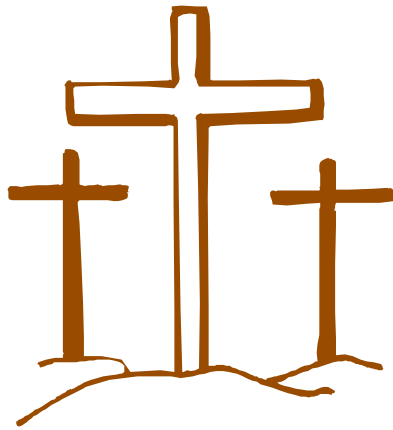




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The next edition of Trinity Times will be published on 24th April. All contributions should be submitted by Friday 15th April.



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Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

Lent is behind us and we now stand in the season of Easter, which leads onto Ascension Day and then Pentecost (celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus in our lives). The 40 days of Lent (and preparation) are echoed by forty days of Easter celebration, as we proclaim our risen Lord.

Central to the Easter stories is the call to go out in Christ's name, to share the new life he gives. John's gospel describes the disciples meeting together with locked doors, grieving the death of Jesus and afraid of what might come next. Into that situation of despair the risen Christ enters with words of peace. And then he says, 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' He sends them out to be carriers of that hope and peace to the society and world of which they are part. And he breathes his Spirit on them to enable them to live out that identity as a people sent by him.

At a recent conference, Steve Chalke, the Christian broadcaster and social activist, spoke of how the church needs to avoid sitting on the sidelines, running religious services and instead get involved in the complex life of the community, working out its distinctive Christian identity by engagement with society.

Here at Trinity we have huge opportunities to engage with the community around us and to help people thrive in body, mind and spirit. We do this in partnership with many different churches and community groups, working for the good of individuals and for the town. On Sunday 17 April we will be celebrating the links we have with these many different groups with our Community Celebration Service. We hope it will be an opportunity to thank these groups for their work, to learn more about them and to reflect on the mission God is calling us to be part of. The offering at that service will be for the work of the One Can Trust, a simple Foodbank project that has helped so many at a point of financial crisis. Through the tins and produce you bring, you are part of this inspiring work in our area.

At times today in Western society Christians can feel on the defensive, challenged on so many fronts about their faith and actions. The temptation is to draw back (and lock the doors like those first disciples). But still Jesus comes and stands in our midst, sharing his peace, refreshing us with his Spirit and sending us out in his name, saying, 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'



News of the Church Family

Not included in this version

This month we would like to wish

Lesley B (5th)

Norma G (9th)

Sam G (13th)

Rebekah S (15th)

Katie H (19th)

Erin L (21st)

Yan W (24th)

Colin L (27th)

a Very Happy Birthday
with love from all at Trinity

and Best Wishes to

Linda & Grant C (20th)

on celebrating their Wedding Anniversary

Worship at Trinity

Sunday Worship at 10.30 am (with activities for children):

- 3 April Worship and Communion led by Terry Hinks
- 10 April Morning Worship led by Andrew Winton with David Tester
 from the Mission Aviation Fellowship
- 17 April Community Celebration: Worship led by Terry Hinks
- 24 April Morning Worship led by Alan Cookson

Worship is followed by refreshments to which all are welcome

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Afternoon Communion is on 24 April at 4.30 pm

(following on from Prayer Circle meeting at 3.30 pm)

Next Afternoon Praise Service at 4.30 pm on 8 May

Worship for all led by Marian and Martin Drake

Midweek Prayers at 9.30 am on Wednesdays 6 and 20 April in church

(half an hour of prayer together)

Prayer Pattern is being revised following on from the AGM (more in next month's issue)

Our Prayer Ministry is available after worship each Sunday morning.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SERVICE

on Sunday 17 April at 10.30 am

An opportunity to celebrate the community of which we are part
Representatives from groups linked to our church
Displays of the work of local groups
A collection in aid of the One Can Trust
Refreshments and the opportunity to chat after the service

Let Kate or Terry know if you are part of a local group and would like an invitation.

