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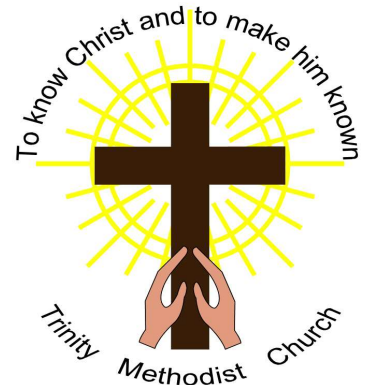


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Trinity continues to
Zoom Services.

Our thanks to our 'Zoom team'; enabling those at home to join us.

Trinity's Zoom Link:

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www.basingstokereadingmethodists.uk



Trinity E-News: Deadline:
September Newsletter –
Saturday 19 August

Trinity E-News is available on the Basingstoke & Reading Website, see link above.

I love receiving your lovely and varied pieces, so please keep them coming. **A Big Thankyou** to everyone who sends in items, which can be posted or emailed.

Thank you again, Hazel, Ed
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Cream Teas:

Served at Silchester Methodist Church,
3pm - 5pm every Sunday in July.



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July & August 2023

Dear Friends

Summer is here once more, and we have been experiencing some lovely sunshine and warm weather. I hope it is not too hot for those who, like me, struggle with the summer heat. It is also that time of year when we as Methodist people often mark endings in preparation for new beginnings in September. The last five years have flown by so quickly, and it is that time again when we are respectively asked to embark on the new season God has called us to, both as individuals and as church communities.

Our time together is forever marked by the Coronavirus pandemic. I would always remember the online services we shared together during those challenging months. Covid-19 has enabled many churches to seriously look at themselves and their future. We have witnessed both St Andrew's and Trinity Methodist Churches grow in their friendship and fellowship, as they regularly shared in united services and social events, which has led so naturally to their amalgamation. It has been a privilege (and a challenge) to have journeyed with you all over these last five years. Thank you for allowing me to share in your times of sorrows, challenges, joys, and celebrations; as individuals, families, and church communities. I would hold and cherish those precious memories in my heart.

I particularly want to say thank you for your hospitality. I have certainly made life-long friendships, and I have learned a lot from your personal stories and faith journeys. The Basingstoke and Reading Circuit is my second appointment as a presbyter, and when I arrived in 2018, it all still felt very new to me. The churches I journeyed alongside in Basingstoke have enabled me to better inhabit my role as a presbyter and helped me to gain greater confidence in God's call for me. Regularly, I needed to draw from the inner resources and strength God has placed within me so I could respond

appropriately to the many challenges. These words from Isaiah 43:1-3 have been constantly on my mind over the last five years:

*“...Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name;
You are Mine.
When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not
overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you
shall not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch you.
For I am the Lord your God...”*

Answering God's call as individuals and as a church community has both its opportunities and its challenges and yet one thing we can be certain of is that God is with us. One of my old pastors used to say to us as young people: 'God's will would never lead you where his grace cannot keep you.' I have proven this to be true in my own life over the past 12 years. When I first embraced God's call as a student presbyter I also knew that I would need to embrace all of the self-sacrifice that comes with it. I can boldly say that I have never for one moment lost confidence in God's presence on this journey.

St Andrew's and Trinity, the journey to truly becoming one church that serves the mission of God in his Son Jesus Christ, also has its opportunities as well as its challenges, and yet you all can take encouragement from Paul's words in Philippians 1:6, which says: *“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”* May your amalgamation bring forth the fruits of God's kingdom and of his Son Jesus Christ.

I offer to God this prayer as we look towards God's future for us as individuals and as church communities:

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God of endings and new beginnings,
 you call us to different places and people
 at different times.
 We trust you to be with us at this point of
 our journeys,
 as we embark on new adventures.
 May all that we seek to be and do, point
 others to your love
 in your Son Jesus Christ, our living Lord.

Revd Audrey D Browne

CHURCH KEYS



If anyone is holding church **KEYS** they no longer use, please could you return them to me. I can then update the register. Thank you. *Edna Rawlins*

Northern Housegroup

Our next meeting will be on:

Tuesday 4 July at 7.30 pm at Sonia's home. The evening is "Independence Day" and we look forward to hearing stories of trips to America, a special poem, music or reading connected to this, and maybe finding out more about Dr Martin Luther King or Billy Graham. There will be no meeting in August.

Hilary, Edna and Sonia

Popular Health Myths Debunked

Two litres of water a day: For decades, the advice has been to drink two litres of water a day, or about eight glasses. But our fluid requirements vary, depending on exercise, the weather, climate, and our age. You may need as many as six, or as little as one. For, according to a professor of nutritional sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, "a lot of your water comes from the food you eat."

