

Trumpeter



What's happening at Trinity

December 2018

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Is it only me who feels that Christmas this year has come so early? We saw Christmas arrive through decorations in shops since as early as October. But to me, not just Christmas but also the whole of this year has passed too fast.

I spent most of my time this year to make sure of my calling as the second year of my ministry in Leighton Buzzard. Recognizing the needs of the church and community and to find out what I can do for their needs as a minister. And inevitably I'm approaching this Christmas on that note.

It was Jesus' calling from God to be born through the womb of a young lady and in a manger surrounded by animals, shepherds and three Wise men. He knew his calling and we know how he fulfilled it because it is the reason why the world celebrates his birth, even though not everyone fully understands it.

He was born, and he lived, then died by the calling. He was living and working with God because he was always following God's calling in his life and death until finally, he was raised again by Him.

We are also taking some time to remind and make clear of our calling as a member of Trinity and as a church in Leighton Buzzard. It will allow us to have a more meaningful Christmas because it means that we are working with God and He is with us as He promised.

"If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: 'God with us.'"—John MacArthur

May your Christmas dazzle with moments of grace, joy and favor. All its memories may never fade away. Have a glorious merry Christmas!

Warm Greetings at Christmas by Kathy Keeley

Christmas time is drawing near. It's a time in the darkest time of year and people draw together when historically food supplies are low.

Traditionally this is also the time when Jesus' birth is celebrated. He was born at a time when there was great upset in the holy land as people were returning to the place of their birth to be counted for a census. Accommodation was scarce and so his introduction to the world was in a stable with his parents.

We are also told he was visited by shepherds and important people from the east. This is an awful lot to fit into just one day yet the timing is important. Today Christmas remains a time when many travel long distances to be included with those they feel closest to.

For others it can be a lonely time and sooner or later it is likely we will face it alone, maybe due to responsibilities we have to cover, or illness or infirmity.

We should remember that Jesus was no stranger to loneliness, wandering forty days and forty nights in the wilderness while he was tempted by the devil (Matthew Chapter 4 verses 1 – 11, Good News Bible.)

A well-known carol reads "In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan. Earth stood cold as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow. In the bleak mid-winter long, long ago."

Let us all share a little warmth over the Christmas season.

News From Early Church

Well the planning is over and Early Church moves to its weekly format from the start of December. As we have decided to follow the Common Lectionary, rather than picking our own themes and stories, December will see us following the advent story using primarily Luke's gospel. January will then see us follow on with Luke's story as Jesus grows up and starts His ministry.



We hope there will be the same informal, family friendly atmosphere - the same fun - but we also hope to inject more learning. And we will be listening – what is working well, what is working less well and what needs changing. In the middle of January the Early Church team will be meeting to review and reflect. Your feedback will be important to that process.

Going weekly has produced a number of challenges, not least with the physical space. We need to accommodate the rest of the Trinity family while giving the Early Church congregation the time and space required. Some may say we have come up with a radical even a surprising solution. From the start of December Early Church will relocate from the Sanctuary to the Hall. This relocation will solve the issues of the two services, Early Church and the 10:30, running into each other. The Hall is a more flexible space and we will be able to set up a crèche area and an area for slightly older children. With Early Church's Coffee& still taking place in the Chatteris suite, Early Church will be well clear of the Hall in time for 10:30's tea and coffee. We will need to work at making the Hall an inviting and worship filled spaced but we think it can be achieved to the benefit of all who use the Hall.

We have had to make other difficult decisions. Running a standard Early Church service four to five times a month was going to create problems with producing a band every week and sufficient leaders to enable the break-outs to happen. The solution – the third Sunday of every month will be an all age breakfast service with the fifth Sundays being an all age “agape” style service. We hope that both these services will be attractive to the wider Trinity family and will help to produce a bridge between the two main services.

Please pray for Early Church as we enter the new phase. God has blessed us greatly so far. This is a big step. Pray that we are walking with God; that our plans are pleasing and acceptable to Him and that Early Church will continue to further God’s kingdom here on Earth, here in Leighton Buzzard.

Early Church Corner

This month Early Church will be following the lectionary readings to get us started in our new style programme. Graham Seaton will be leading each of the worship sessions and then the congregation will split into Diggin’ Deeper, Freedom Generation and Kidz Klub.

2nd December: “Jesus is Coming” says the Prophets

9th December: “Jesus is Coming” says John the Baptist

16th December: A Special Birth—John

23rd December: A Special Birth—Jesus

24th December 4.30pm: Messy Nativity—all welcome—come in costume!

