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The next edition of Trinity Times will be published on 26th June. All contributions should be submitted by Friday 17th June.



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Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

Later this month the nation will be answering the big question: 'Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?' Whichever way you answer that question it is no doubt one of the most important decisions to be made by the British people for many years. Churches Together have encouraged Christians to 'think, pray and vote.' The question needs thinking about not simply from a personal perspective of our own interest or even from that of our national self –interest, but with a European and global perspective too. It needs our prayer for ourselves as we struggle with the question and for those who are part of the debate and those who will work with the consequences of the decision. And it needs us to use our vote so that democracy can operate effectively and fairly.

Questions play a crucial part in our lives, enabling us to explore things we do not understand, make choices and set priorities. Jesus often asked friends and strangers questions – 'What do you want me to do for you?' (asked of a blind man), 'Who do people say I am?' and 'What will a person gain by winning the whole world as the cost of their true self?' and 'Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?' (asked of the disciples). His questions – direct or rhetorical - challenge and tease, making us look at life in a new way, probing what is important to us and what Christ means to us. They are a path that lead us closer to God.

'Think, pray and act' is a good approach to many of the questions we face in life. It encourages us to give the question time, rather than rushing in without a thought. It encourages us to place our questions before God, even when there are no easy answers or quick solutions. It challenges us to turn ideas into practical action and not to be paralysed by the uncertainties and doubts we face. Questions ultimately are a sign of freedom – freedom to think and explore and learn new things, freedom to express ourselves, freedom to choose. That freedom is God given and witnessed to again and again in the Bible story. So we need to give thanks for all the different questions we face in our lives and celebrate that freedom we have to choose. 'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.' (Galatians 5.1)



News of the Church Family

Not included in this version

We would like to wish a

Happy Birthday to

John H (7th)

John S (8th)

Ellen M (12th)

Tim S (14th)

Daniel H (16th)

Alan Y (24th)

and Best Wishes to

Ellen & George M (3rd)

on celebrating their Wedding Anniversary
with love from all at Trinity

Regular June 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

Forthcoming events

- Saturday 18th June, 7.30 pm – Cores End concert
- Saturday 25th June 10-11 am – Greeters' refresher session
- Sunday 17th July 3 pm start – joint church walk from Higginson Park, Marlow to Cores End
- Saturday 13th August (5 pm) – Trinity BBQ at Valerie's (ticketed event)
- Tuesday 6th September – Tuesday 1st November (not Tuesday 20th Sept) at 8 pm – The Bible Course
- Saturday 10th September 10 am to 2 pm – Mission Workshop for both churches at Trinity
- Saturday 22nd October, 7.30 pm – Revue at Trinity
- Wednesday 26th October 7.30 pm – joint Elders' training at Cores End
- Sunday 30th October, 4-5 pm – Service of Remembrance
- Saturday 26th November, 10 am-2 pm including shared lunch – Quiet morning for all at Cores End

What's on

Trinity Bookworms

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, June 1st at 2pm. We shall be discussing "Regeneration" by Pat Barker.

Women's Meeting

All meetings at 2.30 p.m.(in LSR except for Garden Party)

Tuesday June 7th Days of the Week

Tuesday June 14th John Milton

Tuesday June 21st. Garden Party at the home of Margaret Lewis,
"Wood View" Greenlands Lane, Prestwood, starting at 2.30pm.

Tuesday June 28th. Summer Quiz.

Our next meeting will be in September. Happy Holidays, everyone.

Other events

Wed 1st June	Trinity prayers (Sanctuary)	9:30 am - 10:00 am
	Trinity Elders meeting	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Sat 4th June	Saturday Cafe	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Wed 8th June	Safeguarding training	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Wed 15th June	Trinity Prayers (Sanctuary)	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Sat 18th June	Saturday Cafe	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Sat 25th June	Greeter refresher session	10:00 am - 11:00 am (Sanctuary)
Sun 26th June	Prayer Circle for Healing, (followed by afternoon communion)	3:30 pm

Cores End Church

AGM

The Church held its AGM on 16 May, and was delighted to elect Geoff Britt to join the elder's meeting as well as reappointing June Cronin and Sylvia Marsh.

Christian Aid Week

The Church took part in the street to street collection and held a simple lunch in aid of Christian Aid at the end of the week.

