



TRINITY Times



Trinity - a place to belong

Spirituality - Prayer – Community – Welcome

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Apologies for the late publication of this month's Trinity Times. A complete computer failure at just the wrong time threw everything out of kilter. Although most of the submitted items have been rescued, it is possible that some items submitted for inclusion by the published deadline were lost. It is hoped that any such omissions were not time critical, and if re-submitted will be included next month.

Editor

The next edition of Trinity Times will be published on 31st July. All contributions should be submitted by Friday 22nd July.



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Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

One of the hymns that fascinated me as a child was John Bunyan's great pilgrim song 'Who would true valour seek.' Its strange language and imagery stirred my imagination. It speaks of not being frightened of lions or giants, hobgoblins or foul fiends, dismal stories or what others say (the background of the words being Bunyan's great story – Pilgrim's Progress). Instead there is One on whom we can depend – One who is faithful and constant and calls us to follow:

*'One here will constant be, come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.'*

As Christians we are all called to be pilgrims – followers of Jesus, members of 'the Way'. There is a renewed emphasis on discipleship in the United Reformed Church at the moment and one of the initiatives being introduced at this year's General Assembly is 'Walking the Way – living the life of Jesus today' We share in a journey of life and of faith. With different ages, backgrounds, experiences, personalities and ideas, we walk together, facing joys and heartaches together as a community on the move. Too often our image of the church is static, tied up with a building that doesn't move. Instead the church is a movement, a people called to travel faithfully with their Lord.

Some years ago the churches of this country came together under a process called 'No longer strangers but pilgrims together'. That breaking down of suspicion and ignorance between churches of different traditions continues, with much still to be done to walk hand in hand. But there are wonderful examples of shared work across the nation and not least here in our area. Lighthouse is one excellent example, with Christians making a huge impact on the lives of hundreds of children across Wycombe and local towns and villages through this holiday club (this year taking place in the week beginning 25 July).

Our work with Cores End URC is another example of sharing the journey as pilgrims together. We'll be expressing this with a walk on 17 July (following a similar pattern to last year, but beginning this time on the edge of Marlow). Do come and share in this; if you are not able to take part in the walk don't miss the tea and short service that follows, a time to get to know each other better and worship together, to renew our intention to be pilgrims together, walking the Way of Christ.



News of the Church Family

Not included in this version



Happy Birthday



This month we would like to wish
a Happy Birthday to

Jan L (14th)

Alison J (19th)

Sue T (24th)

Congratulations



and best wishes to

Julia & Tim S (21st)

Anne & Richard H (25th)

on celebrating their Wedding Anniversary

with love from us all at Trinity

Worship at Trinity

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

- 3 July Worship and Communion led by Terry Hinks
- 10 July Morning Worship led by David Reynolds
- 17 July All age worship led by Terry Hinks
- 24 July Morning Worship led by Revd Erna Stevenson
- 31 July Morning Worship led by Revd Peter Willetts

Worship is followed by refreshments to which all are welcome

Next Afternoon Communion is on 28 August at 4.30 pm

Our Afternoon Praise Service has been stopped for the time being. But there will be a short Songs of Praise at Cores End URC on Sunday 17 July at 5 pm (following walk at 3.00 pm and tea at 4.30 pm).

Midweek Prayers at 9.30 am on Wednesdays 1 and 15 July in church (half an hour of prayer together).

Our Prayer Ministry is available after worship each Sunday morning. We need more people to share in this ministry of listening, supporting and praying. For more information please speak to Marian Mole or the minister.



Wycombe Sharing of Faiths: - forthcoming events in 2016

Sunday 17 July

Family picnic

Sunday 21 August

Family-friendly walk at Aston Rowant

http://www.chilternsaonb.org/uploads/files/Walks_and_Rides/Aston_Rowant.pdf

Regular July events

Every Sunday:

Prayer ministry after the service

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

Other events

Saturday 2nd July	Safeguarding training (sanctuary)	10:00 am
	Saturday Café (Lower School Room)	11:30 am
Wednesday 6th July	Trinity Prayers	9:30 am
Saturday 9th July	Wedding of David Sappor & Davinia Williams	2 pm
Sunday 10th July	Traidcraft after the service	12 noon
Saturday 16th July	Saturday Café	11:30 am
Sunday 17th July	Joint church walk from Gossmore Park, Marlow to Cores End, followed by tea and a service 3 pm start (for the walk)	
Tuesday 19th July	Church meeting	8:00 pm
Wednesday 20th July	Trinity prayers	9:30 am
Saturday 23rd July	Wedding of Linda Williams & Desmond Johnson	1:30 pm

What's on this month

Prayer Pattern for July

Our weekly pattern of prayer (praying for members and church groups) during July is as follows (with wider concerns in capitals):

3 July Harry Bates caretaking for Glyn Evans (with Anne Harding and Marie Winning) and their pastoral group

URC GENERAL ASSEMBLY PREPARATIONS

10 July Groups and hirers and Trinity Links

URC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 July Groups and hirers and Trinity Links

CHILTERN URC GROUP

24 July Movers and Shakers and Links

LIGHTHOUSE

31 July Churches, Brownies, Guides and Trinitybirds and their links

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HIGH WYCOMBE

Our Prayer Ministry is available after worship each Sunday morning

Trinity Bookworms

Our next meeting is on Wednesday July 6th at 2pm. We shall be discussing "The Snow Geese" by William Fiennes.