What's on this month

LENT PROJECTS

WATER AID JARS OF CHANGE

During Lent members of Trinity and Cores End have been collecting 'Jars of change' in aid of Water Aid in its work to bring safe clean water to villages in Africa. If you have not yet brought the money you have collected to church, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS

Our thanks to Marian and Martin Drake for arranging the four prayer stations around the church during Holy Week and to all who staffed the church during that time. The four displays led us from Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry to the upper room and garden of prayer and then onto the cross of Calvary and the victory of Easter Day.

TRYPRAYING

Trinity took part in the *trypraying* campaign together with about 35 churches in the High Wycombe area. A *trypraying* banner was displayed outside the church and the booklets given out on Sunday 13 March. People were encouraged to use the booklet and then pass it onto some who they felt could use it the following week. What happened next? Do let me know about your experience of this project.

A NEW VENTURE

Come to our "Hot Potato Café" on Saturday 23rd April
12 noon - 1.30 pm

Consider the "Hot Potato" – is there a point to Easter?
Join us for a free, tasty jacket potato, and chat over dessert and coffee.

Invite a friend (invitations available at church)

Sign up if you are coming so we know roughly how many are coming
(list at church)

If you can help with this event please contact Kate or Terry

What's on . . . this month

Trinity Bookworms

The next meeting is on Wednesday April 6th at 2pm. We shall be discussing "The Girl at the Lion D'Or" by Sebastian Faulks.

Trinity Birds

Trinity Birds will meet 10.30am Wednesday 20 April at the home of Marian M who will be talking about 'Cruising the Panama Canal'.

Women's Meeting

All meetings in LSR at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday April 5 th	Books I enjoyed as a child. (Children's books generally)
Tuesday April 12 th	Pilgrims All
Tuesday April 19 th	Primrose Day. Disraeli and Hughenden
Tuesday April 26 th	Hymn Quiz

. . . and next



Fun & Games Fund Raising Evening - May 7th

Two or three years ago we had a very successful fund raising evening for Christian Aid and we've decided to hold another one this year, on May 7th at 7:15pm.

It will be the same format as last time with individual games of skittles, putting, shove ha'penny, darts etc and finishing the evening with a team game like indoor cricket or carpet bowls and in the middle somewhere – FOOD !

More details and tickets shortly, but in the meantime please put the date in your diary, tell all your friends, and come along for a light hearted fun evening.

Cores End Church

YOUTH MATTERS in a digital age:

The three workshops took place during Lent and drew a cross section of people from teenagers to grandparents. Bex Lewis introduced us to the opportunities and challenges of social media and the digital age. Ali Wheeler, the organiser of the series, gave a stimulating presentation on emotional resilience. The series ended with a presentation by two community police officers on safety for young people.

Open Book

The local parish church is building a team of people, drawn from local churches, to present bible stories in an engaging way in the local primary school. The first few presentations went well and will continue in the summer term.

Holy Week and Easter

The Church held a simple communion and bread and soup lunch on Maundy Thursday. After the Good Friday morning service members took part in a walk of witness. Then on Easter Sunday a cross of flowers is placed on the large cross outside church to celebrate Christ's victory. As a follow up to Easter there is Children's Easter Fun Day on Saturday 2 April (10 am – 4 pm), with craft, games, singing and cooking.

European Referendum Public Meeting

A public meeting arranged by the church is to be held on 27 May at 7.30 pm. There will be speakers on both side of the argument and they will include the local MP for Beaconsfield, Dominic Grieve QC.

Wycombe Sharing of Faiths events

26 March – 24 September The Art of Islam festival across the county: a dazzling exhibition at Aylesbury Museum and supporting events at venues around the county. Register now on the county museum website www.buckscountymuseum.org to receive the programme of events.