**Welcome Service for:
 Revd Claire Simpson
 at St Andrew's Church,
 Basingstoke
 at 4 pm on
 Sunday 3 September 2023**

**New Housegroup
 The New 'Harrow Way
 House Group'**

Invites everyone to join them in the Lounge at Trinity at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 25 July to hear about the – 'Webb's Worldwide Wander' (mainly to New Zealand).

We look forward to welcoming you.

Angela Webb

**'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)
 Meets 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, usually the 1st Sunday in the month.**



**The Next 'JAM' Date is:
 Sunday: 2 July**

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JAM – Children & Families meet in the Lounge, *usually* the 1st Sunday in the month, to hear stories of Jesus, craft, singing & tea. Some of what we do at JAM is often displayed in the foyer area at Church for all of us to see.

**All are very welcome.
 Do come along and join us.**

Sunday Worship – Trinity and our Basingstoke Churches

Plan for Worship – July & August 2023

Enquiries – Trinity: contact Diane Bath ☎: 01256 320429 or email at: dianeath51@gmail.com // St Andrew's: contact Linda Hoe ☎: 01256 417219 or email at: lindahoe@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.



Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – July 2023

Dates	2 July	9 July	16 July	23 July	30 July
Trinity 10.30 am	Now Joint at St Andrews Change to Plan	Revd A Browne, S	Mr C Marsh, Joint Trinity	NO 'AM' Service 4 pm, Circuit Farewell Service, Trinity	Mr S Appiah
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Revd M Beukes & Revd D Jenkins, 4 pm – Closure & Launch	LA, Zoom	Mrs J Hardcastle, Zoom	Mr P Frank, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr D Munns	LA	Revd A Browne	Mr S Turner	Mrs S Whithorn
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S, United at Oakridge	Mr T Rowell	Mr C Marsh	LA
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr S Appiah	United at Oakridge	Revd D Jenkins	LA	Mr T Rowell
St Andrews 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S, Joint with Trinity	Mrs S Whithorn, P	Joint at Trinity	No 'AM' Service 4 pm, Circuit Farewell Service, Trinity	Revd Ruth Midcalf

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – August 2023

Dates	6 August	13 August	20 August	27 August
Trinity 10.30 am	Mr T Pitt <i>with Mrs A Walker</i> , Joint at Trinity	Joint at St Andrew's	LA, Joint at Trinity	Trinity's LAST Service at 11.30 am
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr S Turner, Zoom	Mrs S Whithorn, Zoom	Mr S Appiah, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	LA	Revd V Fisher	Mrs L Hoe	Mr T Rowell
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr P Frank	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr S Appiah	United at Old Basing
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr T Bell	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S	United at Old Basing
St Andrews 10.30 am	Joint at Trinity	Mr P Frank, Joint at St Andrew's	Joint at Trinity	NO Service at St Andrew's, St Andrew's to join with Trinity

Circuit Farewell Service for:

Revd David Shaw; Revd Audrey D Browne & Mary Ludlow:

UPDATE: With regard to the **Circuit Farewell Service at 4pm on Sunday 23rd July at Trinity Basingstoke**, the Catering Team at Trinity have kindly said they can provide the tea, coffee etc. but would be very grateful if each church could bring along a contribution to the tea in the form of a **homemade cake, cakes / scones or biscuits**. Please could this be brought to Trinity on the day just prior to the service. **Refreshments will be served after the service.**

Please let **Marion marion@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk** know what you will be contributing so we know how much to expect, thanks.



Thanksgiving – Final Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Basingstoke

On **Sunday 27th August at 11:30 am** there will be a service to give thanks to God for the life and work of the congregation past and present at Trinity Methodist Church, Basingstoke.

There will be time to share fellowship over refreshments after the service.

All are welcome to join us for this significant moment in the journey of the people of Trinity.

If you are in touch with former members, please let them know.

If you are hoping to come, please sign the list in the Trinity welcome area or contact:

Diane at trinity.celebration.diane@gmail.com

If you have any photos of Trinity's journey, please send them to David at trinity.celebration.david@gmail.com

If you have a memory of Trinity's journey so far that you would like to share, please send it to David at trinity.celebration.david@gmail.com

You will notice, I am sure, that we have made the service an hour later to assist those travelling from a distance.

Angela Webb

- **175 years ago, on 7 July 1848**, Waterloo railway station in London opened.

Positive Working Together

One of the projects of the Methodist Church is Positive Working Together. There is a lot of material on the Methodist Church website but I thought I would try to summarise some of it here as I think reflecting on it may help us become a loving Christ-centred community.

Key themes

Positive working together is viewed through the lens of three key themes:

- shared humanity;
- journeying together in learning and understanding;
- humanity's need of God's grace.