OPEN GARDEN on Sunday 10 July 2016 at 2.30 pm at 55 Six Acres Road Prestwood (home of Sheila Stevenson, a member of Wycombe's Society of Friends). Come and enjoy the garden, tea and cake. Donations in aid of Wycombe Refugee Partnership (Acting Together with Love and Kindness).

Cores End Church

European Debate

The Church was full for this debate in the run up to the referendum. Involving the local MP Dominic Grieve and the UKIP MEP for London Gerard Batten, the evening explored the key areas surrounding our membership of the European Union. People from the community appreciated the church holding the debate and found it a stimulating and informative evening.

Christian Aid Week

The Church took part in the street to street collection and held a simple lunch in aid of. The lunch and donations at church raised for Christian Aid.

Virtuoso Wind Ensemble Concert

The church is grateful to their organists Derek Holland and Tom Torley for arranging and conducting the special summer concert. David Reynolds also sang some songs at the event and their were summery refreshments during the interval.

New church members

The church will be welcoming Michael Williams and Debbie Townsend into church membership on 14 August. Debbie's father Geoff Britt has come back onto the eldership and will be inducted on that day too, along with June Cronin and Sylvia Marsh.

Summer Children's Fun Day

This is to be held on 6 August (10 am – 4 pm) at Cores End Church hall and is aimed at children aged 5 to 11. Craft, games, singing and cooking (costs £5 per child for the day). Numbers limited so please contact Ann Pendergast (01628 526865) for more information and to book a place.

Forthcoming events

Sat 13th August	Trinity BBQ at Valerie's (tickets available soon)	5 pm
Tues 6th Sept	The Bible Course – get the big picture!	8 pm
<i>and subsequent Tuesdays until Tuesday 1st November (except Tuesday 20th church meeting)</i>		
Sat 10th Sept	Mission Workshop for both churches at Trinity	10 am to 2 pm
Sat 22nd Oct	Revue at Trinity	7.30 pm
Wed 26th Oct	Joint Elders' training at Cores End	7.30 pm
Sun 30th Oct	Service of Remembrance	4-5 pm
Sat 26th Nov	Quiet morning at Cores End followed by shared lunch	10 am-2 pm



TASTER SESSION:

**Come and see what's it's all about on
Tuesday 16 August 7.30-8.30pm
at Trinity Church (use side entrance)**

[See page 14 for more information on this topic]

URC General Assembly

The URC General Assembly takes place at the Convention Centre in Southport from 8 to 11 July, bringing together representatives from churches across the UK. We especially hold Alan and Kate Yates in our prayers, as Alan begins his role as Lay Moderator of Assembly alongside Revd Kevin Watson, the ministerial moderator. The URC General Secretary John Proctor, writes 'Those of us who will be at Southport will value your interest and ask for your prayers. Assembly is always important. There the Church gathers, does business, seeks insight from God and from one another, and scatters to our regular places of worship and service with fresh energy and commitment to faithfulness and discipleship.'

A Prayer for General Assembly

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace - we are your people, People of the Way.

Light our path. Show us Your Way clearly & compellingly.

Through complexity diversity, disunity, make Your will known - make Your will shown in our lives & in our Church.

We give thanks for Your call which gave birth to our Church many years ago.

Help us now to hear Your call afresh.

Like a cool wind on a hot day blow us out and about,

People of the Way, healing, life-giving, wise and faith-full. Amen

Trinity and Cores End Churches

MISSION WORKSHOP with Anne Sardeson (Synod Training Officer)

10 am – 2 pm

Saturday 10 September - at Trinity Church

Workshop begins with worship and ends with lunch. Sessions will look at mission and evangelism, sharing ideas between congregations and focussing on work in our communities. The aim of the morning is to deepen our knowledge, strengthen our vision and develop some practical ways forward. Please put the date in your diaries.

Open to everyone from both congregations.

Bring your ideas, questions and insights.

Trinity BBQ

Saturday August 13th from 5PM
21 Wordsworth Road HP11 2UR

Time to relax with friends
Food and drinks provided

Tickets £5

Please note there are steps-but help on hand to assist.

This will be a garden event, numbers limited to 30 to ensure event can proceed if weather poor.