Virtuoso Wind Ensemble Concert

A special summer concert is to be held at Cores End United Reformed Church, on Saturday 18 June at 7.30 pm, to be given by the Virtuoso Wind ensemble conducted by Derek Holland and Tom Torley. The programme includes:

Mozart Serenade No 11 K 375

Gounod Petite Symphonie Dvorak Serenade in D minor

Songs by David Reynolds accompanied by Derek Holland piano

Ticket price at £10.00 (adults) £7.00 (concessions) includes light refreshments in the interval. More information and tickets available from Helen Rathbone 07912 696658.

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. More information next month.

23rd June 2016

Visit

<http://www.urc.org.uk/>

for more information (not propaganda!)



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 3 ½ 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 5pm. 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)

STARTING THIS AUTUMN



BIBLE COURSE: Get the BIG picture

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 cover to cover (Genesis to Revelation). Along the way, it shows how to understand the Bible and apply its message to our lives today. The course is for seekers, new Christians and mature Christians and aims to enable people to:

- Get the big picture so the pieces of the jigsaw fall into place.
- Get teaching about skills and tools to interpret the Bible.
- Get together to help each other read and apply the Bible to life.

There are 8 sessions each lasting 90 minutes. Each session consists of DVD teaching and group discussion. Each person taking part has a manual that illustrates the teaching with quotes, notes and visuals. It also includes questions for group discussion, daily reading plans that build up to the next session and other background information.

The eight sessions cover the following topics:

1. Introducing the Bible
2. Creation and Covenant
3. Exodus and the Promised Land
4. Judges and kings
5. Exile and the Prophets
6. Jesus and the Gospels
7. Acts and the Church
8. Revelation and Review

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 let Kate or Terry know if you would like to take part in the course. The sooner we have an idea of numbers the sooner we can confirm venue.

The World Famous

Brighouse & Rastrick Band



Ryan
WAYKINS



Alan
MORRISON



Dominic
LONGHURST



Sheona
WHITE



Mike
ECCLES



Philippe
SCHWARTZ

Best of Brass



A Joint Concert with



Wycombe Swan Theatre

Sunday 12th June 2016 - 3:00pm

Adults £21.00

Concession £18.50

Tickets Available from

www.wycombeswan.co.uk

Design & Print by JSP Media www.jspmg.co.uk



WALK IN THE PARK / WALK IN THE DARK! –

Could you spare half an hour in aid of Wycombe Homeless Connection?

Here is something ANYONE can do to support Wycombe Homeless Connection! – including insomniacs and wheelchair users. No fancy skills needed!

Handy Cross Runners are again organising a 24-hour Trackathon relay in aid of local charities. Wycombe Homeless Connection is one of the beneficiaries, and is supporting the event by entering a team! Sounds strenuous? It's NOT!

Each team maintains a relay for 24 hours on the Wycombe District Athletics Complex track near Marlow, but each relay slot is half an hour long and participants can run, walk, crawl or propel themselves round in a wheelchair...they just have to keep going one way or another!

Tap up your contacts for sponsorship. You can sign up for multiple slots as long as you provide one entry fee per slot. Due to space constraints (there will be wheelchairs on the track) only one WHC person may take part in each slot, contrary to what we understood earlier. So we are looking for up to 48 names. Supporters are welcome to cheer from the trackside, though. BE PART OF IT!

The event runs from 7pm on Friday 17 June till 7pm on Saturday. You get extra bragging rights for choosing a time slot in the wee small hours!!

Visit <http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/Event/24-hour-relay-trackathon> for entry instructions.

Launch of new Wycombe Homeless Connection website:-

WHC has launched its new website. The new site works well on mobile devices, and the design effort was donated by a foundation that supports charities to improve their digital presence. There are various enhancements like a search box.

For those who volunteer for WHC, the volunteer login link is now at the foot of every page.

BANGLADESH



Roban Biswas, his wife Shelia Biswas, and their three children live in Mitradanga village, in Bangladesh. The area is waterlogged so there are very few ways to make an income. Duck rearing is one of the best livelihoods. However, because of climate change, the water has become more saline and the local ducks are not resilient to this and get diseases and die.

Thanks to Christian Aid partner Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh, CCDB, they have been provided with Campbell ducks, which are more resistant to saline water. CCDB trained Roban and others to make the most of this new type of duck. These new ducks have changed his and his family's lives. Roban says, 'Now I can send my children to school. I can buy their school books and their exercise books, because I can sell eggs. For example, today my son went to a school exam. So I sold five eggs and gave him the money so that he could get the bus to school. I felt really proud.'

