

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel. (2 Timothy 2:8)



November 2015

The Recorder

Inside - this month . . .

Pastoral letter	2	Church family & Life	5, 11
Services & Rotas	3	Prayer Page	12
What's on?	4, 6 - 9		

An edited version of this magazine is available on the Church Website.

(Personal details are NOT included)

Church website: <http://www.trinity-urc.org.uk>

Trinity - a place to belong

Spirituality - Prayer - Community - Welcome

Dear friends,

In October we remembered the life of our eldest member Win Garred who died on 30 September 2015, aged 99. She was born in the middle on the First World War on 4 January 1916. High Wycombe and the world then was a very different place. It's a long time ago and yet the First World War had such an effect on this country and the world at large that we continue to mark its end to this day. It was a time of terrible suffering and the trenches and war cemeteries of the Western Front remain a potent picture of the cost and futility of war. It was also a time of accelerated technological and social change. The place of women in society changed dramatically and women in this country achieved the right to vote soon after war had ended. It was also a time of upheaval for the churches and for Christian thinking. The triumphalist picture of 'God on our side' no longer made sense and chaplains like Studdert Kennedy spoke instead of a suffering God in Christ, there in no man's land, full of compassion and love, - love stronger than evil or hatred or death itself.

Today people continue to wear the Flanders poppy to remember those who died in all wars and as a symbol of hope for the future. We do so conscious of the continuing violence and deep divisions across the world and the many still suffering the effects of war. Humanity still has not learnt to live in peace and the task of working and praying for peace and justice for all remains a key part of our act of remembrance.

Here at Trinity Remembrance Sunday is another opportunity to invite someone to share in morning worship, a Sunday when we share in the nation's remembering and giving thanks. Do use one of the cards in church to invite a friend or neighbour to share in the 10.30 am service on 8 November, when Mike Birmingham, the assistant pastor at Union Baptist Church will be leading worship.

I'm told that my grandfather would never speak of his experiences as a medical orderly in the First World War. Too much horror and too many friends lost – he wanted instead to forget. Today we mustn't forget the cost and sacrifice made by those who served in one way or another (or those who protested as conscientious objectors). Nor that Europe has experienced peace in large measure for 70 years after such turmoil (though tensions and conflict remain unresolved in East Ukraine). As we share the silence with millions of all backgrounds and ages across our nation, we remember, give thanks and pray for that peace that God longs for in the world today.



Minister : Rev Terry Hinks

☎ 01628 525076

e-mail: minister@trinity-urc.org.uk

Church Secretary : Kate Yates

☎ 01494 672799

e-mail: secretary@trinity-urc.org.uk

Church contact number
☎ 01494 520365 (answer phone)

November Services

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30am unless otherwise specified

Nov 1st	Revd Kate Pryde	Morning Worship with Communion
Nov 8th	Pastor Mike Birmingham	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 8th	4.30pm	Prayer Circle for Healing
Nov 15th	Revd Terry Hinks	All Age Worship
Nov 22nd	Geoff Cronin	
Nov 22nd	4.30pm	Worship Band - Afternoon Praise Service
Nov 29th	Revd Terry Hinks	

Rotas for November

Not included in this version

Not included in this version

Mission Strategy Meeting

Come and share in an open meeting to reflect on the point we have reached in Trinity's life and opportunities for strengthening our mission in the months ahead. It is hoped that this will lead to reforming our mission strategy group and help us discern ways forward in 2016. The meeting is on Monday 23 November at 7.30 pm at the home of Marian and Martin. For more information please contact Terry or Kate.

Christmas is coming . . . !

I will be around during November requesting mince pies etc. for Carols by Candlelight on 20th December. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Blessings Anne x



Trinity Bookworms

We meet on Wednesday November 4th at 2pm.

Hostess - Joan Smith.

We shall be discussing "Cold Comfort Farm" by Stella Gibbons



Additional Christmas Services at Trinity

Junior Church Messy Church:	Sunday 13th December
Carols by Candlelight:	Sunday 20th December at 4 pm
Midnight Communion:	Thursday 24th December at 11.30 pm
Christmas Day Family Service:	Friday 25th December at 10.30 am

Regular November gatherings:

[See page 4 for details of other gatherings]

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

You have to laugh!