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

Thursday 14th July, 2016, 7.00.p.m. for 7.30 at Amersham Quaker Meeting House, Whielden St., Amersham, HP7 0JB

Religion and Politics

Exploring the ways they do and don't work together in everyday life.

CORES END and TRINITY
CHURCHES
Joint Event

SUMMER WALK



Church Walk
from Marlow to Cores End Church
on Sunday 17 July 2016

- 3.00 pm Walk begin at Gossmore Recreation
Ground Car Park, Marlow
4.30 pm Arrival at Cores End Church
Refreshments: tea and cakes
(all welcome, even if you haven't walked!)
- 5.00 pm Short Songs of Praise Service

Following on from last year's successful 'Wye Walk?' we've moved onto walking beside the Thames! The walk is about 3½ miles. Those unable to walk are still very welcome to come to the tea at Cores End at 4.30 pm and share in the short act of worship at 5 pm. We will arrange transport back to cars parked at the Marlow car park. Do invite friends and family to join us.

More details from the minister, Revd Terry Hinks (01628 525076) or church secretaries Helen Rathbone (01628 532647) and Kate Yates (01494 672799)



A Walk to Remember

On Saturday 24th September, take in the stunning Chilterns countryside and enjoy spectacular scenery as we remember and reflect on the women and their families who have been affected by gynaecological cancer.

MAKE EVERY MILE COUNT BY JOINING US ON THIS TRULY AMAZING EXPERIENCE

Whether you walk 13 miles or the full 26 mile route, with your help we can make a difference and protect the 20,000 women who are diagnosed with a gynaecological cancer each year.

To register for a place, visit

www.eveappeal.org.uk/chiltern

or for more information email events@eveappeal.org.uk



Gynaecology Cancer Research Fund (trading as The Eve Appeal) is a registered charity in England, Wales and Scotland. Registered charity numbers 1091708 and SC042612.



STARTING THIS AUTUMN

BIBLE COURSE: Get the BIG picture **What people have been saying about this Course**



This autumn gives us all the opportunity to explore the Bible in a new and refreshing way, using a course produced by the Bible Society. The course follows the story-line of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation; along the way, it shows how to understand the Bible and apply its message to our lives today. This is what some people across the country have said about the course:

- Whether you're well versed in Scripture, or just starting out on the journey, The Bible Course offers a superb overview of the world's best-selling book. Informative and accessible, the Course explores some of the Bible's major themes and the part we can play in God's story. *James Catford former Chief executive, Bible Society*
- I used to get whisky for Father's Day but this year I asked for a Bible! This course helped me come to faith and now I read the Bible every day. *Simon Sullivan Fire Safety Engineer*
- Our whole church did the Bible Course and we're still feeling the benefits...new understanding, new confidence, new passion. Everyone should do it! *David Jones Pastor of Explore Church (Soul Survivor)*
- This Course has given me a whole new feeling about the Bible. It used to seem inaccessible and dull. But now I have understood the context and background of the Bible, I am a lot more confident to read it for myself. *Roberta Mathieson Creative Arts Educator*
- The Bible Course is a great resource. It helps address a huge need by skilfully giving a big picture overview of the Bible. Simple yet scholarly, practical yet profound, it will significantly benefit people at all stages of their spiritual journey. *Dr. Dave Smith Senior Pastor, KingsGate Church*

We begin the Course here at Trinity on Tuesday 6 September at 8 pm and continue every Tuesday evening up to 1 November (apart from 20 September when we have Church Meeting). Venue is to be decided according to numbers. Transport can be provided. Please sign up on list at church or let Kate or Terry know if you would like to take part in the course.

Prayers for July

Almighty and Everlasting God, Creator of the universe of which our world is a tiny part we marvel at your provision and care for us. Thank you for the summer sunshine and the beauty of nature around us. We pray that we may be able to enjoy these as we sit in our gardens or the park, or ramble along the footpaths through the fields and woods. Bless us, we pray, when we join our friends from Cores End walking along the bank of the Thames from Marlow. When summer storms come to spoil our fun help us to be patient and wait for the sun to return, knowing that your love shines upon us through tempest and calm.

We pray in the name of Jesus. *Amen*

Heavenly Father as the school term ends we remember the children breaking up for the holidays. Be with those who are anxious as they know that next term they will be in different schools, some of them separated from friends they have been with all their schooldays. We pray for the children who will be at Lighthouse and for all leaders and helpers. May they enjoy their time together and learn more about your love for them. *Amen*

Lord Jesus your way is the way of peace so we bring before you the warring nations of this world, praying for all innocent victims caught up in these conflicts. We remember those who remain in horrifying circumstances and those who seek a better life by leaving. We pray for all who have suffered bereavement through the violence of others. May they find comfort and healing for their pain and find the peace which only you can give. *Amen*

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