

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, that ye may
abound in hope, through the power of the
Holy Ghost.
[Romans 15 v13]



March 2015

The Recorder

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Trinity - a place to belong

Spirituality - Prayer – Community – Welcome

I have a fridge magnet which says "I would be unstoppable - if I could just get started", very appropriate for me.

This is my third pastoral letter and again Angus has had to wait till the last minute for my contribution. At times I must be a sore trial for Angus as the deadline for contributions approaches but he bears it all in good humour. It must be a difficult and involved job putting the Recorder together each month and this month Angus also has the annual reports and finance pages to get ready for the church AGM on 17th March

I don't know how long our church magazine has had the name "Recorder" but it has been suggested that a new and more modern title might be more appropriate now in explaining exactly what the contents are. The magazine is certainly produced differently from how it was years ago with people now able to email their contributions to Angus and then he in turn emails the completed magazine to me. (There is often no actual physical contact between any of those involved in producing the magazine each month.) I transfer it to a memory stick and can then plug that into the new church printer and off we go. My part is very easy. Some copies are posted off to former church members who have moved away, but still like to keep up with what is happening at Trinity, and some even receive an electronic copy.

A group of us were talking the other evening, I think it was at Elders, and the subject of emails came up. We were discussing whether they were a boon or a bind. They certainly make communication easier and quicker - but at times there is a lot to be said for face to face conversation and a comforting hand on the shoulder or even a hug.

We've all heard the statement "Actions speak louder than words"

Serving others unselfishly, sharing our lives and resources, helping others and encouraging each other, these are ways we can show the love Jesus taught and lived. Then our actions will truly speak louder than words.

At the Annual Meeting one of the items to be discussed is the list of Post-holders. It's a long list and shows just how much is involved in the life of our church. We rely on so many people to keep things going and I hope they realise how much they are appreciated. We also rely on each other for support in times of trouble and are glad to rejoice with one another in happy times because we are a church family and that's what families do.

Spring is on the way and we have much to look forward to. The garden plants, flowers and home grown vegetables, the leaves appearing on the trees, walking in the sunshine and the lighter mornings and evenings; and of course a new beginning with Terry joining us as our Minister.

With these happy thoughts I will finish with a favourite verse from Romans Chapter 15 . It is on one of the coasters that my niece Rebecca gave me as part of my Christmas present. It reads -
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Margaret

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March Services

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am unless otherwise stated

March 1		Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Alan Kirkcaldy
March 8		Morning Worship led by Peter Montague
March 15		All Age Worship led by Barbara and David Sparks
March 22		Morning Worship led by Revd Peter Willetts
	4.00pm	Praise Service
 March 29		Palm Sunday Morning Worship led by Revd Jack Ramsbottom
April 2	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service with Wesley Methodist Church at Trinity led by Rev John and Ruth Richey
April 3	10.00am	Good Friday Service at Union Baptist Church followed by Walk of Witness in the town followed by Praise Service at the Swan
April 5	7am - 8am	Sunrise service - Easton Street car park Easter Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Richard Bittleston, retired URC minister from Abingdon

Rotas for March

Not included in this version

What's on in March



Thursday 12 March 10.30am at Norma G's home, when our theme will be 'Spring'.

WOMEN'S MEETING



Tuesday March 3rd.	Looking at the Bahamas
Tuesday March 10th	Readings and poems for spring.
Tuesday March 17th	Two Irish Saints - Patrick and Brigid.
Tuesday March 24th	Chiltern Hills (2).
Tuesday March 31st	Communion in the Sanctuary taken by Revd Alan Kirkcaldy.

All meetings start at 2.30 in the Lower Schoolroom except where stated otherwise

Diary Dates (see also page 13 for regular meetings)

Wednesday 4th March

- Vision2020 prayer (Sanctuary), 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- All Saints' Parish Church - Lent Talk and discussion, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- Trinity Elders meeting (Lower Schoolroom), 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday 8th March

- Prayer ministry in vestry, 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Monday 9th March

- Housegroup off-site, 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Tuesday 10th March

- Churches Together in Wycombe Town Centre meeting at Wesley Methodist Church, 7:30 pm

Wednesday 11th March

- All Saints' Parish Church - Lent Talk and discussion (Jeremy Moodey of Embrace the Middle East), 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Wednesday 18th March

- Vision 2020 prayer (Sanctuary), 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- All Saints' Parish Church - Lent Talk and discussion, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday 21st March

- Thames North Synod meeting at St Albans 10 am to 4 pm). Spring meeting of the Thames North Synod - members can vote, others are welcome to attend

