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What's happening at Trinity

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From the Manse

We had some special guests last August on the bank holiday weekend. KCF (Korean Christian Fellowship) in the Kingston Circuit came to our church for their summer retreat and stayed here from Friday till Monday. On Sunday we had a joint service with them sharing Holy communion and their choir sang a Hymn in a Korean traditional tune (They have wonderful choir but they sing only once a year when they have the joint service in their summer retreat camp).

They kindly offered for us to have lunch together after the service - they had prepared a Korean barbeque. It was probably the first time tasting Korean food for many of our church members. It was lovely time together eat and chat and I had a very positive feedback from both our members and KCF members.

They sent a big thanks for our hospitality and warm welcome with the cakes that some of our members made for them. They said they had a really good time at our church.

KCF was established in September 2008 (it is the 10th anniversary for them). Having a summer retreat in a Methodist church away from their place became their tradition since they had the first retreat in Andover 2010. And through this they made good connections and friends within and outside their church. We may develop more connections with them as I have heard from quite a few members that it would be great if they come every summer!!

Leighton-Linslade Homeless Service Harvest Walk— Saturday 6th October

This is an opportunity for walkers of all ages to enjoy the countryside between Cedars School and Rushmere whilst raising money to support the work with the homeless and an opportunity for non-walkers to sponsor them. There are 2 routes available (13miles or 5km). Both events will end at Cedars with a BBQ lunch provided by Morrisons. Application forms can be downloaded from

<http://homelessllhs.worspress.com>

Please see posters on Trinity noticeboard for more details.

"Sing a new song to the Lord" Psalm 96:1 by Kathy Keeley

Attending a recent arts showcase I was struck by the number of choirs there are locally. They seem to cater for every taste from classical to musical to folk to contemporary. Singing is an important part of our church service. In a Song of Thanksgiving Psalm 67:4 reads, "May the nations be glad and sing for joy because you judge the people with justice and guide every nation on earth."

In our hymn books there are many songs written which voice concerns. Even those who don't particularly like singing may feel a link to a kindred spirit in the words of a song or hymn. If we know and understand the words, through singing or listening to a hymn we can share an awareness of the feelings behind it and sometimes a motivation to address the issues it highlights:

"...Whom shall I send? Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord. I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart." (Songs of Fellowship, I the Lord of Sea and Sky)

Singing is often accompanied by instruments and we are fortunate enough to have some very good musicians in our church. In Samuel 6:5 when the covenant box is brought to Jerusalem, "They were playing harps, lyres, drums, rattles and cymbals." Words alone doesn't always convey what music can.

MHA 75th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving

MHA is celebrating its 75th anniversary during 2018. The President of Conference, the Rev'd Michaela Youngson, will be the preacher at the 75th MHA Anniversary Service in Derby Cathedral on Saturday 13 October, starting at 3pm.

During the service there will be the premier of a specially commissioned piece of music, 'Fanfare for the Older Person'. The music has been created for us by the organist and composer Nigel Ogden, who has close associations with MHA.

Free tickets for the service can be requested from MHA (Tel: 01332 296200) or found on line at www.eventbrite.co.uk and searching for 'MHA'.

Early Church – A Change in the Air by Graham Seaton

Early Church has just turned 14. It's a teenager - and like any teenager it needs to find its way in the grown up world. But what does that mean?

First let's take a step back. What is Early Church? Various phrases come to mind – a family friendly service; a young and growing congregation; an important part of the greater Trinity family; a sometimes noisy, but always engaging act of worship; a twice monthly opportunity to bring Christ to people who otherwise might not enter our church ... I could go on. It's been a success story for Trinity. Unlike many churches in the Circuit, we have a growing number of children and young people worshipping with us. I know some feel that the 10:30 service has suffered – the comment I have heard is that Early Church has taken the children. But let's get real. If the 10:30 appealed to the young families they would be attending at 10:30. Early Church has been designed to appeal to young families in a way the 10:30 doesn't. So let's celebrate that we have one church that offers two different styles of worship.

So here we are - Early Church is into its teenage years and that is a period of great change. But why change? Many see Early Church as “their” church. For some it's their only experience of church. And as such twice a month really isn't enough. If Early Church is “their” church then we need to offer a full service (excuse the pun!).

