



**Trinity - a place to belong**  
**Spirituality - Prayer – Community – Welcome**



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## **Happy New Year!**

Dear friends,

Yet another year has whizzed by. They say it's a sign of getting older but younger folk are saying the same thing.

We have just celebrated Christmas, the time when we have remembered the birth of the vulnerable baby Jesus, God's son sent from heaven into the world to transform us from a selfish state to a God-centred state. Every time I think of this I am aware of how much I need to let God change me!

And hot on the heels of Christmas is the start of the new calendar year which many of us will have celebrated one way or another. But we are also aware that, for many, the public time of parties and celebrations only emphasises loss and pain. Any anniversary (a date remembered or celebrated every year because of something particular that happened on it in an earlier year) can be tinged with sadness or be filled with happiness – life is full of these contradictions.

With the arrival of Advent at the beginning of December, we started a new church year, and will soon be looking forward to Good Friday and Easter – the Christian anniversaries of both sadness and joy. Whilst our faith journey with Jesus the Christ will take us through hardships as well as times of ease and rest, we celebrate that God is always with us and helps us, and we give thanks for the gift that Jesus promised at Pentecost – the gift of the Holy Spirit flowing within us. May we all be refreshed by the Holy Spirit to better hear God's guidance, see God's faithfulness, know God's love, and tell of God's goodness, so that we may be living signs to others of God's continued action in the world.



*Kate Yates*

# News of the Church Family

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This month we would like to wish

**Linda C (12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Joan S (16<sup>th</sup>)**

**S (31<sup>st</sup>)**

**X (31<sup>st</sup>)**

a very Happy Birthday

with love from all at Trinity

# Worship at Trinity

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

- 07 January Morning worship with Communion  
14 January Morning worship with Major David Scott  
21 January All-age morning worship with Embrace the Middle  
East speaker  
28 January Morning worship with Revd Erna Stevenson  
28 January **4 pm** Prayer Circle for Healing

*Worship is followed by refreshments to which all are welcome*

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## Focus on Prayer

**Midweek Prayers at 9.30 am on Wednesdays 3 and 17 January in church** (half an hour of prayer together).

### Prayer Ministry

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 M or the minister

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May I wish you and yours a very happy Christmas and every blessing for 2018.



## What's on this month . . .

Wed 3rd	Trinity prayers	9:30 am - 10:00 am
	Trinity Elders meeting	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Sat 6th	Saturday Café	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
	Night Shelter	evening through to Sunday morning
Sat 13th	Night Shelter	evening through to Sunday morning
Sun 14th	Traidcraft	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Tues 16th	Church Meeting	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Wed 17th	Trinity prayers	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Sat 20th	Saturday Café	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
	Night Shelter	evening through to Sunday morning
Sat 27th	Night Shelter	evening through to Sunday morning
Sun 28th	Prayer circle for healing	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### **Forthcoming events**

Church AGM – Tuesday 20th March at 7.30 pm, followed by Church Meeting at 8 pm.

# What's on . . . this month

## Trinity Bookworms

Trinity Bookworms will be meeting on Wednesday 3rd January 2pm to discuss 'The White Tiger' by Aravind Adiga

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## Coffee & Chat

Coffee & Chat will be meeting on Wednesday 17 January 10.30am to enjoy a New Year Quiz

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## Tuesday Meeting

All meetings in the LSR, unless otherwise stated, at 2.30pm

Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> Preparations for next week's Party  
Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> New Year Party in the Sanctuary  
Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> Snow and Ice  
Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> A.G.M.

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## Regular events

- Every Sunday where possible – prayer ministry after the service
- Movers & Shakers Chinese Style group every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm
- The Tuesday Meeting every Tuesday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Movers & Shakers Caribbean Style group every Friday from 10am to 1pm
- Pilates well-being class every Thursday from 11th January, from 1pm to 2pm
- Trinity Guides every Thursday, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm until half term
- Trinity Rainbows every Friday 5:15-6:15 pm until half term
- Trinity Brownies every Friday 6:15-7:30 pm until half term

*To find out more about any activities held at Trinity, please talk to the minister or church secretary*

## Notice of AGM – Tuesday 20th March at 7.30 pm (followed by Church Meeting at 8 pm)

- ✚ For those of us who currently have a “postholder” responsibility, would you please look at the current postholders’ list which will be available on Sundays after morning worship. If you wish to stand down from your post from March 2018 please indicate in the “standing down” column.
- ✚ If you would like to do something different or are willing to give an existing postholder a break, please talk to Terry or Kate.
- ✚ Margaret Lewis will have served two three-year terms as Elder so we are seeking one or two additional Elders to serve.

The editor will now be happy to receive reports to go into the Annual Report so if like me you are one of the contributors below, you might want to start thinking now about your entry! He will need them no later than the last day in February.

- Minister
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Bookworms
- Buildings Group
- Choir
- Coffee & Chat
- Commitment For Life
- DIY Day (formerly Fifth Brigade)
- Trinity Guiding Unit
- Junior Church
- Lettings
- Tuesday Meeting
- Wycombe Homeless Connection
- Saturday Café






# New website!

Trinity's new website has just been launched! Thanks go to Tim who has been working on it and got it ready to "go live". If you have internet access do go and have a look ([www.trinity-urc.org.uk](http://www.trinity-urc.org.uk)). If you spot anything that is missing or needs amending please let Tim know.

