Phil & Cilla Wagner, Frances Underwood & Elaine Green
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9th September	Kathy Keeley, Marina Mele & Tony Oldroyd
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16th September	Janet Curzon, Heather Watkins & Joan Gregory
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23rd September	The Wray Family & Chris Bosworth
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30th September	Charles & Sue Horsefield & Debbie Adams
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**Tuesday Morning Service (10am) will be led by:**

4th September	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung (Holy Communion)
11th September	Rev. Arlington Trotman
18th September	Frankie Fisher
25th September	Ken Harris

**Coming up at Trinity and in the South Bedfordshire Circuit**

Sat 1st September	Toddington Methodist Church	Craft Bits & Bobs Sale + Coffee Morning. 10.30am- 12noon.
Tues 4th September	Trinity	Tuesday Fellowship Circle (TFC) - AGM & Renewal service led by Rev. Wallace Edwards
Fri 7th September	Toddington Methodist Church	Quiz Night. See poster in corridor or contact Margo (01525 635299) for more details.
Tues 11th September	Trinity	TFC—Farmer Christian Link. Bernard Hicks
Wed 12th September	Mary & Wallace Edwards' House	The Disciple Group (Home group)

Thurs 13th September	Beech Hill Methodist	Circuit Meeting (7.45pm)
Tues 18th September	Trinity	TFC—Rev. Peter Dudeney
Thurs 20th September	Trinity	OCTOBER TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Sun 23rd September	Eaton Bray	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch (10.30am)
Sun 23rd September	Trinity	Fair Trade stall after Early Church and Morning
Tues 25th September	Trinity	TFC—‘An Evening of Love’ with Bob Blake
Sat 29th September	Trinity	Poems & Pies (Please see Alison Arnold)
Sat 6th October	Eaton Bray	Dunstable Salvation Army Band Concert (7pm)

### **A Girl's GB Diary**

We went on a Treasure Hunt this week. The clues lead us to ingredients which we had to collect. Once we had collected them all we were able to make our own Pizza! Yum!! And then eat it!!

When we work on our badges we work hard, then when we complete a badge we are able to do something special – sometimes a trip out, sometimes special food, sometimes a DVD.

It's really good fun and we learn all sorts of things!

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In our new session in September we are going to have a Cake and Coffee evening for MacMillan, a hot Potato Night for company funds and a Pudsey Night to raise money for Children in Need!

There will be badgework and games...it should be good fun.

It would be even better if we could find some new girls and boys to join us in September and to share the fun. We really do have a fantastic time.

If you are four years or over you can join us. It would be nice to make some new friends.

Supplied by Marilyn Powell.

### The Fisherman's Church

I saw a little church today,  
The quaintest I have seen.  
It stood amongst the fishing fleet,  
And made a charming scene.

Strangers viewed it with interest,  
This sea-stained House of God,  
And then as if enchanted,  
Its mossy paths have trod.

This little church was built for such,  
Who wished to seek God's face,  
For a spirit of holiness seemed to rest,  
Upon that sacred place.

When the hurricane is sweeping by,  
And the sea runs white with foam,  
The song I hear from the little church,  
Soars above the ceaseless moan.

I love to read of the olden days,  
When our Lord walked by the sea,  
How He taught the poor and humble,  
By the shores of Galilee.

And when He saw the fishermen,  
Busy mending their nets,  
He called them and they followed Him,  
To be His honoured guests.

God has not called the greatest,  
Nor the highest in the land,  
He calls His humble servants,  
To do what He commands.

And ye who are His followers,  
Look up, your Lord is near,  
Within His hand He holds the crown,  
That ye may someday wear.

This poem is by Eliza Veness (1866-1941) and has been reproduced with permission.

The Church to which she refers was a Fishermen's Chapel in Hastings, as she said, on the beach. It is now the Fishermen's Museum, with some of the original features left in place.

Visited on a coach trip organised by Phyllis Savage. Sent in by Anne Webber.

### Weekly activities

For contact details please see the Church Directory or contact the Church Office (01525 371905 or [tttprojectoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tttprojectoffice@gmail.com))

Badminton	Monday 8-10pm	Jan Cornfoot
Trinity Toddlers	Tuesday & Friday 9.45-11.15am (Term time)	Karen Purton
Trinity Fellowship Circle	Tuesday 7.30-9pm	Marilyn Powell
Beavers	Thursday	Richard Bates
Cubs	Tuesday	
Scouts	Thursday	
Drop-in for the homeless	Wednesday	Charles Horsefield
Sewing Circle	Alternate Thursday 2-4pm	Sandra Digby
Girls' Brigade	Friday 6-9.30pm	Marilyn Powell
Prayers	Saturday 9-10am	Joan Gregory

## Prayer Diary for September 2018

helping us focus on the needs of our Church and community.

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*Give us patience, O God, in the hour of trouble; humility in the hour of success and constancy in the hour of temptation. Grant us thankfulness for your benefits, fear of your judgement and hope in your enduring mercy; now and for ever. Amen.*

**John Cosin (1594-1672)**

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### **Please pray for:**

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with O/P/Q.
- World Mission <https://worldmission.cc/>
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in September (see pages 6–8)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 8-9)

### **Teams at Trinity – in particular:**

- Scouts led by Richard Bates
- Girls Brigade led by Marilyn Powell

### **Our local neighbourhood:**

- Mary Bassett Lower & St. George's Lower Schools
- Sandhills & the surrounding estates

### **Thank God for the world around us**

- Thinking of farmers and growers and all those who grow and deliver out food.