So from the start of Advent – that's 2nd December – Early Church is going to run weekly. We'll still start at 9:15. There will be a 20 – 30 minute period of family friendly worship with the introduction to our theme. Then we'll break into groups to develop the theme (3 groups to start with – children, older young people and adults). After that we'll all go down to the Chatteris Suite for Coffee&. We hope to keep the same energy and fun overall but with a little more teaching and reflection.

Come and join us! And if it's not your style – please pray with us that Early Church will continue to bring Christ into the lives of those who attend.

Joint Public Issues Initiative by Charles Horsefield

Just over a year ago I was asked to look at how the Circuit might provide information on "public issues". I don't think this was because anyone thought we were inactive in this area in our Circuit. Methodist churches generally are among the most socially conscious and active bodies in their communities and South Beds churches are no exception. I think it was more the case that individual churches might want to know what is going on elsewhere so they could build upon or emulate it.

The best way forward seemed to be to pilot something with the Trinity web-site because we were already using it to provide information on what was available for homeless people in Leighton Buzzard. In fact ours had been the only site doing this for several years and it had kept the church office quite busy dealing with enquiries and offers of help. Last year the Leighton-Linslade Homeless Service got their own web-site going and so now we only have to cover our own Wednesday Night Drop-In and direct enquiries about the Emergency Night Shelter and other services to their site.

We had from time-to-time covered other local issues on the Trinity site but had not drawn attention to public issues of more general interest. Then I found that the Methodist Church had formed a Joint Public Issues Team with the Baptists, the URC and the Church of Scotland - and that they produce a monthly newsletter entitled "Praxis", which they would send to me for wider circulation. The content would typically be a mixture of Public Policy Statements from the churches (there was one from the Methodist Church on "Poverty" in the June issue); prayers about social issues; reports on government initiatives and promotion of resources for youth work and other work in communities. One recent article covered the government policy of creating a hostile environment for immigrants. Another covered the implications of Brexit for social mobility.

Please see : <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/> or
https://www.trinitylb.org.uk/Groups/273550/Social_Issues_and.aspx

Alternatively you can report on what you are doing about social issues in your own locality so that we can learn from one another's experiences.

Sunday Services during October

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>7th October</u>		
8.30am— Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Catherine Roots
10.30am—Morning Worship	Joan Gregory— 'Church' part 1	Marina Mele
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Tina Salmon	Ann Guy
<u>14th October</u>		
9.15am Early Church	Ben Williams & Graham Seaton - Leah & Rachel: A troubled family	Alison Arnold
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Wallace Edwards— 'Church' part 2	Jacque Donaghy
7.30pm—Sunday Night Live	At High Town Methodist Church, Luton	
<u>21st October</u>		
10.30am—Morning Worship with Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung— 'Church' part 3	Catherine Roots
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Rev. Julie Bradshaw	Anne Gray
<u>28th October</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Steven Purton & Jane Seaton—Lydia & Women of the Early Church	Jacqui Donaghy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Dr. Roger Owers—'Church' part 4	Anne Gray

<u>28th October (continued)</u>		
6.00pm—Evening Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Marina Mele

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship	
7th October	Irene Hyde, Tony Oldroyd, Jane Baker
14th October	Debbie Adams, Van Howard
21st October	Irene Hyde, Van Howard
28th October	Irene Hyde, Van Howard

Coffee Team	
7th October	Irene Hyde, Tim & Elizabeth Hitchcock
14th October	Nancy Renfrew, Phyllis Savage & Margaret Dover
21st October	Phil & Cilla Wagner, Frances Underwood & Elaine
28th October	Kathy Keeley, Marina Mele & Tony Oldroyd

Flowers	
7th October	Jan & Andy Cornfoot: For families anniversaries
14th October	Phyllis & Robert Nicholson: In loving memory of their
21st October	Mrs Barbara Dickens: In loving memory of a dear
28th October	Mrs Grace Horsfall: “In memory of Fred & Robert,

Tuesday Morning Service (10am) will be led by:

2nd October	Phil & Cilla Wagner
9th October	Joan Gregory
16th October	Donald & Sarina Wray
23rd October	Dr. Roger Owers
30th October	Colin Dimmock

Coming up at Trinity and in the South Bedfordshire Circuit

Please see posters in the hallway or see the Trinity website for more details.