Tuesday 5 May evening Sharing faith stories WSOF and All Saints Church in partnership Venue: Oakley Hall, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe HP13 6RF

Regular April events

Every Tuesday:

- Movers and Shakers Chinese Style 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Women's Meeting 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Every Thursday:

- 2nd High Wycombe Trinity Guides 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Choir Practice 8:00 pm

Every Friday:

- Movers and Shakers, Caribbean style 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - Rainbows 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
 - Brownies, 2nd High Wycombe 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm
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Other events

Saturday 2nd April	Saturday Cafe	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Wednesday 6th April	Trinity prayers	9:30 am - 10:00 am
	Elders meeting	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Sunday 10th April	Traidcraft	Noon - 12:30 pm
Saturday 16th April	Saturday Cafe	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Wednesday 20th April	Trinity Prayers	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Saturday 23rd April	Hot Potato Cafe	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Saturday 30th April	5th Brigade (Cleaning and DIY)	10:30 am - Noon

Forthcoming events

- Saturday 23rd April, 12-1.30 pm – Hot Potato Café
- Saturday 7th May, 7.15 pm – Trinity Games Evening
- Saturday 18th June, 7.30 pm – Cores End concert
- Sunday 17th July (time tbc) – joint church walk from Marlow to Cores End
- Saturday 13th August, 5 pm – Trinity BBQ at Valerie's (ticket admission, price tbc)
- Saturday 10th September 10 am to 2 pm – Mission Workshop for both churches at Trinity
- Wednesday 26th October 7.30 pm – joint Elders' training at Cores End
- Saturday 22nd October, 7.30 pm – Revue at Trinity



RECYCLE FOR HEROES

Recycling is back!

Sue T has found another source for charitable disposal of used ink cartridges (not toner ones). Please bring any used cartridges and put them in the box behind the piano in the Lower Schoolroom. She will pass them on for the benefit of the charity "The Army of Angels".



Your help is needed ...

I am very grateful for all the help you give me to run the coffee rota every week, but now we are having ground coffee some folk would be happier for two people to be on the rota on a Sunday instead of the present one. This means we definitely need more people to help run the rota smoothly and fairly, so the same people are not doing it too often. So, anyone out there willing to help would be most appreciated by the whole congregation, who are enjoying our lovely ground coffee.

Thanking you in advance

Anne x

Training for Learning and Serving (TLS)



A new and exciting opportunity to learn and grow in Christian discipleship is to be launched throughout the United Reformed Church in 2018. In preparation there will be a phase by phase process in which TLS winds down some of what it offers and new transitional opportunities will come into place. The first stage in this process will be that this year (i.e. for the academic year beginning in September 2016) TLS will not enrol any new course members on the Foundation Course.

One year "Gateway" courses on worship, pastoral care, prayer, evangelism, and developing community experiences will continue and will start as usual in September 2016, with a closing date for applications of 31 May. The Prospectus <http://www.urch.org.uk/discipleship/education-and-learning/training-for-learning-and-serving.html> provides information about these courses and how to go about enrolling on them. Please take a look and see if there is something there for you. TLS Local Introductory Training Experiences (LITE) offers short courses for local use at any time and can be purchased through United Reformed Church Publications <http://urcshop.co.uk/training/tls-lite-publications>



An extract from Wycombe Youth for Christ Newsletter



Prayer has become an increasingly significant focus for us; and specifically our prayers have focused on our desire to follow God, wherever He leads us. Each week we gather as a Team to reflect, worship and pray and these are very special times during the week..

As I look back we have seen God open so many doors and create opportunities, and I believe that prayer as played an important part in this. One of the most amazing opportunities we are given, are the times when we get to speak to children, young people and staff. Over the last half-term I've found myself speaking to an LSA about faith and the impact that this has for me on my perspective and view of life after death. I've been honoured to find myself in a conversation with a teacher talking about family bereavement. I've laughed alongside a Head Teacher as we talked about the changing technology in schools, and the memories of blackboards, chalks and dusters!

