



Trinity - a place to belong

Spirituality - Prayer – Community – Welcome

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Apologies for the late publication of this month's magazine. Thanks to BT, I have been without any internet connection for just over a month, which has meant that I could not collect all the material that contributors sent. Hopefully things are now sorted!

Angus

The next edition of Trinity Times will be published on 30th October. All contributions should be submitted by Sunday 23rd October.

Forward planning: Please note that the December edition will not be published until Sunday 4th December, so any notices relating to the early part of that month should be sent for inclusion in the November magazine.



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Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

What is our mission? Or rather what is God's mission here and our part in it?

The joint Mission Workshop held in September was a stimulating time, as together, members of Trinity and Cores End churches explored God's mission today in our area. The Synod Training Officer, Anne Sardeson shared resources and ideas. One that powerful for me was the need as churches to move from anxiety to trust. Anxiety over the future of the church can sap confidence and cause Christians to look inwards and become over-cautious. Trust in a faithful and gracious God who is at work can stimulate us to do new things and risk making mistakes, to move from a vicious circle of anxiety, blame and scapegoating to a virtuous circle of trust, encouragement and shared responsibility.

Another theme Anne returned to several times was the phrase 'small is beautiful' (a phrase coined by my favourite economist, E. F. Schumacher). We need to recognise that our church as just a small part of the church universal, and an even smaller part of the multiplicity of ways God's Spirit is at work and God's kingdom is glimpsed. But we also need to see the way small actions and initiatives can make a vital difference to people's lives.

A few days before the workshop I attended a Churches Together in Wycombe meeting and was fascinated to see how much of our agenda was mission focussed. Having been challenged the previous year by John Richey not become inward looking, the meeting's agenda seems to have shifted. We heard about a great initiative with refugees (from small beginnings the Wycombe Refugee Partnership is now housing five refugee families). We considered the churches' response to the housing development at Daws Hill and arranged a prayer walk. We heard of a recycling scheme organised by the Bucks University multi-faith chaplaincy. We thought about our work with those suffering mental health issues. We gave our support to the Rent Deposit Guarantee scheme and heard how good follow up of the Lighthouse holiday club is being developed. The church is looking outwards!

What is our part in all this? Let's listen to each other, our community and God at the heart of all. And with God's help, may we turn words and discussions into plans and actions in the months ahead.



News of the Church Family

Not included in this version

This month we would like to wish a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Andrew L (1st)

Nina S (2nd)

Matthew S (19th)

Margaret L (26th)

John T (31st)

With love from us all at Trinity

Worship at Trinity

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

- 2 October Worship and Communion led by Terry Hinks
9 October Morning Worship led by Maj David Scott Mary Carpenter
16 October All age Worship led by Barbara Sparks
23 October Morning Worship led by David Reynolds
30 October Morning Worship led by Terry Hinks

Worship is followed by refreshments to which all are welcome

Next Afternoon Communion is on 23 October at 4.30 pm

Service of remembering and giving thanks for those who have died on Sunday 30 October at 4 pm. A half hour service where people will be remembered by name and there will be the opportunity for people to light candles as they give thanks for loved ones. The short service will be followed by refreshments.

Midweek Prayers at 9.30 am on Wed 5 and 19 October 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.

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Prayer Pattern for October

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

- 2 Oct Churches, Brownies, Guides, Bookworms and
 Trinitybirds and links WYCOMBE SHARING OF FAITHS
- 9 Oct Marian Drake(and Martin) and their pastoral group
 SYNOD CHURCH AND SOCIETY NETWORK
- 16 Oct Sue Thorne (and Joan Smith) and their pastoral group
 BUCKS UNIVERSITY
- 23 Oct Kate Yates (and John Hilson) and their pastoral group
 ONE WORLD WEEK
- 30 Oct Margaret Lewis (and Marian Mole) and their pastoral group
 DAWS HILL DEVELOPMENT

Prayer requests can be added to the list at the Prayer Table in the sanctuary.