Wednesday 25th March

- All Saints' Parish Church - Lent Talk and discussion, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday 28th March

- Trinity's last Night Shelter evening of the 2015 season – please pray for guests who will be having their last night in the shelter

Wednesday 1st of April

- Vision2020 prayer (Sanctuary), 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- Trinity Elders meeting (Lower Schoolroom), 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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Prayer Circle

Audrey and I are having a meeting of the Prayer Circle on Sunday 8th March at 4 pm
We shall have a simple service. Everyone is welcome to join us.
Blessings,

Barbara

Regular Saturday coffee mornings

For many years Rose (and recently aided by Margaret) has been involved in running our twice-a-month Saturday coffee morning, raising funds and providing a social gathering for those wishing to come along. Rose came up with the original idea for coffee mornings and ran them on her own for quite some time.

Over the years numbers attending have dwindled and recently have become very low. Rose and Margaret would both like to have a break from running this, but there is the option for an occasional special coffee morning from time to time so watch this space and the notices!

We would like to thank Rose and Margaret for their sterling commitment over the years and to those who have supported the coffee mornings.

The Elders

Trinity Bookworms



Our next two meetings will be at the usual venue.

On Wednesday March 4th we shall be discussing Saturday by Ian McEwan;
and on Monday March 30th Revelation by C.S. Sansom.

Both meetings begin at 2.00pm.



Remember to put your clocks *forward* an hour
when you go to bed on Saturday 28th March!

Women's Meeting Communion Service

We invite members of the congregation and friends who love our Lord to join us for the celebration of Holy Communion at 2.30pm, on Tuesday March 31st in the Sanctuary.
Minister- Revd Alan Kirkcaldy; Organist - Graham Nash

Women's World Day of Prayer 2015



Friday 6th March

Trinity is hosting the evening prayer session at 7.30pm.

The prayer has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas, and promises to be a colourful evening. We hope to have worshippers from the Salvation Army, The Church of God International, Movers and Shakers, and Wesley Church where the morning service will take place. The Prayer material has been prepared by the Women of the Bahamas, and we hope to present a colourful and spiritually moving evening. Refreshments will be served after the service in the Lower School Room

Janet and Olive.

Polish Lutheran Church – change of Sunday for worship

The Polish Lutheran Church has been worshipping on the third Sunday of the month for some time, following straight on from Church of God of Worldwide Mission International.

However, as from March they will be worshipping on the first Sunday of the month after Church of God.

The Trinity website calendar has been updated to reflect that.

Kate

CHURCH AGM

Tuesday 17 March 2014

7.30 pm

followed by the March Church Meeting

in the Sanctuary

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

Reunion celebration for 1st High Wycombe Boys' Brigade

- 40th anniversary



Neil Adams, a founding member of the 1st High Wycombe Boys' Brigade, has been in contact to say he would like to organise a reunion of those involved with the 1st High Wycombe Boy's Brigade which was founded in 1975 at Trinity. A date in October is being considered for this, to be held in Crendon Hall.

If you were involved, or know anyone who was, please contact Neil on 07879 241245 or Neil_Adams35@hotmail.com

If you're a Facebook user, just look up 1st High Wycombe Boys Brigade and see who else is on board!

Biblical Day Conference 2nd September 2015

The 2015 Biblical Conference will be taking place at Westminster College on Wednesday September 2nd and will again be run as a day conference. This popular annual event will have as its theme this year "*Growing in Faith: Towards Faithfulness*" We will as usual be looking at Old and New Testament passages based around the theme. Janet Tollington will again be helping us look at the Old Testament passages with either John Bradbury or the new member of staff with responsibility for New Testament studies, who will take up post over the summer, focusing on the New Testament. I will as ever be offering some worship around the theme and helping to make sure the day runs smoothly for us all.

The price for this event remains at the £30 of 2014 and includes a cooked two course lunch. This event can be claimed against Ministers EM allowance and either Assembly or Synod Lay Preacher allowance if this applies to you but is open to all. Please return a completed booking form** and request a claim form if appropriate.

To confirm your place send the completed booking form to Sue Drane at the Eastern Synod Office in hard copy, or send the booking form by email, admin@urceastern.org.uk

I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Best wishes

Revd Peter Ball

Mission & Training Officer

E-mail: training@urceastern.org.uk

[** Booking forms available from Kate if required]

Elders rotas

01-Mar-15	Marian Drake	(communion + Barbara Macleod)
08-Mar-15	Kate Yates	
15-Mar-15	Glyn Evans	
22-Mar-15	Sue Thorne	
29-Mar-15	Marian Mole	
02-Apr-15	Kate Yates and Marian Drake	(Wesley to join us - and communion)
05-Apr-15	Sue Thorne	Marian Drake

The socio economic and political environment has gradually stabilised in Zimbabwe over the past year. Rainfall and yields were significantly better across the country than expected, averting fears of severe food insecurity, although gaps remain.