As the ducks get older he will sell them for people to eat and buy ducklings to continue the egg laying. His wife, Shelia, is part of the Golden Dream Forum, which is also run by CCDB. This women's forum is a place where they learn to improve their lives through training, learning new skills and encouraging each other. Roban says, 'I am happy my wife is part of this forum. She can share experiences with others and learn from it. Because of the things that she has learnt we have been able to save money. She has also received training so she can help me with the ducks.'

Tumpa Biswas, 14, is the eldest daughter of Roban and Shelia. She likes going to school and would like to be a school teacher. In her free time she plays Karem, a game a bit like snooker but without the cues.

A prayer from Bangladesh

O Saviour Christ, in whose way of life lies the secret of all life, and the hopes of all the people, we pray for quiet courage to meet this hour. We did not choose to be born or to live in such an age. But let its problems challenge us, its discoveries exhilarate us, its injustice anger us, its possibilities inspire us, and its vigour renew us, for your Kingdom's sake.

CAW materials (John Carden, Bangladesh, A Procession of Prayers: Meditations and Prayers from around the World, Cassell, 1998)



Wycombe Sharing of Faiths: - forthcoming events in 2016

6 June to 7 July Ramadan

Saturday 11 June afternoon

Visit to Aylesbury Museum to explore the Art of Islam exhibition

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



Beyond Difference

Thursday 9th June, 2016, 7.00.pm. for 7.30.pm.
at The Mosque, 212 Bellingdon Road, Chesham,
Bucks HP5 2NN

Vision and Values - exploring together ways to create a fairer society. This event takes place during Ramadan and will end with the breaking of the Fast together. **Come at 6.45.pm. if you'd like to join a tour of the Mosque**

London Church's Refugee Fund AGM

This year will have a very special keynote speaker: **Archbishop Rowan Williams**. We are very fortunate to have him come to the meeting at St Martin's Gospel Oak, NW5 4NL, at 6 for 6.30 on Tuesday 21st June. There will also be speakers from some of the agencies we support. All are very welcome; just to give us an idea of numbers, please email raffertyrobina@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

www.help4refugees.co.uk



LIGHTHOUSE HIGH WYCOMBE – 2016 CRAFT COLLECTING LIST

Large Paper Plates (23cm – not polystyrene)

Toilet Rolls/ Kitchen Rolls/ Cling Film /Foil Film Tubes (lots reqd)

Smarties Tubes

Cereal Boxes (please flattened for storage & no nut varieties)

Wool – full balls and oddments

RED plastic cups – Available in Poundworld , pack of 60 - £1

Small Clear shot glass – Available in Poundworld , pack of 30 £1

Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

Felt – Blue/Green/White/Red

Green Material or Green Wrapping Paper, can be patterned

Narrow Ribbon – preferably Red

***MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, AS THIS GOES
TOWARDS THE BASIC EQUIPMENT WE NEED IF YOU ARE
UNABLE TO HELP WITH THE COLLECTING ABOVE.***

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Please take to the craft collecting point in your church,
organised by your Church Lighthouse Rep. by 17th June; **please
note** that after this date we may still need certain items to be
collected – we can then see what we need urgently

OR contact:

- Yvonne Trigg, Lighthouse High Wycombe
- Or take to The Hub at Union Baptist Church, as a central collection point
- Yvonne Trigg (01494 474519) yvonne.trigg@hotmail.com

Thank you!



Dying and Rising

What bits of our church life need to die in order for us to find the life God has for us? Are we prepared for the dying, or will we hang on to them, kicking and screaming, and die with them?

Christian faith is Easter-shaped. To be disciples of Jesus is to follow the one who walked the Way of the Cross – who died as a result of his message and mission on Good Friday, and was raised to new life by God on Easter Sunday. That’s the road: dying and rising. Like many of us who go to church on Palm Sunday and then again only on Easter Sunday, we’re much better at rising; we’d far rather miss out the dying bit.

Jesus’ mission was to announce that this world as we knew it was on notice: God was in the process of transforming it into the Kingdom of God. Nothing was going to be left as it was: in the new world – the one that God had always intended from the very beginning – the people who always lost out would be first, and the people who always got to say how things were would be silenced. The new world was coming, he told them. Everything that they knew – everything safe and familiar – was about to change, and they needed to get ready for it.

Jesus knew it was impossible to be part of the new world and hang on to all the benefits of the old one. You had to choose. There was only one Narrow Way. You had to give up every loyalty to and stake in the old world – to die to it – and devote yourself absolutely wholeheartedly to the new one – to start over; to be born again. He called it “taking up your cross and following”, and “losing your life in order to find it”. Dying and rising.