In these times, we see opportunities to connect with people we find that our relationships with the schools develop and deepen, and opportunities arise. Over the coming months we have opportunities to support Family Work at a local School, develop further our Year 6 School Transition support and the possibilities of a new club, the growth of the 'Grow & Show' Mentoring Project and a Mission Week.

Following Jesus may not always be comfortable or easy, but it's certainly an amazing adventure as we set our sights in Him and step out in faith!

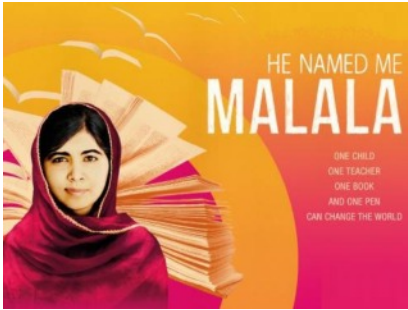
Please pray that we would have the faith, strength and courage to continue to follow God's leading. Pray that we would hear His voice, know His discernment and that we would see Him at work.

Article written by Erica Holt (Director)

Over the last 5 years, the ministry we have been involved with across Wycombe has developed and increased significantly. We have been blessed and encouraged by the increased opportunities God has given us, the openness that we have received from schools and the growing and strengthening relationships we have with children, young people and staff.

In September 2015, we wrote a letter updating on our current situation and our awareness of the needs we have in order to continue to take hold of the opportunities that God is presenting us. We had two very specific financial needs. The first was the new legislation to join the Workplace Pensions Scheme this year and the second was the desire (and need) to employ Rebecca Hawes from September 2016.

We have been blessed by the financial gifts that we have received and we are able to cover the pension costs and some of Rebecca's salary for the first year. However, we still have a funding gap for the employment costs for Rebecca. If you are able to help and give financially to help towards this need, please contact Colin Hingston (Financial Administrator) or tel.: 01494 522777 or email: office@wycombeyfc.org.uk.



Screening of the portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and champion of education for all Malala Yousafzai

Saturday 23 April 2016

The Beacon Centre, Holtspur Way,
Beaconsfield HP9 1RJ

Refreshments from 7.30pm

Film screening at 8pm. Tickets are free

at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/he-named-me-malala-tickets-21633112221>

Or you can ring Ian Johnson on 07527 058396 or email ijohnson@fh.org.

You will be invited to make a donation towards the Food for the Hungry project to establish a number of pre-schools working mainly with the poorest ethnic minorities in Bangladesh.



**FOOD FOR
THE HUNGRY**



Beyond Difference

invites you to join us exploring our attitudes to culture, faith and Faiths:

Thursday 14th April, 2016, 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m.

at Chiltern Hills Academy, Chartridge Lane, Chesham, Bucks, HP5

The Scriptures – relevant today?

exploring together the place and relevance of the writings in The Koran and The Bible in contemporary society.

H - High Wycombe

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H - Here's Why...

W - Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, they play in League Two

Y - Youth Organisations such as Girlguiding, The Scout Association, and more

C - Cheerleading Academy and our town's claim to fame, Chairs

O - On top of the hill, there's our new Sports Centre

M - Marvellous Market Stalls brimming with surprises

B - Because High Wycombe has all these things

E - Everyone calls it home

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Zimbabwe has experienced two poor agricultural seasons resulting in a huge loss in household incomes and therefore the ability to purchase food people can't grow themselves.



Christian Aid's Zimbabwe office is working on finalising a Country Level Emergency Preparedness Plan, which will go a long way to improving the resilience of poor men and women. It will help with anticipating, coping and recovering from shocks and hazards such as the prevailing food insecurity. Programme integration is now more key than ever, as the effectiveness of long term development interventions will now depend, to a large extent, on how the programme will respond to the immediate food security situation. In anticipation of drought, the program has supported communities in dry areas to produce drought tolerant crops, such as sorghum and rosella, all with firm links to commercial markets. In addition the program continues to promote disaster risk reduction and preparedness among communities, as well as agriculture which conserves moisture in times of low rainfall.