The country's 'hunger season' starts in October, when food supplies start to run low as many families are not able to grow enough food to see them through till the next harvest. The peak of the lean season is January to March. During last year's lean season there were an estimated 2.2 million people suffering from food shortages. This year the World Food Programme expects to assist around 430,000 people in 16 rural districts.

Christian Aid has seen some success in helping to build people's resilience through its projects with local partners. In Gwanda district, where Christian Aid has supported many poor and vulnerable households whose food and livelihood security had been badly affected by fast-track land reforms, inflation, unemployment, HIV/AIDS and recurrent erratic rainfall, the emphasis is gradually being placed on entrepreneurship and improved market access for poor producers.

More than 200 smallholder farmers have improved their vegetable yields because of improved training and extension services received from Christian Aid partner the Dabane Trust. The smallholder farmers have also increased their vegetable cropping areas thanks to the introduction of solar water pumps. This has reduced the amount of water lost as well as reducing the amount of labour required to pump water for irrigation. The installation of a solar pump at Ntandokazulu has resulted in significant improvements in garden activities. Land under cultivation has increased by over 40 per cent with diverse vegetables being grown including rape, spinach, onions and a variety of brassicas.

EL SALVADOR

Treasurer in Training

Following the Peace Accords at the end of the war in 1992 ex guerrillas were given land in El Zompopero, which means a big ant, in the Municipality of Jiquilisco southern El Salvador. It turned out not to be the best quality land and an area at risk from natural disasters. Their first attempts at making a viable salt gathering business failed. But today, after many setbacks, both financial and environmental, they have created a thriving shrimp farm. All this has been possible through their hard work and support from Christian Aid partner PROCARES. This support has included helping with business and marketing plans and training and capacity development.

The Verde Mar co-operative is made up of 60% men and 40% women. They have women board members too. Women are encouraged to further their education and have opportunities to learn useful skills such as accounting.

Ana Virginia Valladares has received accountancy training and is now the Verde Mar co-operative's treasurer. She lives in San Hilario with her 6 children, 3 girls and 3 boys. The youngest is 8 years old. She spoke of enjoying the training and said with a wry smile,

"It was a good experience, although it was difficult at times."

Ana explained the small differences that are happening in their society and the role of women within it. "There is a difference with the men. They take us into consideration and are more careful about the way they treat us."

Both men and women in the co-operative have received gender training but this is an ongoing process to turn around many years of male dominance. With memories of men and women fighting and working together as "campañeros" during the war, the future must be hopeful.

Ana worships at a local Catholic Church. When asked if she had a message to give to the people supporting Christian Aid, through Commitment for Life, she said, "I want to say thank you for supporting us. We will change our lives with hard work." Ana offered a prayer too:

Please pray for the poor people so that their lives may improve. We need peace in this country. Please pray that the violence will stop.

JOB VACANCIES AT EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST IN AMERSHAM

- We are urgently looking for a part-time (20 hours a week) **Trading Assistant** to work on our catalogue and trading subsidiary, which sells Christmas cards and other seasonal gifts, including at Easter. We are looking for someone who is self-motivated, has a good eye for detail and also a creative streak. The job description and person specification, together with how to obtain more information, are on our website. Salary on a pro rata basis is £10,220 per annum.
- We also need a temporary but full-time **Office Manager and Executive Secretary** to support the Board and Senior Leadership Team and also oversee the efficient operation of our office in Amersham. There may be an opportunity for the post to be made permanent. We are looking for someone with excellent organisation skills and first-class written and spoken English. Salary will be up to £25k per annum for the right candidate.
- Although the exact job description is still being finalised, we will shortly be looking for an experienced **Head of Finance** to oversee the finances of the charity. Candidates will need to have an accountancy qualification and be able to communicate complex financial issues to non-financial audiences (like our board of trustees!). Salary is expected to be around £35k per annum.

All posts are based at our attractive office in Old Amersham, opposite Tesco. Anyone interested in one of these roles should submit their CV in the first instance to vacancies@embraceme.org.

Thanks again for your engagement with our work, bringing the compassion of Christ to those in need in the Middle East.