It wasn’t a popular message. It played wonderfully well with the people who had nothing to lose because they were always the losers: the poor, the people on the outside, the unrespectable. But it threatened everything that the richer, more powerful people had, and they moved ruthlessly to silence Jesus: either shut up, or die.

Jesus wouldn’t make it easier – on his followers or himself. He told his hearers that they needed to die in order to live. He said that the world needed to die in order to be re-created and born again as the Kingdom of God. He says the same thing to the URC today. *[Cont on next page]*

[continued from page 16] This is God's way. If we're looking for new life, we need first to die to the old ways. There's no easier, more comfortable, less costly way.

We need to be more honest about all the myriad grubby ways in which we betray Jesus and the faith: the ways in which we are concerned primarily with our own survival as an organisation; the amount of time and money we're prepared to devote to creating elaborate comfort zones for ourselves, rather than communities that mirror a transformed world; in which we are often as money-driven and constrained as the consumerism we profess to deplore; in which we play out our manipulative power games to get our own ways and call it "discernment"; in which we are more concerned with reputation management than with confessing that we've used and damaged people and then working to broken relationships; in which we exclude people who are not like us or whom we do not like and justify it by telling them (and ourselves) that God thinks about them the same way; in which we live boring, fearful, irrelevant lives that are completely at odds with Jesus' own criterion for discovering Life in all its abundance: "If you want to follow after me, deny yourselves, prepare to lose everything – including your lives – for the sake of the Good News, pick up your cross and follow me!"

These things cannot live, because they have no part in God's transformed world of the Kingdom. We need to let go of them and celebrate their passing, because their death is the gateway to God's new Spirit-life, which we long to experience and which God longs to pour out on us.

It's the Way of the Cross. It's the Easter road. It's the Narrow Way. It's the way to Life. Jesus is walking ahead, inviting us to follow. Will we risk it?

Lawrence Moore
The Windermere Centre

The family and I would like to thank you for your care and support for Nancy, particularly over the last few years when her Alzheimer's worsened and also your love and kind words for us after her death. It was a great comfort to have so many people at her funeral sharing in the service to celebrate her life. £550 was donated to the Alzheimer's Society in her memory, a wonderful tribute.

Our love and thanks, from John & Family.

Long-term planning!



<https://justoneemirates.com/about/>

JustOne is an invitation to meet the One – Jesus Christ

JustOne Emirates is a one-day event at the Emirates Stadium, bringing people together from all walks of life to celebrate the Christian faith and to give them an opportunity to hear the good news about Jesus Christ. With the help of our partners, **JustOne** will enable 25,000 people to invite 'just one' to attend the event, hear the timeless truth, values and principles of Christianity. For the first time in thirty-five years in the UK, the gospel will be proclaimed from a major stadium – starting with the Emirates Stadium in 2017.

Our hope is that out of **JustOne** Emirates, we will see a new season of stadium gatherings around the UK, where the gospel is preached and those invited have the opportunity to discover Jesus and are encouraged on their journey of faith. Leading **JustOne** is evangelist J. John, who will be joined by **Matt Redman, Hillsong London, Noël Tredinnick** and a choir of 1,000 children.

Date: 8th July 2017

Please contact Vice Admiral Alan Richards on 01923 287777 for more details (alan.richards@justoneemirates.com)

Prayers for June

Prayers for the morning

Heavenly Father,

 bless all who rise early eager for work

 bless all who rise early to make a cup of tea after a sleepless night

 bless all who do not want to leave the comfort of their beds

 bless all afraid of the day because of pain or loneliness

 bless all waiting for carers to help them

 bless all getting children ready for school

 bless all returning from night work hoping for rest

 bless us all every morning, Lord.

Amen

Prayers for any time of day

Lord Jesus, be with the refugees from war and natural disasters and all who have no food today. Be with the busy who snatch a few mouthfuls between jobs. Be with the comfort-eaters as they try to forget their troubles. Be with us all and help us to share the food you have given us and which is enough for all.

Amen

Prayers for the evening

Holy Spirit, as the evening shadows gather spread your dove's wings of calm to help settle bitter disputes before the sun goes down. Bring rest to troubled minds of leaders of nations working late trying to solve the world's problems. Go with the night workers who keep us safe through the dark hours. Be with the homeless seeking shelter and safety. Guard the children going reluctantly to bed. Look after revellers in the streets. Comfort those whose nights will be punctuated with pain. Watch over all of us as we work or sleep or wake this night.

Amen

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