Trinity United Reformed Church, High Wycombe  
*"Worshipping together, caring for one another, sharing with others"*



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### WHATS ON

**Today**  
Carlin Class (6:30 pm)  
Church of God Prayer Meeting (7:30 pm)

**Thursday 28th of December**  
Thursday mental health cafe (10:30 am)

**NO PILATES WELL-BEING CLASS UNTIL 14 JANUARY (1:00 pm)**

**BRING NIGHT SHELTER STUFF DOWN (2:30 pm)**

[Click for more or view our room usage](#)

### RECENT NEWS

URC Big Day out at Warwick Castle - Saturday 20th May

Carols by Candlelight 2018 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

The meaning of Christmas - part 2

The Meaning of Christmas

Week of Outreach planned


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## Home

### Welcome to Trinity



Welcome to Trinity – a place that brings together many people from all walks of life for a wide range of activities during the week and for worship and prayer. We don't claim to have all the answers and we're not perfect, but we desire to serve God and reach out to all in our community. We host many groups, including other local churches. Our work and witness is shared with other churches across the town and we aim to build good relationships with people of all faiths and none. We warmly invite you to come and see us, and especially to join us for worship on a Sunday morning at 10.30 am.

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## **Pastoral lists: January 2018**

*The Elders have agreed some changes to the pastoral lists for the time being, as below:-*

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## Maths and mulching

Life ambitions are not easy to achieve for young people living in Zimbabwe today, especially those in the rural areas. With unemployment at 95%, many young men leave their home communities to find work in South Africa or Botswana. This leaves villages with women, children and older men.

For eighteen-year-old Nomthsndszo, the Mthombowesizwe Garden Project is providing the best possible start in life; an education. Located in Ward 18 of Inziza District, South Matabeleland, the community are mainly from the minority Xhosa tribe. Gender workshops run by ZimPro have given the women a voice. Before they were involved in this project they could not go to market by themselves. Now they barter for goods and have become stronger.

Originally started to provide a healthy diet and called 'The Evergreen Project,' today it is a flourishing market garden providing not only good food for families but an extra source of income too. Helped by Christian Aid partner, ZimPro, the area has been fenced and divided into plots. Water is brought from the nearby stream using a solar pump provided by ZimPro. The water goes into a large tank and is then distributed into four troughs. They have also been taught about mulching and different pests that attack the crops.

Nomthsndszo tends her plots diligently, growing food for her family and selling the excess. The money she has earned from her vegetables has paid for her fees to take her exams at school. She is reading Agricultural Science, Maths and English, all of which will be useful for the future.

"I go to school and have paid the fees for my exams because of this project."

Nomthsndszo's future is still uncertain, in a country economically and politically weak, but her garden plot is giving her a chance in life that would not have been there otherwise. A little help goes a long way.

## A prayer for Walking the Way

God of all,  
as Jesus walked this earth sharing love grace  
and mercy,  
he fed the hungry with the bread of life  
and brought healing and hope to those he met.  
Renew us through the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we may do  
likewise.  
As we step out on this exciting, yet daunting, journey of  
discipleship,  
we pray that we will place our footsteps in yours  
and walk where you lead  
as we live out your life in our daily living for Jesus' sake.  
Amen.



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## Wycombe Youth for Christ

### 4 weeks of Prayer

**15<sup>th</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

At Wycombe YFC we have many opportunities to support children and young people, and we want to be certain we are walking in God's path. We will be praying for specific areas of ministry, with times each week to gather together and pray corporately.

For further details, or to receive our Prayer Booklet, please contact [office@wycombeyfc.org.uk](mailto:office@wycombeyfc.org.uk) or via Social Media @WycombeYFC.

# Heavenly angels - as defined by earthly ones!

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.

*Gregory, age 5*

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos any more. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. *Olive, age 9*

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel-clothes.

*Matthew, age 9*

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. *Mitchell, age 7*

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. *Henry, age 8*



Angels don't eat, but they do drink milk from Holy Cows. *Jack, age 6*

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead.

*Daniel, age 9*

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten.

And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. *Reagan, age 10*

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his Son, who's a very good carpenter.

*Jared, age 8*



All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. *Antonio, age 9*

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. *Ashley, age 9*

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it. *Vicki, age 8*

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. *Sarah, age 7*



# Prayers for January

Heavenly Father we thank you that although the wintry weather continues we know that the days are getting longer and that Spring is just round the corner. Thank you for the seasons that bring change and refreshment. Help us in our busy lives to become aware of the new life bursting to break through, and to rejoice in it. In Jesus' name. *Amen*

The Christmas journeys are over, Lord, and the journey into the next year has begun. We look forward with a mixture of excitement, hope and misgiving, not knowing what we shall find on the road. Be our companion and guide, we pray, keeping us from being disheartened and going astray. When we falter, sustain us, when we wander, bring us back, help us to celebrate our good times with you and give us your peace and joy in our inmost hearts all the time. *Amen.*

For all whose suffering will not end with a New Year  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
For all bereaved or injured in the Old Year,  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
For all who cannot forget or forgive old grudges,  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
For all peacemakers,  
We thank you, Lord.  
For all who feed the hungry,  
We thank you, Lord.  
For all who give shelter to the homeless,  
We thank you, Lord.  
For all leaders of the world,  
We pray for wisdom and understanding.  
For our own government , mayors and councillors,  
We pray for wisdom and understanding.  
For all nations and peoples of the world,  
We pray that your will be done, Lord. *Amen*

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