

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

[Luke 9:62]



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Trinity - a place to belong

Spirituality - Prayer – Community – Welcome

Dear Friends,

CHANGE – The Bible tells us “God is kind, but he’s not soft. In kindness he takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life-change”. (Romans 2:4)

I’ve been thinking a lot about change over the last few months. So many things have changed in my own family and my Church family.

Firstly, Gwen and Bernie retired and moved to Hamble on the south coast. They are really going for a life change, not just retiring but going off to Papua New Guinea for another two years missionary work. They are still waiting for visas. It must be very frustrating for them, as I know they are keen to get to work.

Sue Saunders who has been a very good friend to me over the last few years has also moved away to be nearer her parents, sons and grandchild. I found her to have a very strange sense of humour and very much enjoyed spending time with her. She helped me when I first became an Elder (after she encouraged me to become one!!) showing me the ropes with the different duties that fulfil this role. I have just been voted back to Eldership for my second three year stint and still feel that I need to learn more about the role. I’m afraid some of my skills aren’t what they should be, but with encouragement from other Elders and through my prayers perhaps I can become a better Elder.

We were appointed Mike Wallace as our Interim Moderator, which pleased us all no end as he has over the last few years become well known to us all at Trinity as both a Minister and an Organist. Unfortunately, just as we had become used to him joining us for Church Meetings and Elders Meetings, he had to move away from High Wycombe. However, he does come back to see us from time to time and did in fact preach at our Easter Day service on 20 April.

We have now been appointed John Mackerness as Interim Moderator. Fortunately we have known him for a while and are equally pleased with the replacement.

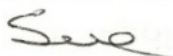
Towards the end of last year my eldest son and his family, who were living in Hong Kong, transferred to Boston and seem to have settled in there well. They are now thinking of buying a house there. They have been house hunting for the last few months.

I expect a lot of you know that they have a house in France which I love to visit when I can. As they are going to be buying a house in the US they feel they need to sell the French house as we don’t visit it as often as we’d like and it is just sitting there with no one looking after it. I think I will be the one to miss it the most, as I have visited as often as I can, often on my own. Gwen and Bernie visited me there one summer when they were holidaying in the area. Gwen could see why I like to stay there as the views of the snowy mountains are spectacular.

Finally, at long last, after three years of searching, I have managed to obtain a job. It is exactly what I was looking for, three days a week working as an accounts assistant.

So many changes in so few months. As the saying goes “God moves in mysterious ways”. He obviously has “radical life-changes” for many of us.

God bless



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May Services

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30am unless otherwise stated

- May 4 Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Alan Kirkcaldy
- May 11 All Age Worship led by Alan Yates
- May 18 Christian Aid Service led by Margaret Lewis with speaker Neil Dymond
from Christian Aid
- May 25 Morning Worship led by The Amersham Free Church Worship Team
4.00pm Praise Service

(Please note All Age Worship is on the second Sunday this month)

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What's on in May



Monday 19h May - Lunch in Witney with Pat W

WOMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday 6th May The Road to Emmaus
 Tuesday 13th May Christian Aid. Bring and Buy
 Tuesday 20thMay Treasure
 Tuesday 27thMay Quiz (General Knowledge)



All meetings start at 2.30 in the Lower Schoolroom

Diary Dates

Event	Day	Date	Time	Venue
24 hour prayer for Wycombe	Friday	2nd	all day	at home!
Vision 2020 prayer meeting	Wednesday	7th	9.30-10 am	Sanctuary
Elders' meeting	Wednesday	7th	8pm	Lower School Room
Coffee morning	Saturday	10th	10:30am	Lower School Room
Has Trinity Got Talent? you bet!	Saturday	10th	7.30pm	Sanctuary
Prayer ministry	Sunday	11th	12 noon	Vestry
Housegroup	Wednesday	14th	8pm	134 Brands Hill Avenue
Church Meeting	Tuesday	20th	8pm	Lower School Room
Vision 2020 prayer meeting	Wednesday	21st	9.30-10 am	Sanctuary
Coffee morning	Saturday	24th	10:30am	Lower School Room
Housegroup	Wednesday	28th	20:00:00	134 Brands Hill Avenue

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Trinity Bookworms

Wednesday 7th May

Hostess - Gwenda D

We shall be discussing "The Girl with the pearl Earring"

by Tracey Chevalier



TRINITY NIGHTBIRDS

invite you all to a

CREAM TEA

on

Saturday 12th July

2.30pm to 4.30pm

at 21 Fremantle Road, HW

Tickets £5 available from Nightbirds

All profits will go towards the Quinquennial Fund



Friday 18th July 2014 at 7pm
The Great Hall, Wycombe Abbey School
To support Wycombe Homeless Connection

Reception with authentic Twenties cocktails
Delicious Three-course dinner
Fabulous items you can't buy in the shops
auctioned by celebrity Bill Giles
Dancing to jazz band 'Anything Goes'