What's on this month

Saturday 1 st Oct	Saturday Café	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Monday 3 rd Oct	Wycombe Homeless Connection Annual Meeting (at Trinity)	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday 4 th Oct	The Bible Course	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Wednesday 5 th Oct	Trinity prayers	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Thursday 6 th Oct	Trinity Elders meeting	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Tuesday 11 th Oct	The Bible Course	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday 15 th Oct	Saturday Cafe	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Sunday 16 th Oct	Traidcraft	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Tuesday 18 th Oct	The Bible Course	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Wednesday 19 th Oct	Trinity Prayers	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Saturday 22 nd Oct	“Autumn Antics” Revue	7:30 pm
Sunday 23 rd Oct	Prayer Circle for Healing followed by afternoon communion	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 25 th Oct	The Bible Course	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Wednesday 26 th Oct	Trinity & Cores End Elders training at Cores End	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Bible Teaching Day: ‘Seeing into Scripture’ with Neil Thorogood at Amersham Free Church on Saturday 22 October (10 am – 3 pm). Neil Thorogood, Principal of Westminster College, is a very engaging speaker - a minister and also an artist who combines the two in a fascinating way. Lunch is provided; let Terry Hinks know if you want to attend.

What's on . . . this month

Trinity Bookworms

Our next meeting is on Wednesday October 5th at 2pm, hostess Joan S. We shall be discussing "Why be happy when you could be normal?" by Jeanette Winterson.

Trinity Birds

Trinity Birds will meet 10.30am Friday 7th October at the home of Norma.

Tuesday Meeting

All meetings in LSR at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday October 4th Hannah Ball and Wycombe

Tuesday October 11th Elijah (2)

Tuesday October 18th Church Buildings (2)

Tuesday October 25th Trees in the Bible

Change of mobile phone number for the minister

Please note that Terry's church mobile phone number has changed and is no longer as it appears in the church directory.

It is now **07599 294252**.

Record of General Assembly 2016

The electronic version of the Record of the July meeting of General Assembly is available on the URC website:

<http://www.urch.org.uk/images/General-Assemblies/Assembly2016/RECORD-2016w.pdf>

Page three details matters of particular concern to Synods and local churches, so we are encouraged to look at the Record.

Cores End Church

Jazz Concert

Local Jazz talent came together to give a concert in the church in September. They filled the church with glorious music, a varied programme of instrumental music and songs sung by the talented Jazz singer Sarah Moule. The concert was effectively a tribute to one of the Cores End members – Ken Rankine who was to have played but is now seriously ill in hospital. The concert ended with resounding applause and then a prayer for Ken and his family.

All things bright and beautiful

At the end of September the church's Mission Group gathered together a wonderful collection of photos to create a 'patchwork picture window' as part of the church's harvest decorations. The photographs depicted something people enjoy seeing and linked into the harvest themes of vision and thanksgiving. The church celebrated harvest with worship and a bring and share lunch. Like Trinity the church's harvest charity this year was the Bethesda Eye Hospital in Parakou, Benin.

Bible Course

It's been good to have members of Cores End sharing in Trinity's Bible Course on Tuesday evenings. The Church there is also running the Bible Course at its Wednesday afternoon fellowship meeting and drawing in new members to share in this.

Mission Workshop

Following the joint workshop members who attended are presenting the key themes and conclusions to the congregation within worship on 9 October.



Remember to put your clocks BACK one hour when you go to bed on Saturday 29th October!

Regular events

Every Sunday where possible

- Prayer ministry after the service

Every Tuesday

- Movers and Shakers Chinese Style (light exercise, a talk or activity and lunch) 10 am – 1 pm
- The Tuesday Meeting (small, friendly fellowship group) 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Every Thursday

- Choir Practice (church choir practises Sunday's hymns) 8.00 pm

Every Friday

- Movers and Shakers, Caribbean style (light exercise, a talk or activity and lunch) 10 am – 1 pm

If you would like to find out more about any activities held at Trinity, please talk to the minister or church secretary

Forthcoming events

Tues 1 st and 8 th Nov	The Bible Course	7:30 - 9:00 pm
Saturday 26 th Nov	Quiet morning at Cores End (and shared lunch)	10 am-2 pm
Sunday 11 th Dec	Junior Church Gift Service	10:30 am
Sunday 18 th Dec	Carols by Candlelight	4:00 pm
Saturday 24 th Dec	Midnight communion	11:30 pm
Sunday 25 th Dec	Christmas Morning Worship	10:00 am

AUTUMN BIBLE FOCUS



Bible focus launched

Trinity launched its special focus to the Bible on Sunday 4 September when members of the congregation brought bibles that were special to them. One was a family Bible (in Dutch) that was several hundred years old and another had been given to a relation serving in the First World War; others had been given at weddings or special occasions. It was a moving beginning to our exploring of the Bible.