30th December: The boy Jesus in the Temple

Sunday Services during December

Date & Service	Led by	Steward
<u>2nd December</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Graham Seaton	Jacqui Donaghy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Catherine Roots & Richard Bates—Parade & Gift Service	Anne Gray
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Colin Quine	Ann Guy
<u>9th December</u>		
9.15am Early Church	Graham Seaton	Marina Mele
10.30am—Morning Worship	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung including Baptism	Elizabeth Hitchcock
7.30pm—Sunday Night Live	High Street Leagrave	
<u>16th December</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Graham Seaton	Ann Guy
10.30am—Morning Worship	Dr. Roger Owers	Alison Arnold
6.00pm—Carol Service with MK Brass Band	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Jacqui Donaghy
<u>23rd December</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Graham Seaton	Elizabeth Hitchcock
10.30am—Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Seung-Wook Jung	Marina Mele

<u>30th December</u>		
9.15am—Early Church	Jo Baker	Marina Mele
6.00pm—Evening Worship	Colin Quine	Alison Arnold

Door Stewards at 10.30am Morning Worship	
2nd December	Mary Eagleton, Dorothy Fletcher & Jane Baker
9th December	Tony Oldroyd & Debbie Adams
16th December	Jane Curzon, Grace Horsfall & Patience Owers
23rd December	Jane Curzon, Grace Horsfall & Patience Owers
30th December	Jane Curzon, Grace Horsfall & Patience Owers

Flowers	
2nd December	Flowers provided from the Flower Fund
9th December	'Cilla & Philipp Wagner—In loving memory of our little daughter Celeste, sister to Christian
16th December	Ken & Joan Gregory – In loving memory of their parents
23rd December	Flowers provided from the Flower Fund
30th December	Flowers provided from the Flower Fund

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

4th December	Dr. Roger Owers
11th December	Rev. Wallace Edwards
18th December	Dr. Donald & Sarina Wray
25th December	Christmas Day service at 10.30am

Christmas Services at Trinity - All welcome		
Sunday 2nd December	10.30am	Parade service with Girls' Brigade and Scouts, includes Gift Service
Wednesday 5th December	2.30pm	Carols and Cakes
Sunday 16th December	6.00pm	Carol Service with Milton Keynes Brass Band
Monday 24th December	4.30pm	Christmas Eve Nativity Service (come in costume) followed by Messy Church Activities with drinks and cakes
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Tuesday 25th December	10.30am	All Age Christmas Worship

Coffee Teams	
2nd December	Nancy Renfrew, Phyllis Savage & Margaret Dover
9th December	Phil & 'Cilla Wagner, Frances Underwood & Elaine Green
16th December	Kathy Keeley, Marina Mele & Tony Oldroyd
23rd December	Janet Curzon, Heather Watkins & Joan Gregory
30th December	Tim & Elizabeth Hitchcock & Chris Bosworth

Tea, Coffee and Fellowship - 10:30 Service

With Early Church taking place in the Hall, from December arrangements around the set up of Tea and Coffee for the 10:30 service will need to change slightly. Early Church will still be hosting Coffee& in the Chatteris Suite after the service as usual. Early Church will therefore be clear of the Hall by 10.20 leaving the tables and chairs out ready for the 10:30 post service Tea and Coffee. The Hall kitchen will be accessible before then but the Hall itself can only be accessed after 10.20. And remember - If you fancy a tea or coffee and some fellowship before the 10:30 why not join Coffee& in the Chatteris Suite.



Coming up at Trinity and in the South Bedfordshire Circuit

Please see posters in the hallway or see the Trinity website for more details. Alternatively contact the Church Office.

Mon 3rd December, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House Group
Mon 3rd December, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House Group
Tues 4th December, 7.30pm	Trinity	Trinity Fellowship Circle: Christmas Dinner at Tilsworth Golf Centre
Fri 7th December, 7.00pm	Whaddon Way Church, Bletchley	Christian Aid: Blessed are the Peacemakers. Please see poster in the hall for details.
Mon 10th December, 7.00pm	High Town Methodist Church	A Christmas pick n sing! Please see poster in the hall.
Tues 11th December, 7.30pm	Trinity	Tuesday Fellowship Circle: Christmas Concert with Flitwick Singers
Wed 12th December, 2pm	Trinity	The Disciple Group (Edwards' House Group)
Thurs 13th December, 12noon	Trinity	JANUARY 2019 TRUMPETER DEADLINE
Sat 15th December, 7.30pm	St. Barnabas Church, Linslade	Leighton Buzzard Festival Singers are performing Handel's Messiah. Please see poster in corridor for more details.
Mon 17th December, 8pm	Trinity	Lammas Walk House Group

Mon 17th December, 8pm	Trinity	Severn Walk House Group
Tues 18th December, 7.30pm	Trinity	Trinity Fellowship Circle: Christmas Party
Thurs, Weekly, 1.30-3.30pm	Eaton Bray Methodist Church	Social afternoons. Chat, meeting friends, games, refreshments. All welcome.

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 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

Joy and Peace at Christmas by Sarina Wray

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas
Fill our hearts with hope and love,
Hope of Peace through all the nations,
Peace and Love from Heaven above.

As we gather round the cradle
Giving Thanks for Bethlehem,
For the Baby in the Manger
Who brought Peace and Love to men.

May the Star that shone at Christmas
Shine again on us today,
Change our path to Light from Darkness
Guide and lead us on our way.

Like the Shepherds and the Wise Men
Let us all our presents bring,
Give our lives to serve the Master
And sing praises to our King.