TICKETS £65 EACH



Please come to our inaugural Midsummer Ball at Wycombe Abbey on Friday 18th July. The theme is "The Great Gatsby" and the evening will start with authentic 1920s cocktails, followed by a delicious three-course meal and then dancing to fabulous 6-piece jazz band, Anything Goes. Celebrity Bill Giles will host the auction and all monies raised will go directly to helping our efforts to give help to local people in dire need. This is a really special event! Tickets cost £65 per head, and are available from WHC in Castle Street. More details on the website www.wyhoc.org.uk. So get together a table of 8 before tickets sell out, and get your dancing shoes on for a glorious evening of speakeasy jazz!



HAS TRINITY GOT TALENT ?
You Bet!

BUT DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT
COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES

SATURDAY MAY 10th at 7.30pm

ADULTS £7.50

CONCESSIONS £5.00

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A LIGHT INTERVAL SUPPER



Pastoral groups - 2014/15

Not included in this version



ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe Project Trust is a Zimbabwean Non-Governmental Organization and Christian Aid partner, established in London in 1978 by some exiled Zimbabweans.

After independence in 1981, ZimPro opened offices in Harare and Bulawayo, working with returning refugees, demobilized ex-combatants and other disadvantaged groups and individuals. In the late 1980s, its work took a major shift from a channel for emergency and humanitarian aid by blending its activities with development work. In order to remain relevant, organizational transformation continued by responding to emerging issues and community needs in the country.

Over the years, ZimPro gained valuable experience, working with clubs/groups, co-operatives, communities and individuals on aspects of social grants, microfinance, emergency response, rehabilitation, social protection, food security, livelihoods, community mobilization & leadership training, water & sanitation, public health & hygiene, environmental management and advocacy.

In its current five year strategic plan (2012—2016), ZimPro prioritizes the following programme interventions.

Sustainable Livelihoods Programme

Aimed at economically empowering the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised people to have access to knowledge, skills, finances and markets thereby promoting sustainable livelihoods. Some of the activities in this programme include:

- Internal Savings and Lending Schemes (ISALS)
- Entrepreneurship support and Income Generating Projects (IGPs)
- Micro- finance – both developmental and commercial
- Skills training
- Social transfers
- Marketing and markets

Right to clean and safe (secure) environment

Aimed at ensuring that communities have capacity to mitigate against and respond to health and related issues, contributing to a safe and clean environment. Some of the activities in this programme include:

- Public Health & Hygiene Education (PHHE)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH)
- Safety, health and quality physical environment
- Appropriate technology

Right to food and nutrition

Aimed at enhancing skills and knowledge of targeted communities so that they have access to nutritious and diversified food and related products. Some of the activities in this programme include:

- Conservation Farming or Agriculture
- Seed banks
- Livestock development
- Community, nutrition, market & Low Input Gardens
- Small irrigation schemes
- Markets and marketing
- Appropriate technology



This month we would like to wish a

Happy Birthday

to

Bernie C (10th)
Sarah E (13th)
Janet R (14th)
Hannah H (15th)
Kay E (15th)

Happy Anniversary

to

Sarah & Simon E (6th)
Kate & Alan Y (21st)
Rebecca and Neil C (25th)



on celebrating their Wedding Anniversary
with love from us all at Trinity.

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prayer page

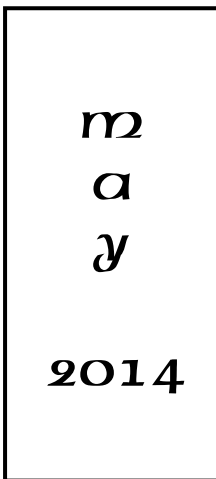
Creator God, thank you for the promise of new life as the trees burst into full leaf and the flowers blossom, spreading colour and sweet perfume through the air.

Merciful God, forgive us for being neglectful and greedy stewards who have plundered the earth for our own comfort so that many plants, animals, birds and insects face extinction.

Preserver God, be with those nations and people who have respected the earth and have taken little or nothing of its goodness away and yet are now the ones to suffer most from the changing climate.

God of Power, awake the rich, industrial governments of the world to their responsibility to combat climate change with determined and stringent measures so that future generations may enjoy your bounty. We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen



Lord Jesus, as the apostles upon the mountain watched you taken to your heavenly kingdom and marvelled, so we marvel that you are throned in glory at the right hand of your Father and yet are with us every day in our joys and sorrows, our successes and failures, holding out your hands to bless and keep us from falling.

Amen

Holy Spirit,

with your rushing mighty wind spring-clean tired, dusty lives, sweeping away regret and doubt;

with your tongues of flame light up lives clouded with anxiety and fear;

with your comfort and counsel fill these lives with renewed faith and confidence.

Amen