Bible Course

We are delighted that over 20 people are sharing in this course, with its dvd presentations, group discussion and personal bible reading.

Tuesday meeting (2.30 pm in church)

At some of its sessions this autumn the Tuesday Group are looking at the prophet Elijah (more details from Olive S.

Monthly home group

John and Joy S host a monthly home group on a Thursday evening. Contact them for more details.

ORDERS FOR PRAYER HANDBOOKS AND DIARIES ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

See the list in church or contact Kate Y.

Trinity Church

Cores End Church

Advance Notice:

ADVENT QUIET MORNING



at Cores End United Reformed Church

**Saturday 26 November 2016
10 am – 2 pm**

Worship, Bible exploration, reflection, stillness
ending with shared lunch

For more information please contact Terry Hinks

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HIGH WYCOMBE

Prayer Walk around the Daws Hill development
on Monday 31 October at 2.30 pm
*Praying for the new community developing there and the church's
witness*

For more information please contact Terry Hinks



AUTUMN ANTICS

A VARIETY SHOW

AT

TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22nd

AT 7.30pm

ADMISSION BY TICKET

ADULTS £7.50 CONCESSIONS £5.00

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A LIGHT INTERVAL SUPPER

For more information phone 01494 863827

ALL PROCEEDS TO

BETHESDA EYE HOSPITAL, PARAKOU, BENIN

ZIMBABWE

The struggle for independence, land and power runs throughout Zimbabwe's history. Veteran President Robert Mugabe has dominated the country's political scene since independence from Britain in 1980.



Landlocked, the southern African country is bordered by Zambia in the north, Mozambique in the east, Botswana in the west and South Africa in the south.

Once the bread basket of the region, Zimbabwe has struggled to feed its own people since 2000. Causes include severe droughts and the land reform programme which saw the seizure of white-owned farms redistributed to landless black Zimbabweans causing sharp falls in production. Cash-strapped and impoverished, Zimbabwe's economy faces severe challenges. Unemployment and poverty are endemic and political strife and repression commonplace. Many Zimbabweans have left the country in search of work in South Africa or Europe.

FACTS

Capital: Harare

Population: 13 million

Area: 390,759 sq km

Major languages English (official), Shona, Sindebele Major religions: Christianity, indigenous beliefs

Life expectancy: 54 years (men), 53 years (women) Currency: Multi-currency system; US dollar and South African rand

Credit: UN World Bank

Prayer for Zimbabwe

A few years ago The Archbishop of York called on Christians to join him in prayer for Zimbabwe. Why not use tis in a service or newsletter <http://www.archbishopofyork.org/pages/a-prayer-for-zimbabwe.html>

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All Aboard!

October 15th 2016



The Vine
Church

11.00am -
4.30pm

For ALL 5—18 year olds

Celebrating 80 years of Pilots

Come Island hopping!

Art &
Craft

Drama



Food



Games



Worship

Dance



WHC Big Sleepout

In November last year, almost 100 brave souls defied the bitter wind to raise funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection by sleeping rough. We're doing it again!

A sleepout cannot not match up to what our homeless friends have to go through, but it gives a taste and raises awareness. This is WHC's main fundraising event of the year, so if you want to help us keep fighting homelessness, plan to join in!

The next WHC Big Sleepout will be on Friday 18th November – this could be the moment for you, or a team from your workplace, so save the date! More details closer to the time.

Please spread the word.

How does High Wycombe tackle homelessness?

Find out at Wycombe Homeless Connection's Annual Supporters Meeting on Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm at Trinity.

Here's your opportunity to hear about how our charity supports the community, but also about how the community supports us.

Everyone is welcome, from long-term volunteers to completely fresh faces. It will be held at Trinity Church on London Road (HP11 1BJ); parking in Railway Place car park (HP11 1XS) is free after 7pm. Afterwards there will be the chance to meet volunteers and staff (and have a hot drink!) We hope you will join us for what promises to be an enlightening and inspiring evening.