Mon 1st October, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House Group
Tues 2nd October, 7.30pm	Trinity	TFC: Harvest with supper and auction
Sat 6th October, 7pm	Eaton Bray	Dunstable Salvation Army Band Concert
Mon 8th October, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House Group
Mon 8th October, 7.30pm	The Square	Roger Jones: Musical Man. Come and watch the performance at 7.30pm (£5 adults). Come & sing: 6pm rehearsal (£6 performers).
Tues 9th October, 7.30pm	Trinity	TFC: 'Wheelpower' with Leah Lewis (British Wheelchair Sport)
Sat 13th October, 11am-1pm	Eaton Bray	Café Community

Mon 15th October, 12noon	Trinity	TUMPETER DEADLINE Articles to Kathy Keeley (Kathy.k@live.co.uk) or Church Office
Mon 15th October, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House Group
Tues 16th October, 7.30pm	Trinity	TFC: Medical Detection Dogs with Robin Galvin
Wed 17th October—2pm	Trinity	The Disciple Group at The Edwards' Home
Sat 20th October, 9.45am	Youthscape, Bute Mills, Luton	Youth Team Gathering. For anyone working with or interested in working with the youth of the Circuit. Bacon butties and drinks provided.
Mon 22nd October, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House Group
Tues 23rd October, 7.30pm	Trinity	TFC: 'Musical Interlude' with Philip Titcombe
Fri 26th October, 6.30pm (coach pick-up)	St Albans Cathedral (TFC)	Poppy Field outing with TFC. Entrance to the cathedral is free, £8 for coach. Please see Marilyn Powell.
Tues 30th October, 7.30pm	Trinity	TFC: Quiz Night
Thurs 1st November, 11.30am-2pm	Trinity	MHA 75th Birthday Celebration. Soup & Roll lunch with dessert & Tea/coffee. £6. Bring and Buy stall. Please see Catherine Roots or Joan Gregory for information.

TFC: Trinity Fellowship Circle by Marilyn Powell

We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9pm in the Chatteris Suite. We have a varied programme with speakers, activities, fellowship and food. Last term included a 'Fish & Chip Supper', a visit to a garden centre and a cream tea at the Wray's (amongst other things). We pay an annual membership of £15 and we are always pleased to welcome new people whether as members or occasional visitor.

This term we will be going to St Albans Cathedral for 'Poppy Fields' and Tilsworth Golf Centre for our Christmas Dinner. We are a friendly bunch so come and join us!



Could you give an extra £1 per week to support Trinity?

Please take some time to consider the life of our church through your regular giving. This year we will need an increase of £3,500 on last years giving. This amounts to an extra £68 per week and if enough of you were able to increase your giving by £1 per week we would have the income we require.

As a church we rely on regular giving as our main source of income. Last year giving through envelopes, standing orders and weekly cash offertories amounted to £63,500 and gift aid provided an extra £12,600. Thanks to you, regular giving increased from the previous year by £3,000.

Later in October the Annual Church Accounts will be published, when you will see how your giving supports this church. I am always available to discuss how you can help with your giving, and discuss the way in which we use the money you provide.

Roger Owers—Church Treasurer

The God planted a garden in Eden (Genesis 2:8)

Congratulations to Steven Purton for being crowned Ambassador of the Year by a national newspaper.

Steven received the prize for organising gardening workshops for community groups as part of his job with a leading garden centre. In the paper he is quoted as saying “It’s not just about the plants growing but the people growing too.”

Weekly activities

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

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

Prayer Diary for October 2018

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

*God of harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at the centre,
feed us, equip us, and having provided for us look to a different
harvest, a life of fruitfulness in service to you and others.*

*God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might
bring glory to you.*

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with R/S.
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in October (see pages 6–8)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 8-9)
- Preaching Series at Trinity 'Church': The past, present & future of our church

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- Tuesday Worship Leaders
- Early Church Leaders

Our local neighbourhood:

- Oak Bank
- High Street and local shops

Thank God for the world around us

- Be with those involved in discussions around laws and regulations on environmental issues and climate change.