While these measures and other income generating activities are strengthening household and community resiliency, the severity of this year's drought has had an adverse effect on these communities as well. The program is likely to be affected as the farmers spend time and energy chasing food, at the expense of land preparation and managing their crops during the season.

Following extensive needs assessments and consultations, Christian Aid partners are seeking to support vulnerable households in the form of monthly money vouchers to address their basic and immediate needs. These will be paid via mobile phone banking to purchase the World Food Programme food baskets from local markets. These typically contain 6kg of cereal, 2kg of pulses, 750ml of cooking oil, 2kg of child formula and 0.5kg of sugar. These baskets are currently available in-country at local markets that have the capacity to respond to this increased demand. The cash transfers and food handouts will help farmers to access food and quickly get back to focus on the crops.

Their program also brings together initiatives that promote sustainable, thriving and resilient livelihoods where communities are shown how to prepare for shocks and manage the risks. Some projects are supporting girls' and boys' education, in and out of school, to raise their numeracy and literacy skills and fight child abuse. They will promote life and vocational skills development, promote entrepreneurship, market development as well as preparedness and disaster risk reduction.

United Reformed Church Chesham invites you to come & sing or play Roger Jones musical - "Angel Voices" - a worship musical based on themes from the book of Revelation

*Learn and perform a musical in a day
Saturday 2nd July - 10am to 6pm (Performance at 4.30)*

See noticeboard near the west entrance door for more information



Job vacancy: (Wycombe Youth for Christ)

We are looking for someone to join our Team and have the opportunity to develop skills in Children's & Family Work, whilst studying for a BA(hons) degree with the Institute for Children, Youth & Mission (CYM) in Theology, Ministry and Mission (accredited by Durham University).

Over a 3 year period, the Training Scheme provides opportunity for you to broaden your experience and skills in Children's & Family Work through degree study, a 3-year placement with Wycombe YFC and a local Church, as well as short-term placements.

If you are a Christian aged 18 years or over and are interested in knowing more about this or would like to apply, please contact Erica Holt on tel.: 01494 522777

or email: erica@wycombeyfc.org.uk.



WYCOMBE
HOMELESS CONNECTION

Wycombe Homeless Connection is holding a fund raising event on Saturday 21st May at Davenies School, Station Road, Beaconsfield, at 7pm for 7.30.

For more information, or to purchase tickets (£25 each) please contact Heather Morley on morleyfamily1039@aol.com. Tables for 8 people can be reserved. Organising committee - Rosemary Anderson, Carolely Cory, Terry Belinsky, Heather Morley.

See noticeboard near the west entrance door for more information

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Prayers for March

Heavenly Father, thank you for the diversity of your creation. It stretches from the tiniest speck of dust on earth to the outermost bounds of this universe and beyond.

Thank you for the plants of earth, those we know and those still to be discovered. Thank you for the way their colour and perfume lift our hearts and more than that how some help cure the sicknesses of the body. Thank you for animals, fish, reptiles, birds and insects of the world, each with its part to play in maintaining the planet's health. Grant that plants and creatures may be valued and preserved so that future generations enjoy them.

Thank you, Lord of Creation, for all architects, sculptors, artists, writers, musicians, gardeners and all who open our imaginations to the beauty around us. May we treasure the insight they give us.

Thank you, Lord of the Universe, for adventurers and astronauts who risk their lives in physical exploration of the unknown. Thank you for mathematicians and astronomers who seek out the secrets of space and time with their minds. Thank you for researchers, scientists and technicians who use their skill seeking for ways to improve human health and curing human diseases. Grant that all knowledge gained may be used for the good of all and not for the enrichment of the few, for sustaining life not destroying it.

We ask all the above prayers in the name of Jesus, knowing that there are many more things for which we should be thankful. Above all we remember his life on earth for us, his death on the cross, his resurrection and his constant love for us, his hand held out to us for us to grasp in our need. Amen

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