Vickie Morrish
Communications Officer, Wycombe Homeless Connection

WYCOMBE
HOMELESS CONNECTION

HARVEST LUNCH SEPTEMBER 18th

We would like to thank everyone involved with the Harvest Lunch, it was a wonderful team effort.

The clearing of the Sanctuary after worship and then setting up the tables, bringing all the food through from the kitchen, such a wonderful selection of delicious items and all provided by those attending. Then it was good to sit down together to share the meal and chat. Of course with any occasion there is always the clearing up, but again this was accomplished with the same team spirit. The tables & chairs cleared and put away, the Sanctuary hoovered - with aid from a very young helper, and the activity in the kitchen was a sight to behold. With washers-up, driers-up, those putting everything away and the clearing of what little food was left over and not forgetting sorting which plates, dishes and containers belonged to whom.

Thank you all, it was a pleasure to be part of such a happy occasion.

Sue & Margaret

From a young child's view . . .

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

GOOD SAMARITAN:

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the road side, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

Bible Society news



Did you know that over the last 30 years, **over 100 million Bibles have been printed** to keep up with global demand? Yet in the UK, where there's no shortage of Bibles, 90% of people in UK don't read it.

In fact, **one third of 15-year-olds don't know that the Nativity story is from the Bible** and the same percentage of adults believe the plot of *The Hunger Games* is from the Bible.

If you have access to the internet you may be interested to see Bible Society's YouTube video of "*What do people in England and Wales think about the Bible?*"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-Br9p4AovE&feature=youtu.be>

You may also be interested in Bible Society's work with Christians in Parliament to remind people that the Bible has a key role to play in politics today. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny7B6FtgIGQ>

THAMES NORTH SYNOD CHURCH AND SOCIETY NETWORK

AN INVITATION TO ALL CHURCHES

1st ANNUAL EVENT

Date: Saturday 8th OCTOBER 2016

Time: 10.00am – 1.30pm

Location: Hertford URC – A hot lunch included

Come and share in this special morning

- * To hear 3 exciting stories (an award winning food bank; a project to host refugees and interfaith work involving children and young people).
- * To engage in Networking including linking with others involved in similar issues.
- * To meet, listen to and converse with GRACE PENGELLY (the new URC Church and Society Secretary).
- * To share information and collect resource materials.

For more information please contact Terry Hinks

Telephone scams warning - from HMRC

We are aware that some customers have received telephone calls claiming to be from HMRC requesting personal information in order to receive a tax refund, or to demand money for an unpaid tax bill.

There is also another telephone scam where a recorded message is left, allegedly from HMRC, stating that HMRC are bringing a lawsuit against the individual and is going to sue them. The recipient is asked to phone 0161 8508494 and press "1" to speak to the officer dealing with the case. Please do not reply to the message.

HMRC takes security very seriously but you need to be alert. If you cannot verify the identity of the person making the call you should not disclose your personal details.

You should report this to Action Fraud, or you can call Action Fraud on 03001232050

(Please note this number will be charged at your normal network rate). They are open Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00.

Please also see HMRC security advice.

Letter to the editor . . .

Mission Workshop held on Saturday 10th September.

We thoroughly enjoyed each session during which the attendees in my small group suggested an Alpha Group in the near future. Other suggestions included the involvement of Cores End in our Mission for Trinity.

I would like to say a big thank you to Anne Sardeson, the training officer for an informative and engaging afternoon.

Audrey Richardson

Prayers for October

Almighty and Eternal God you are so far above and beyond us that we cannot see your face but catch glimpses of your marvellous presence in the world around us.

God of the thunder and lightning,

Fill us with awe of your majesty

God of the sun and blue skies

Fill us with joy at your great love and care for us.

Lord of the morning mists and wet grass

Fill us with your peace.

God of the leaves of autumn

Fill us with hope for the future

God of the nuts, berries and fungi

Fill us with the knowledge that small things matter.

God of the wind and rain

Blow away our fears, wash away our failings and fill us with your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, as we plan our lives keep us from thinking, "What is in this for me?" without considering what it means for our neighbour. If there is deprivation or harm for others help us to think again and act wisely. We pray in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer, sharer of our earthly life, we ask your blessing on our church community this month as we worship together, enjoy each other's talents and remember those who have come to the end of their earthly journey to find peace and rest with you. *Amen*

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