Messy Nativity Sheep Trail

One of the Trinity shepherds wants to take his sheep to see baby Jesus, but he can't find them! He knows that he went into these shops—will you help him find his missing sheep?

Between 26th November—24th December a variety of shops in Leighton Buzzard will host a sheep. Can you find them all and fill in the booklet? Go to our website to download a booklet or visit the church.



Standing at the gate of the year by Laurie Renfrew

Standing at the gate of the year as a preacher in the Presbyterian Church the piece of work I was always asked for was this:

The late King George VI was at the East End of London. It was December 1939 and an old lady put into his hand a crumpled piece of paper. It was this:

Behold I stand at the gate of the year and I said the man who stood at the gate give me a light that I might go forward into the unknown.

The man said go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.

The King used that in his 1939 Christmas broadcast and he was sent hundreds of letters thanking him for the word.

Annual Gift Service—Sunday 2nd December

Your gifts this year will go to Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre for distribution to families in need.

We would appreciate new toys for children between 0-5. also any baby garments. Toiletries for young single mothers would also be most welcome.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Request

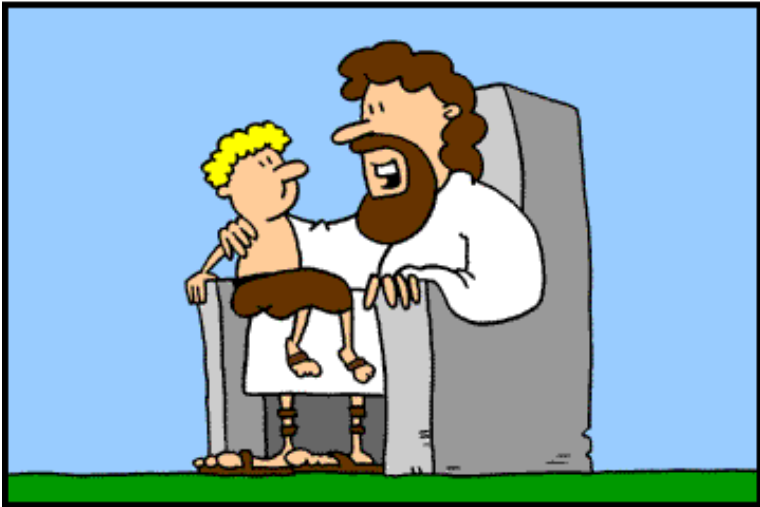
Any donations of mince pies and cakes for the Christmas services would be gratefully received. Please check the dates of items, that they will last until 25th December. Thank you.

Trinity Methodist Church Council—Minutes Summary

- 23 present, 5 apologies.
- Rev. Seung-Wook Jung opened the meeting with devotions based in 1 Kings 4:29-34 looking at Solomon's wisdom and how nothing is beyond God's wisdom, concern & interest.
- Minutes of the previous meeting agreed and signed with necessary amendments.
- Joan Gregory has retired as Secretary of MHA from the New Year, Chris Bosworth has agreed to replace her.
- Early Church – Please see Graham Seaton's article on pages 4-5 for changes. It was agreed that Early Communion would take place on 3rd Sundays and join Early Church for breakfast at a Café style service and Holy Communion at 10.30am service would be on 2nd Sundays. Recognition that there would be need to update sound and projection in the hall, but this would benefit many users.
- Property Committee – the Annual Methodist Church Checklist was approved. The gutters (which caused the flooding) will be cleared 4 times a year rather than annually.
- Neighbourhood, Mission and Family Committee – This committee is under review to assess its uses and if it needs to (re)define its aims.
- Finances/Resources – Church Council agreed the report which included the success of recovering the shortfall in the General Fund.
- Tony Oldroyd has agreed to be a Sunday Steward, but we still need to encourage others to join both stewards and Leadership Team.

- Legacies – A group is now in place to address the use of the legacies. It was felt that the money should be used to further Trinity's vision. Two projects have been identified: a) installing a new audio-visual system across the whole church
b) redeveloping the premises to make them more suitable for purpose.
- Leadership Team – GDPR forms are now being circulated and these should be handed back to a steward by 30th November for inclusion in the 2019 directory. Christmas greetings will not appear in Trumpeter this year, but in a separate card.
- Seung-Wook Jung will be taking a sabbatical June-September 2019.

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**HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU
EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT
FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU
NEED?**

Prayer Diary for December 2018

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

Advent Prayer
God of hope and promise,
be with us throughout this Advent season and
draw us ever closer as we journey together
toward the stable and the birth of your Son, our Saviour.
Amen

Please pray for:

- Those of our congregation whose name begins with V/W/Y/Z.
- Worship Leaders at Trinity in October (see pages 6–8)
- Events at Trinity and around the circuit (see pages 10-11)
- Christmas Services and events at Trinity (see page 8)
- Early Church as it goes weekly from 2nd December

Teams at Trinity – in particular:

- The Leadership team and stewards including Vestry and Communion stewards

Our local neighbourhood:

- Southcott Lower School

Pray to God for the world around us:

- Help us to be aware of the impact of how we spend our money on your planet over this time of Advent and Christmas.