The Natural Law Of The Universe

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor. But surprisingly it lands butter-side-up.

He looks at what's happened in astonishment, for he knows it's a law of nature that buttered toast always falls butter-down.

He rushes round to the presbytery to fetch the priest....

"Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious what we have here. Someone dropped some buttered toast, and then for some reason flipped it over so that the butter was on top."

"No, Father - No, Father, Oi dropped it and it landed just loike dat. Oi swear so."

"Well," says the priest, "it's certainly a natural law of the Universe that dropped toast never falls butter side up. But it's not for me to say that it's a miracle. I'll report the matter to the bishop, and see what he has to say.

A rigorous investigation is instigated to evaluate if a 'Miracle' did in fact occur, not only by the local archdiocese, but by a bishop from Cork who was fresh back from the Curia in Rome.

After much thought the final ruling read: -

On conclusion it stated certainly an extraordinary event occurred in Murphy's room, quite outside the normal run of phenomena. Yet we have to be very cautious before ruling any happening to be miraculous & rule out all possible natural explanations.

"In this particular case we have declared that there was no miracle." The Irish Bishop then explains "It's obvious, Murphy must have buttered the toast on the wrong side."



The Spirituality of the Psalms through music

Bible

Teaching

Day

Led by the Revd Geoff Colmer
Regional Minister and Team Leader
Bucks Central Baptist Association

Prior to being ordained Geoff was a bassonist with the English Northern Philharmonia. He has a particular interest in the relationship of faith to the arts.

**Saturday November 28th - 10 am - 4pm
at Amersham Free Church**

Lunch provided

Please email - janet Reid@btinternet.com or phone
01494 712073 so that we know numbers for catering



Led by the Spirit
the eucharist

Come and Celebrate Christ the King

Guest preacher: Fr Simon Cutmore

22nd November 2015

6.30pm

All welcome

All Saints - High Wycombe



THIS TIME

**CORES END AND TRINITY
HAVE TALENT**

A VARIETY SHOW

AT

TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28th

AT 7.30pm

ADMISSION BY TICKET

ADULTS £7.50 CONCESSIONS £5.00

**TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A LIGHT
INTERVAL SUPPER**

For more information telephone 01494 863827



Wycombe Youth for Christ – 30 years' celebration service on Tuesday 10th November 7.45-9.30 pm



The ministry of Wycombe Youth For Christ (WYFC) has been going for 30 years which is something to celebrate and praise God for.

You are invited to an evening celebration service with a time of praise and worship to God without whom WYFC would not have started, nor still be going strong after 30 years. WYFC will also hear from some of those involved both past and present. Refreshments will be available. The celebration is taking place at Christ the Servant King - where it all started 30 years ago – on Tuesday 10th November, from 7.45-9.30pm.

Other forthcoming YFC events

- **Schools Prayer Evening (Tuesday 17th November, 7.45-9.15pm at Wycombe YFC Office)**

To link into the international Prayer Day for Schools, we are holding an evening to pray for schools in the area - staff, students, Governors and all those involved in the day-to-day life of schools. We shall also be praying for all those Churches and organisations involved in Schools Work.

- **Discipleship & Young People: Training Event (Thursday 26th November, 10.00am-3.00pm, Christ the Servant King Church)**

An opportunity to explore how we disciple young people with guest speaker Ian MacDonald (Oxford Diocese Youth Advisor). See attached flier. Bookings can be made using the attached flier or by going to <http://disciplingyoungpeople.eventbrite.co.uk>. Please note that the online booking closes at 9.00am on Sunday 22nd November 2015.

- **Christmas Open Evening (Tuesday 8th December, 7.30-8.30pm at WYFC Office)**

An opportunity to celebrate Christmas with mulled wine, mice pies and other goodies! * *Please note the change of time* *

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the WYFC Team and work. As you may already be aware, looking to this year and beyond, we are very conscious of the needs we have in order to continue to take hold of the opportunities that God is presenting us. We have two very specific financial needs at this time:

1. Our aim is to be able to offer Rebecca a paid role with us from September 2016 so that we can continue to sustain and develop our ministry with children, young people and schools. In order to do this, we need to raise an additional £12,000 per year.