Yours in His service

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Following the success of our EASTER KNITTED FUNDRAISER last year, we are asking supporters to kindly knit and sell for us again this Easter. The patterns for the Easter egg cosies, one bunny and one chick, are the same as last year. *[Copies available in the Lower Schoolroom.]* We are asking our keen knitters to knit them and pop them on a chocolate egg and sell them at church, work, school, clubs and to friends for a suggested donation (we think £2 is about right). Alternatively you could simply sell the egg cosies and people can pop them on chocolate eggs they have already purchased for friends and family.



Good luck with your knitting and sales. Please send your donations to Louise Hewitt, Community Fundraising, Rennie House, Unit 3, Icknield Way Industrial Estate, Tring, Herts. HP23 4JX.

If you have any questions then please contact community@renniegrove.org or call the community team on 01442 890222. We also have branded stickers available on request which you can stick to your egg cosies.

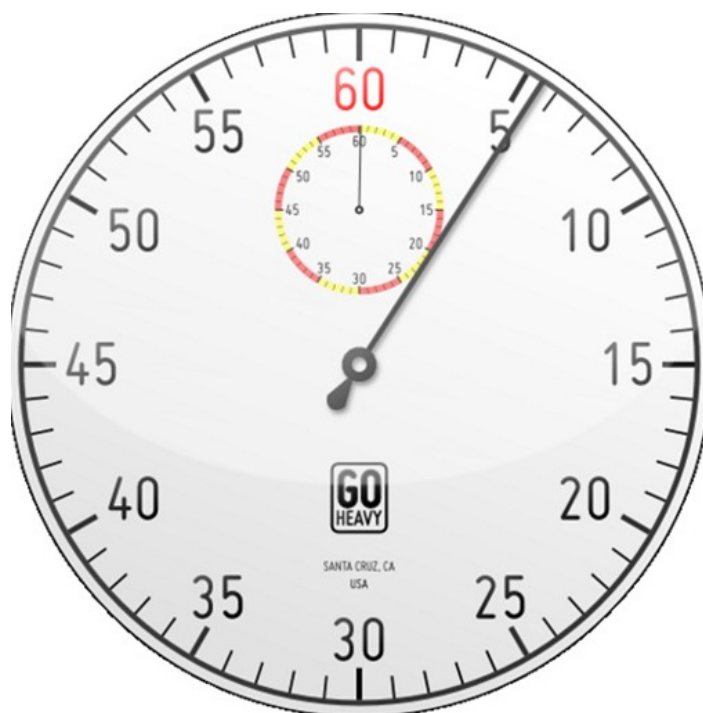
Please help us to give our patients the choice to be at home over Easter. Any proceeds you make will help our nurses carry on caring and £150 could fund an entire nursing shift for a Hospice at Home nurse.

Five minutes at night in the cold!

Wycombe Homeless Connection are asking us if we would consider doing this:

Last thing before turning in for the night, every day this week, go outside and stand there in the dark and cold. Time yourself for 5 minutes - just 300 seconds. Use the time to consider what it would be like to have no home tonight.

Please encourage family, friends and work colleagues to do the same thing, and to spread the challenge ever wider themselves. Take a selfie and post it on social media! When you get back in, please look at the WHC website to see how you could make a difference to those in High Wycombe who don't have a home tonight. www.wyhoc.org.uk.



Many thanks!

Sculptors have a term for the artist's ability to look at a rough piece of stone and see it in its final, perfected form. It is called "hyperseeing."

Gutzon Borglum (1867–1941) is the sculptor who created many well-known public works of art. Probably the most famous is Mt. Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota. Borglum's housekeeper captured the concept of hyperseeing when she gazed up at the massive faces of the four US presidents on Mt. Rushmore for the first time. "Mr. Borglum," she gasped, "how did you know Mr. Lincoln was in that rock?"

Hyperseeing is also a good description of our all-seeing God. He sees all that we are and more. He sees what we shall be when He has completed His work and we stand before Him, holy and without blemish: the exact likeness, the very image of Jesus. The God who started this great work in you will keep at it until He completes it on the very day Jesus Christ appears (see Phil. 1:6).

God will not be denied! He has such a longing for our perfection that nothing can or will remain an obstacle until He has finished the work He began so long ago.

If only . . . if only we will put ourselves in the Master Sculptor's hands.

Doubt whispers, "Thou art such a blot;
He cannot love poor thee."

If what I am He loveth not,
He loves what I shall be. —MacDonald

[Submitted by Andrew W]

. . . on a lighter note

Three ladies, all mothers, arrived at the outer gates of Heaven at the same time. The gatekeeper spoke to each in turn.

