



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



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The next edition of Trinity Times will be published on 25th March. All contributions should be submitted by Sunday 18th March.



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Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

Our Lenten journey will take us to Holy Week when we are invited to reflect again on the events surrounding the death of Jesus on a Roman cross outside the city walls of Jerusalem almost 2000 years ago. Palm Sunday on 25 March points us to the entry of Jesus into that city riding on a donkey – a king coming in peace and humility. It moves onto his entry into the Temple to confront corruption and exploitation, a place of prayer turned into ‘a den of robbers’. His teaching stirs up both wonder and opposition and the plot that would lead to his arrest and execution begins.

A final meal with his friends becomes an occasion to speak of the future – God’s kingdom to come and the foretaste of that kingdom in the meal of bread and wine, signs of his sacrifice, his body broken and blood shed for the world. This we mark on Maundy Thursday as we gather with friends at Wesley Church taking bread and wine ‘to remember Jesus’ and to know that unity for which he prayed. Then on Good Friday we share worship again to focus on the cross following this with a walk of witness in town.

At the heart of this story is the love of Christ, a love that challenges violence and hatred, a love that identifies with humanity’s pain and suffering, a love that even death cannot defeat:

My song is love unknown, My
Saviour’s love to me; Love to
the loveless shown, That they
might lovely be.

O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

Samuel Crossman’s poem was first printed in 1664 and yet still speaks today of the impact of Jesus’ death on our lives. It remained little used until reprinted 200 years later in 1863. Deeply personal and moving, it invites us to imagine ourselves there as witnesses and to know that Christ has died and risen again out of love for each one of us and for the world. Let’s celebrate together the new life he can bring to our own lives, our community and our world.



News of the Church Family

Not included in this version

This month we would like to wish
A Happy Birthday to

Glyn E (4 th)	Terry H (25 th)
Rebecca H (6 th)	Pauline S (26 th)
Joy S (16 th)	Samuel E (28 th)
Andrew W (21 st)	Marianne H (29 th)

and Best Wishes to
Marian & Michael (25th) on
celebrating their WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
with love from all at Trinity

Worship at Trinity

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

- 4 March Worship and Communion led by Terry Hinks
- 11 March Morning Worship led by Roger Mundy
- 18 March Guides Thinking Day: All age worship led by Terry Hinks
- 25 March Palm Sunday Worship led by Terry Hinks

Worship is followed by refreshments to which all are welcome

Midweek Prayers at 9.30 am on Weds 7 and 21 March in church (half an hour of prayer together).

Our Prayer Ministry is available after worship each Sunday morning. For more information please speak to Marian Mole or the minister.

Service of Healing and Wholeness

The Prayer Circle is holding a service of healing and wholeness on Sunday 18 March at 4 pm. All are welcome to come to share in this. The circle is committed to pray regularly for people in need. If you would like to join the group (or have prayer requests) contact Terry Hinks or Audrey Richardson.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Tues 27 March 2.30 pm Simple Communion in the church sanctuary followed by refreshments (arranged by the Tuesday Meeting).
All are welcome

Thurs 29 March 7.30 pm Joint Maundy Thursday Communion at Wesley Methodist Church

Fri 30 March 10.00 am Joint Good Friday Worship at Trinity Church with members of Union Baptist and Wesley Churches
11.15 am Joint Good Friday Churches' Walk of Witness

Sun 1 April 10.30 am Easter Day Worship: 'Christ is risen!'
(Easter communion will be celebrated on 8 April)

What's on this month . . .

Thurs 1st March	Elders meeting	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Fri 2nd March	Women's World Day of Prayer (at Wesley Methodist church)	10:30 am
	Women's World Day of Prayer (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm
Tues 6th March	"Jesus the Wounded Healer" Lent Course (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Wed 7th March	Trinity prayers (Sanctuary)	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Sun 11th March	Traidcraft	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Sat 17th March	Synod meeting at Trinity Harrow	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sun 18th March	Prayer Circle/healing service (Sanctuary)	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Tues 20th March	AGM 7.30 pm and church meeting 8.00 pm (Sanctuary)	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Wed 21st March	Trinity Prayers (Sanctuary)	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Sat 24th March	Lighthouse Prayer Breakfast (Lower Schoolroom)	8:00 am - 10:00 am
Tues 27th March	Tuesday Meeting afternoon communion in Holy Week	2:30 pm
	"Jesus the wounded healer" final Lent session and shared meal	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Thurs 29th March	Maundy Thursday service at Wesley Methodist Church	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Fri 30th March	Good Friday service at Trinity (hosting Union Baptist & Wesley Methodist)	10:00 am - 11:00 am
	Walk of Witness	11.15 am

Advance Notice – Trinity Gift Day on Sunday 29th April to raise funds for new Lower School Room chairs *[see page 10]*

What's on . . . this month

Trinity Bookworms

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7 March at 2pm to discuss 'Mister Pip' by Lloyd Jones

Coffee & Chat

Coffee and Chat will be meeting on Wednesday 28 March at 10.30am
Newcomers are very welcome to join us.

Tuesday Meeting

All meetings in LSR (unless otherwise stated) at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday March 6th March and the Coming of Spring

~~Tuesday March 13th Another look at the parable of the Rich Farmer.....~~

Tuesday March 20th Trees (International Day of Forests March 21st.)

Tuesday March 27th Communion Service for Holy Week in the Sanctuary- Revd Terry Hinks. We invite friends to join us. There will be refreshments afterwards.



Women's World Day of Prayer 2017

Friday March 2nd

The prayers this year have been prepared by the women of Suriname

Regular March events

Every Sunday where possible

- ☐ Prayer ministry after the service

Every Tuesday

- ☐ Movers and Shakers Chinese Style (light exercise, talk/activity and lunch) 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- ☐ The Tuesday Meeting (small, friendly fellowship group) 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Every Thursday

- ☐ Pilates well-being class 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- ☐ Choir Practice (church choir practises Sunday's hymns) 8.00 pm
- ☐ Trinity Guides (term time) 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Every Friday

- ☐ Movers and Shakers, Caribbean style (light exercise, a talk or activity and lunch) 10 am – 1 pm
- Trinity Rainbows (term time) 5:15-6:15 pm
- Trinity Brownies (term time) 6:15-7:30 pm

Saturdays

- Saturday Café – first and third Saturday mornings 1.30 am to 1.30 pm
- Night Shelter every Saturday evening through to Sunday morning – finishes 1st April

To find out more about any activities held at Trinity, please talk to the minister or Church Secretary



It's Summer time again!

Remember to put your clocks forward when you go to bed on Saturday 24th March

Lent 2018

JESUS – the wounded healer

Presentation, Discussion and Reflection

**Tuesdays at 7.30 pm here at Trinity United Reformed Church
the themes in March are:**

6 March	Jesus: Misunderstood and Criticised
13 March	Jesus: Living through Loss and Grief
20 March	AGM / Church Meeting (no session)
27 March	Jesus: Resurrection Hope
	Final session with a simple meal

For more information contact Terry Hinks
on 01628 525076 or minister@trinity-urc.org.uk

Trypraying 2018

Building on the success of the 2016 and 2017 campaigns, Trinity Church and many churches in the Wycombe area are taking part in *trypraying* in the 2 weeks leading up to Easter in 2018 (from 18 March to 1 April). With many churches displaying banners and more adverts on buses this year the campaign will be a real sign of the deepening unity among the churches of the town.

The same booklet / phone app will be available as before but we hope to have other resources available to encourage people to pray in the way that is right for them. There is no one size fits all in our praying. Prayer will reflect our different personalities, situations and backgrounds. Do consider how you could be involved this year in this gentle but effective form of witness. Pray that it may fruit in unexpected ways.

Do have a seat



Trinity Gift Day – Sunday 29th April 2018

Church meeting previously voted to raise funds for the much-needed new chairs for the Lower School Room following its refurbishment in April.

The Elders propose having a special Gift Day to raise the funds for the chairs on Sunday 29th April (with an “advertisement” for this in the service on Sunday 15th April).

We will need £1653.00 for 30 new chairs (20 with arms, 10 without). The chairs will be of the type that we had on loan for some time from Alpha Furniture.

Our March church meeting will include a proposal to order and pay the 25% deposit for the chairs before the end of March so that we can benefit from our existing quote, as prices will rise from the beginning of April. We aim to raise the necessary funds from our Gift Day and hope that individuals would “buy a chair”.



The price of a lightweight budget stacking chair with arms and chrome frame, upholstered in a light blue stain resistant fabric, is £50.25. The price of a similar chair without arms is £37.25. Both prices attract VAT.

The current proposal is to purchase 20 chairs with arms, and 10 without.



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

Fairtrade Fortnight - 26 February to 11 March

RECYCLING & WASTE POLICY



Rubbish, including food and broken domestic glass, goes in internal waste bins OR the General Waste Wheelie in side entrance porch.



Mixed dry recycling goes in green recycling bin in Lower School Room, or red tub in kitchen, or straight into Recycling Wheelie in side entrance porch.

Mixed dry recycling means:

Paper

Cardboard

Plastic bottles

Cans

Glass bottles & jars

Items with recycling symbol (e.g. plastic yogurt pots and Tetrapak drink cartons)



No

**BLACK PLASTIC SACKS
PLASTIC BAGS
BATTERIES
RUBBISH
WOOD
METAL
FOOD**

Cores End Church

Quiz Evening on Saturday 3 March. Plans are in place and we look forward to an enjoyable evening. Members of Trinity are forming at least one team.

Going out for Lent

Inspired by Walking the Way members of the church are getting out into the community during Lent. Some will be meeting at a local pub for informal discussion. Others are going to the cinema - to see the comedy 'Finding your Feet' and the historical drama 'Victoria and Abdul', then meeting up afterwards to share views on the key themes from the films.

Fellowship Group

During Lent, the Wednesday afternoon group will be exploring the theme of a Living Sacrifice through the letter to Romans (chapter 12) at 2.30 pm at home of David and Rosemary Reynolds.

Easter Fun Day

The next fun day is to be held on Saturday 24 March for children aged 5 to 11. Lots of craft, games, singing and other activities. Numbers limited so please contact Ann Pendergast (01628 526865) for more information and to book a place.

250th Anniversary celebrations

The church will be marking its 250th anniversary with a series of events from May to November. This will include a fun day for members of the local community on Bank Holiday Monday on 7 May.

Our sponsorship of Cristian through Compassion – low funds

Since 2014 Trinity has been sponsoring Cristian Toro, a young boy living in Bolivia, through the charity Compassion, providing fees and uniforms so he can go to school. Cristian was born on 7 October 2009 so will be 9 years old this year.

We unfortunately still do not have enough funds to sponsor Cristian for 2018 (£300 is needed), so if anyone would like to make a donation (regular or one-off) to support him and help him in his education so that he has a future released from poverty, please see Sue Thorne. If you are a tax-payer, the Gift Aid can also be reclaimed. Thank you!

An update from Cristian!

We have had an update letter from Cristian (in Spanish), telling us about his ground-floor house (built of brick and cement), where he lives with his parents and siblings. He greets us in the name of Jesus Christ and thanks us for our sponsorship, and asks for prayers for his family. Here is a photo of him and a drawing that he has done for us.



These pictures are of low quality and may not reproduce very well in this magazine. - Ed

Thames North Training 2018

what will you do?

ideas for preachers (or anyone, really)....

We've got some interesting ideas here: Whether you're a lay preacher, a Minister of Word and Sacrament, an occasional preacher, someone who is just starting to explore preaching or you just like the sound of one of these, come along to.....

Friday March 23rd "An evening at the Museum"

an encountering evening the bible at the British Museum with John Campbell.

Saturday May 12th "Avoiding death by Power Point"

a visual morning exploring using power point in worship with Anne Sardeson.
venue TBC

Saturday July 7th "More than a hymn sandwich"

a musical morning, considering ways of weaving music into worship with Anne Sardeson and John Campbell. *venue TBC*

Saturday September 22nd "All ages welcome?"

a creative morning looking at worship through the eyes of all ages. *venue TBC*

Saturday November 3rd "Looking at Luke"

a biblical morning looking at the lectionary gospel for 2018/19 with John Campbell. *venue TBC*

some more ideas for later this year....

(look out for more info)

The bible through different eyes....

a series of evenings looking at the bible in different ways

Creative interruptions....

A chance to find out how you learn through doing things differently.

Be prepared to be surprised!

and not forgetting: Presiding at the Sacraments....

In previous years we've run these centrally, but this year we're waiting for you to say what you need and where you need it.

Let **Anne Sardeson** know your local needs and she'll get back to you.

For info about any of these events, to let us know you plan to come to one, or just to talk to the Synod Training Officer about your local training needs,

contact: **Anne Sardeson: training@urthamesnorth.org.uk**

Prayers for March

Lord of Creation as Spring advances may we see afresh the world around us as the leaves unfurl and the buds burst into life. Snowdrops, primroses, bluebells, tulips, wood anemones, all the common garden and wild flowers teach us to wonder again at their colour, their dainty and intricate forms and the way some look up to the sun while others sway with the slightest breeze. Let us enjoy again the movement and sound of insects and bees as they gather nectar and carry pollen to other flowers making sure there will be more next year. Thank you for this astounding world, Lord.

Amen

God our Father we thank you for your church which has been like a mother to your people gathered throughout the ages. Thank you for the old custom of Mothering Sunday when, from scattered lives, its children returned to worship at the church where they grew up. As we gather for our worship remind us that proclaiming Jesus as Lord binds us with worshippers in other places and buildings so that we work together for your Kingdom. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Jesus, tempted by the voice of the devil,
Help your people to distinguish between the good and bad choices offered them today.

Jesus, full of compassion,
Teach those who have more than they need to share with the poor and hungry.

Jesus, refusing to be the militant Messiah some wanted,
Fill the leaders of the nations with thoughts of peace.

Jesus, seeking time alone in prayer,
Encourage your church and followers to pray.

Jesus, dying in pain on the cross,
Be the strength needed in times of trouble and distress.

Jesus, Saviour of the World,
Lead your church through Lent to your glorious Resurrection.

Amen.

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