2. You may also be aware that as an employer we will be subject to the new Workplace Pensions scheme that is being introduced. From August 2016 we need to have increased our regular income by £1,500 in order to afford pension provision for the team.

If you can help us in either of these areas, please either use the Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms attached, or contact myself or Colin Hingston (WYFC Financial Administrator).

If you have any questions about the work we are involved in, or feel that we can support you or your church in some way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

God Bless

Erica

Wycombe Youth For Christ

HOW CAN I HELP A REFUGEE?

REFUGEES ARE DESPERATE IN CALAIS AND BUDAPEST ON OUR TV SCREENS
AND
DESTITUTE NOW ON THE STREETS OF LONDON.

THEY NEED FOOD, HYGIENE PACKS, PHONE CARDS, BUS PASSES, NAP-PIES.....

WE PROVIDE – BUT MORE, MUCH MORE, IS NEEDED.

Ways to help:

- Donate online to London Churches Refugee Fund at www.help4refugees.co.uk or by post (Make cheques payable to "London Churches Refugee Fund" and send to the Treasurer, LCRF, 144 Ladywell Road, London SE13 7HU)
- Give £10 a month by standing order (see website, as above)
- Come fundraise with us when we sing carols at Oxford Circus Tube on Friday December 4th – see our website or phone Maggie on 020 7372 1765.

LONDON CHURCHES REFUGEE FUND, Charity No 1121108

Special Services Team - request

We are very grateful to those who are willing to greet, read, run the sound system and do various other things that need to be done for special services such as weddings, funerals, baptisms and other events.

However, we are still short of fit and able people who are available to set up chairs and put them away again – sometimes in the day, sometimes in the evening or at a weekend.

If you think you might be able to help please talk to Kate or Terry.



Thank you!



Proverbs for the 21st Century

Age is a very high price to pay for maturity...

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity...

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory...

If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before...

It is easier to get forgiveness than permission...

Always yield to temptation, because it may not pass your way again...

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good...

Eat well, stay fit, die anyway...

No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes...

This month we would like to wish a

Happy Birthday



to

Julia S (9th)
Grandma B (9th)
Taye A-C (14th)
Willie M (14th)
Ben L (16th)
Gwen C (19th)
Connie B-D (22nd)
Ellen C (26th)



With love from us all at Trinity.

*The December edition of the Recorder will be published on 29th November.
Closing date for contributions is Friday 20th November*

Recorder Editor : e-mail : editor@trinity-urc.org.uk

Church web site: <http://www.trinity-urc.org.uk>

prayer page

As the days become shorter and darker,
Keep us from gloomy thoughts, Lord.
As the cold grows bitter and stronger,
Keep us from cold-heartedness, Lord.
As the paths grow muddy and treacherous,
Keep us from slipping and falling, Lord.
As the harsh winds bring tears to our eyes,
Keep us clear-sighted and alert, Lord.
As the fog hides the way and the sign-posts
Keep us on the right road, Lord.
As the dew moistens the grass,
Keep our trust in you fresh, Lord,
now and always. Amen



Give us the faith of your saints, Lord,
Grant us the courage of your martyrs,
Gift us your love and compassion
to pass on to others.
Amen

N
O
V
E
M
B
E
R

2015

Lord, we remember all men and women in the armed forces who have given their lives in the service of our country. Make us worthy of their sacrifice as we continue to work and pray for the peace they died for to be known throughout the world.
Amen

God of compassion we pray for the people in this country whose lives have been devastated by the loss of jobs and the prospect of no further employment. We remember those who cannot afford to buy or rent a home of their own although they are working full-time. We bring before you all who are struggling to live on inadequate resources. We pray that leaders of our nation may be guided by wisdom and understanding as they seek to reduce hardship and poverty. We pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen

Living Lord, head of the church world-wide, prosper the work of its members where its influence is growing and strong, cradle and strengthen new communities, stir up the lukewarm, and bring comfort and hope where it is suffering violence and persecution. In Jesus' name.
Amen