To the first, he said, "You have been a good mother. You have brought up your three children in the Muslim faith. You have helped them to learn how to be good citizens and to make their own contribution to the world. You may come in. Turn left and go in to Heaven."

To the second, he said, "You have been a good mother. You have brought up your daughter and twin sons in the Christian faith so that they understand what is expected of them in life. They are now making their own contribution to the ways of the world. You may come in. Turn left and go in to Heaven."

To the third, he said, "You have been a good mother. You have brought up your two sons in the Jewish faith. They have both studied hard and are now helping the less fortunate in your community. You may come in. Turn right and go in to Heaven."

"But why?" She asked. "The others turned left."

"Yes," said the gateman, "but don't you want to get your hair done first?"

The Good Samaritan.

A man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked. "Well, I can think of one thing," the man offered.

"Once, on a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of high-testosterone bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him on the head, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose-ring and threw it on the ground. " I yelled, "Now, back off biker boy or you'll answer to me!"

St. Peter was impressed. "When did this happen?"

"Just a couple minutes ago."

[from Andrew W]

The confident, proud golfer teed off for what he intended to be another good round. Unfortunately, he sliced the ball and it shot strstight into the nearby woods. He declined the offer from his opponent to drop the ball in a more playable location, and said that he would play from where it landed.

He chose the appropriate club. He took careful aim. He took a steady swing and - whack. The ball rose up, hit a tree, bounced off another, then ricocheted off a third, fourth and fifth before coming right back and hitting the golfer straight between the eyes. He dropped like a stone, dead.

He reached the gates of Heaven. Peter welcomed him.

"I understand you are a keen golfer," said Peter.

"Yes," replied the man.

"Are you any good?"

"Well," said the golfer, puffing up his chest, "I got here in two!"

Trinity High Wycombe URC and Cores End URC

warmly invite our church fellowships to the
induction service of our new minister

The Revd Terry Hinks

on

Saturday 25th April at 3.00 pm

at Trinity High Wycombe

There will be a buffet tea after the service

For seating and catering purposes, please RSVP in person to Kate Yates or by e-mail (kate@trinity-urc.org.uk) by Saturday 4th April if you plan to attend

We are expecting a full church building for this joyous occasion



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Happy Birthday



Glyn E (4 th)	Andrew W (21 th)
Rebecca H (6 th)	Pauline S (26 th)
Joy S (16 th)	Samuel E (28 th)
Rose C (17 th)	Marianne H (29 th)

Lesley B (5th April)



Congratulations



and Best Wishes to
Marion & Michael M (25th)

on celebrating their Wedding Anniversary

with love from us all at Trinity.

Every Tuesday in March:

- Movers and Shakers Chinese Style 10 am-1 pm (Kitchen, Lower Schoolroom, Sanctuary)
- Women's Meeting (Lower Schoolroom), 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Every Thursday in March:

- 2nd High Wycombe Trinity Guides (Crendon Hall), 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Every Friday in March:

- Movers and Shakers, Caribbean style (10 am start) (Sanctuary, Lower Schoolroom, Kitchen),
- Rainbows (Crendon Hall), 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
- Brownies, 2nd High Wycombe (Crendon Hall), 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

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prayer page

Creator God, thank you for providing planet earth with the colours of the rainbow, the hills and the plants and giving eyes to see them and hearts and minds to appreciate them. Make your people good stewards of this bounty. In Jesus' name.

Amen

Lord Jesus, you spent time in the desert facing the challenges of your future. Today many people find themselves in the desert of war, famine and disease through no fault of their own, often not knowing why they are there. Bring them comfort, dear Lord, through the efforts of individuals and relief organisations. Bless those who find themselves in a spiritual desert and help them through it with your loving care.



Amen

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Almighty God who loves each one of your children with a mother's love, protect and sustain:

all mothers who watch over their children with tender care and seek the best for them;

all mothers who have lost children and whose hearts feel broken;

all mothers who, because of poverty or war or famine, have no food for their children and can only hug them in love, watching them become weaker;

all who long to be mothers but cannot bear children of their own;

all who show mother-love to the people around them.

Look with compassion, as a mother, on those mothers who through ignorance or anger or circumstances neglect and harm their children and send help for them.

May your church be a mother to the suffering world showing your love and care in what it does. In Jesus' name.

Amen

Holy Spirit, at this time when our church community looks back on the past year and forward to the future, we pray for your guidance in our thinking and planning. We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen

