



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



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Pastoral letter

In the summer Elizabeth and I constructed a wildlife pond in our garden. Just a hole in the ground, some pond liner, water and a few plants (plus water snails) and then we sat back to see what happened. The result has been fascinating. A common diving beetle appeared, followed by lots of tiny swimming creatures. A dragonfly came and settled beside it. The birds like it too and the bats seem happy flying by at dusk. A tiny patch of water brings such life!

1 September marks the beginning of Creation Time (which runs from 1 September and 4 October). It is a season that churches across the world have marked in recent years, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, planet earth - God's creation. Our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing. This year the focus is on biodiversity and those preparing the material invite us all to consider the unique value of each creature in God's wondrously complex web of life.

Our Harvest Festival will be focussing on our relationship to our planet and how we can become better stewards of the amazing world of which we are part and on which we depend. We'll be giving thanks to God for the world in all its wondrous variety and reflecting on our responsibility to our Creator to care for this planet (and seeking God's forgiveness for the many ways we fail to do so). We'll be looking at actions we can take to reduce our carbon footprint, our use of single use plastic and our pollution of the air, land and sea. We are working to be an 'Eco Church', part of a scheme run by A Rocha, a Christian conservation charity that works here and across the world. A Rocha is our harvest charity, a way we can support and help its work to grow. We'll also be having a bring and share lunch, using locally produced food wherever possible.

Can I challenge you to consider a new action each month to help in this God inspired challenge to care, protect and heal for this glorious planet? Not out of guilt but out of gratitude and love. Loving our neighbours must be widened beyond the human family, to recognise our interdependence with all creatures and the earth itself. So enjoy creation, pray for God's guidance, take small steps to change your lifestyle and your actions. Better to take one step than none at all. Remember: 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.' (Psalm 24.1)



News of the Church Family

Not included in this version



Happy Birthday



This month we would like to wish a very
Happy Birthday to

Simon E (14th)

Iris H (18th)

Martin D (20th)

Harri B (22nd)

Valerie L (27th)

Michael M (28th)

Congratulations



and best wishes to

Lesley & Ian B (18th)

Joy & John S (19th)

Kay & Glyn E (30th)

on celebrating their Wedding Anniversary

with love from us all at Trinity

Worship at Trinity

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

1 September	Worship and Communion led by Terry Hinks
8 September	Morning Worship led by Bridget Powell
15 September	Harvest All age Worship led by Terry Hinks
22 September	Morning Worship
29 September	Morning Worship led by Richard Goldstraw

Worship is followed by refreshments to which all are welcome

Keep praying

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

Midweek Prayers at 9.30 am on Weds 4 and 18 Sept in church

The Prayer Circle is committed to pray regularly for people in need. If you would like to join the group (or have prayer requests) contact Terry or Kate Y. The group next meets on 13 October at 4 pm.

24/7 Prayer for High Wycombe is shared by all the churches. If you would to receive the 24/7 monthly prayer sheet please contact Marian M or Terry Hinks.

Regular events

Every Sunday where possible

- Prayer ministry after the service

Every Tuesday

- Movers and Shakers Chinese Style 10 am – 1 pm

Every Thursday

- Trinity Guides (term time) 7.30 - 9 pm

Every Friday

- Movers & Shakers Caribbean Style every Friday, 10 am to 1 pm
(no meetings till 13 September)
- Trinity Rainbows (term time) 5.15 - 6.15 pm
- Trinity Brownies (term time) 6.15 - 7.30 pm

Monthly

- Saturday Café (First Saturday each month) 11.30 am - 1.30 pm

Talk to one of the church members if you want to know more.

What's on this month

Sat 7 th Sept	Chiltern Local Area Group Steering Meeting	10.30 am – noon
Sun 8 th Sept	Traidcraft stall	after worship
Sat 14 th Sept	Ride & Stride - historic churches bike ride	all day
	New Ways into Worship training, at Amersham Free Church, for anyone involved in leading worship	10.30 am – 12.30 pm
Sun 15 th Sept	Harvest service and bring & share lunch	10:30 am
Tue 17 th Sept	Church Meeting	8 pm
Tuesdays 24 Sept, 1 Oct, 8 Oct, 15 Oct and 22 Oct	Autumn course	7.30pm

What's on this month . . .

Trinity Bookworms

Trinity Bookworms will be meeting at 2pm on Wednesday 4 September at 21 Fremantle Road when members will be discussing 'Somewhere Towards the End' by Diana Athill.

Coffee & Chat

Coffee & Chat: Please look out for the meeting date in September which will be published in Sundays' Order of Service!

The Tuesday Meeting

Tuesday Sept 10th Welcome back. Bring and Share Tea.
Tuesday Sept 17th Gardens
Tuesday Sept 24th Shoebox

All meetings in The Meeting Place at 2.30pm

Looking ahead

05-Oct	Cores End fundraising concert	7:30 pm
07-Oct	YMCA Chaplaincy Thanksgiving Service at Christ The Servant King	7:30 pm
27-Oct	Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving	4:30 pm
17-Nov	All-Age Parade Service celebrating 100 years of Guides	10:30 am
24-Nov	Church meeting and lunch after worship	noon
15-Dec	Junior Church Gift Service	10:30 am
22-Dec	No morning service – Carol service in afternoon	4:00 pm

Cores End Church

Lighthouse Bourne End

In the first week of the summer holidays a new and special Lighthouse holiday club was held at St Paul's School, Wooburn, focussing on children with particular needs. The children loved it and the leaders plan to build on its success in 2020.

Harvest Festival

The church's harvest festival will have an environmental theme. On Saturday 21 September the church will be working on its piece of land adjoining the churchyard. The aim is to develop this as a natural area with wildflowers and a mixture of fruit and other native trees. Between 10 am and 12.30 pm members of the congregation, neighbours and anyone interested are warmly invited to come and see the land and join in with clearing some of the brambles and strimming or scything the grass. At the end of the morning we will have a bring and share picnic and again all are welcome. The following day (Sunday 22 September) the church will celebrate harvest with a thanksgiving service at 10.30 am. There will be activities for children and a 'harvest' cake with refreshments after worship.

Eco Concert on 5 October

Plans are in hand for the Eco concert to be held on 7.30 pm on Saturday 5 October. There will be music and readings with an environmental theme and members of Trinity will be involved too. Entrance is free with donations going towards buying trees for the church's wildlife area and Berkshire Buckinghamshire & Oxford Wildlife Trust.

Sponsored Walk

Some members are taking part in a sponsored walk on Saturday 12 October to raise funds for the refurbishment of the church toilets. If you would like to join them contact Terry.

Date for the diary

The church's charity coffee morning is to be held on 14 December.

Shared Lunch - Sunday 15th September

There will be a bring-and-share lunch after our Harvest service on 15 September and donations of food will be very welcome. If you can help with this, could you please sign up on the list in the Meeting Place. Thank you.

Suzanne



Sunday 24 November – short church meeting after worship

Our short church meeting will take place after morning worship
Coffee will be served before a bring-and-share lunch

Please sign up to bring some food to share

Thank you!

Please note that the above are two separate occasions and there are separate lists to which you can sign up.

THIS YEAR'S HARVEST CHARITY *A Rocha UK*

A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world.



The charity's work is a response to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and a demonstration of the Christian hope for God's world. We do this through:

- practical involvement in nature conservation projects and ecological research;
- campaigning on biodiversity issues;
- engaging with churches, schools, communities and individuals.

Part of the worldwide family of **A Rocha** organisations are committed to conservation action as an expression of Christian mission, we work collaboratively with others who share our passion for the planet and our desire for its flourishing. Here in the UK it runs the Eco Church scheme to encourage local churches to better care of the environment, both locally and globally.

<https://arocha.org.uk/>

HARVEST THANKSGIVING IS ON SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

**Worship at 10.30 am followed by bring and Share Lunch
Please bring something locally produced if possible**



HOLY HABITS **Making more disciples**

Tuesdays at 7.30 pm
from 24 September 2019

at Trinity Church (use side entrance)

Over the last year we have been exploring 'Holy Habits' an initiative by the Methodist and United Reformed Church to nurture Christian discipleship. We've looked at Luke's model of church found in Acts 2:42 – 47, from which the course identifies ten habits: biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, sharing of resources, service, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship, prayer and making more disciples. This autumn we bring our reflections to a close by looking at the final habit, 'Making more disciples'.

Our main focus will be on conversation and talking of God to other people. 'Talking of God' aims to help people to gain confidence in speaking about their faith in Jesus, deepen the relationships between individuals within a church context and encourage us all to recognise the opportunities already offered to us to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

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| 24 September | Looking at the final Holy Habit
– 'making more disciples' |
| 1 October | Starting the Conversation |
| 8 October | Conversation Stoppers |
| 15 October | Conversations in Context |
| 22 October | Living the Conversation |

**Sign up on list in church or for more information
contact Terry Hinks (01628 525076)**

'Blessing in the Land'

Commitment for Life has shared many people's stories over the years. It is lovely to have some follow up on some of these stories.

When a United Reformed group visited Nyamapanda in Zimbabwe in 2010 they were greatly impressed by the many income generating groups in the area. We shared stories of the welders, dressmakers, and electricians. The then Mayor had asked Silveira House to help the community find ways to earn a living. The skills learned and the training on HIV and reconciliation had a real effect on the growing township.



African woman in market

You may recall that Linda Mead met up with Aaron Mareya, the programme coordinator for technical vocation. Aaron has since reported that Silveira House was able to withdraw from Nyamapanda. Many of the groups were doing so well that they were perfectly capable of running themselves. Of course, trainers do go back on occasion to lend support. Aaron said that the electricians and plumbers are doing particularly well, with full order books and happy customers. The welders too are still operating. Unfortunately, the dressmakers struggle with the influx of second-hand clothing from Europe, USA and

Mozambique. They used to sell their own products in the local market and had hoped to expand into Mozambique, but the influx of cheap clothing makes that difficult.

However, the credit scheme is still working well, giving opportunities to expand and diversify. Before they stopped working in the area, Silveira House lobbied for the Small and Medium Enterprise Government Ministry Scheme. This means people now have the right to apply for a shop, stall or stand, according to their situation. When they are granted permission for one of these facilities, the plans have already been drawn up and approved, so getting it built is much simpler. These days, Aaron continues the work of Silveira House in South Matabeleland and this area is also starting to show healthy growth and hope for the future.



Sponsored Ride & Stride
Sat 14 September 2019

Bucks Historic Churches Trust -
Wycombe Deanery Area

In 2018 the county as a whole raised £31,048.82. Wycombe Deanery raised £1,967.00.

Would YOU like to participate this year by cycling or walking to nominated churches around the area?

- It will be an unusual and enjoyable day.
- Ride + Stride is an event like no other. Why not take part this year and find out for yourself what extraordinary things lie quietly behind the churchyard gates and creaking doors of Buckinghamshire's many churches and chapels?
- Ride + Stride is open to walkers as well as horse-riders and cyclists – in fact to anyone using a non-mechanical form of transport. It always takes place on the second Saturday of September between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm, and the object is to raise money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels of any Christian denomination in Buckinghamshire.
- Half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of the participant's choice, and the other half is added to a general fund which is administered by the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Churches are encouraged to make applications to BHCT for grants to help with church repairs and restoration.

For more information/sponsorship form, talk to Kate Yates

CRCW

The Big Day approaches

Saturday 7 March 2020

The Induction service for Karen Campbell, our Church-Related
Community Worker will take place at

3.00 pm

That will be followed by a Celebration Tea to mark Karen's induction as
CRCW

4.30 – 5.30 pm

Futher details will be given in the coming months.Watch this space!!

Prayers for September

Lift up your eyes and look at the skies.
Praise the Lord when the sky is blue
Praise the Lord when the clouds are high
Praise Him when the clouds are white
Praise Him when the storm clouds frown
Praise Him when the sky is grey
Praise Him when the skies are many
coloured at dawn or sunset.
Praise the Lord.

On all children returning to school and those starting new schools

Lord have mercy.

On all students entering university or college

Lord have mercy.

On all taking up apprenticeships

Lord have mercy.

On all starting new jobs

Christ have mercy.

On all moving home

Christ have mercy.

On all immigrants and refugees

Christ have mercy.

On all fearing redundancy

Lord have mercy.

On all made homeless

Lord have mercy.

On all unable to find work

Lord have mercy.

Lord of the earth and sky as this year of changeable weather continues we pray for all those across the world whose lives have been disrupted, sometimes changed for ever, by the effects of extreme heat and torrential rainfall. We remember especially the farmers in our land whose crops have been ruined and pastures waterlogged. Give them strength of mind and body as they face a difficult and challenging future. *Amen*

Grant, Lord, that the leaders of the nations cease their hostilities and trade-wars to join together in the battle against global warming. Thank you that there are school children, ordinary citizens, experienced environmentalists and dedicated research scientists to show the way. May our leaders remain true to their commitment. As Parliament reassembles may they too find a way to work together in the negotiations for our future relationship with the EU. *Amen*

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