You can read about the key themes in more detail at: www.methodist.org.uk/pwt (page 7, section 5).

Promoting positive working relationships

On an everyday basis positive working together requires attention to how individuals communicate with each other and how people are treated.

You can read more about this here: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/pwt> (page 11, section 6).

In practical terms this means:

Communication

- paying attention to how we greet and address each other on an everyday basis, ensuring that we are at all times courteous, respectful and appropriate, regardless of the medium;
- being mindful of the impact our communication has on others and making efforts to understand our communication from the perspective of how it is received by others;
- being aware of how our power over others is communicated and taking measures to ensure that such power is not misused or abused;
- only communicating about other people what we would be prepared to communicate to them face-to-face unless there are overriding and justifiable reasons not to do so;
- making an effort to check with others whenever we fear we may have upset or offended them in order to promote confidence and clarity in our relationships with others;
- making time to genuinely listen to what others communicate to us particularly when the situation is sensitive or personally challenging to us.

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How we treat each other

- treating every person fairly, equally and with dignity and respect;
- behaving at all times with integrity, honesty and openness;
- adjusting our behaviour, including language, if we understand it to be causing offence;
- bringing unfair treatment to the attention of others so as to avoid it being repeated;
- challenging inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour we have witnessed and doing this in a constructive, sensitive and proportionate way;
- responding to criticism of our own behaviour by genuinely listening to what is being said, remaining calm and reflecting honestly on its potential validity before responding;
- being aware that at times we may lack self-awareness and that this may impact negatively on our behaviour.

Extracted and Summarised from Positive Working Together on the Methodist Church Website by Angela Webb.

Trinity Circle

**Our Next Meeting is on [Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 2 pm](#)
in the garden of Ann & Steve Walker.**

**This is our Annual Garden Party which Ann & Steve kindly arrange for us.
There will be a donation box for ["Action for Children"](#).**

Our August meeting will be our last at Trinity before amalgamating with St Andrew's. [This is on Tuesday 8 August at 7.30 pm in the lounge](#). The evening is called ["Memories"](#) and we ask you to bring any photos you may have of Trinity Circle past and present, maybe you have some happy/funny memory you would like to share with us. Let's make it a fun evening of sharing with each other. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Sonia

[Tuesday Lunches at Christ Church Chineham:](#)

We continue to cook and serve a two-course lunch **on the first and third Tuesday each month**, 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm. Lunches consist of a jacket potato, two fillings (one will always be cheese), salad and a pudding. No set charge – 'guests' are invited to give what they can afford. ***Booking by the Friday before the lunch is now essential***, so please sign up on [ChurchSuite](#) or phone the Office (☎: 01256 474280) if you are able, or contact: MarianneBunn1610@hotmail.com



Prayer for the Birth of a New Christian Community

As we move towards becoming a new Christian community, several groups are at work dealing with the practicalities. You are invited to pray specifically for them as well as for us all as we move forward. You may wish to use the prayer below and also to use material on the Circuit Prayer card headed "Transition and Change"

The groups are:

- Audio Visual / Sound
- Storage
- Stuff (movable property)
- Support Services.
- Worship as they plan the thanksgiving service for Trinity.



Generous and Gracious God,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 Creator, Revealer and Enabler,
 Community of Love,
 Your love for us surrounds us
 And flows between us.

We thank you for your guidance as we journey together.

We thank you that we are part of your Community of Love if we choose to be. We thank you that as the death and resurrection of Jesus led, by the power of the Spirit, to the birth of a new community, you are at work amongst us creating a new loving Christ - centred community.

We put our trust in your unfailing love.

We cannot see the Spirit, but we know that the fruit of your Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control and wherever we see these, your Spirit is at work.

We commit ourselves to work with the Spirit.

At any birth there are practicalities to deal with and we ask for the strength, guidance and encouragement of the Spirit as we move forward with these.

We ask that we may make good use of the gifts and equipment we have to enhance worship, and to make our worship inclusive of all.

We know there is a lot of stuff to sort through and to decide what to do with. Help us to remember this work is part of your creation of a new Christ - centred community and that all that we have comes from you.

Help us to recognise what the new community can use, and what can graciously and generously be passed on to others.

May we work together, sensitively and harmoniously, as we allow you to shape us into a new community.

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We know there is still work to be done as stewards of the Trinity building. We pray for the continuing work of support services as they prepared to hand over the management of the building to the Circuit. May they have the wisdom and strength they need to complete these tasks

May all those who are faithfully working with you know the consolation of your love, joy and peace.

We know we can only become a loving Christ - centred community by relying on you. Help us to put our trust in your unfailing love and show us the part each one of us has to play in your new community of love.

With thanksgiving, we ask these prayers in Jesus' name,

Amen

Angela Webb

NEW BEGININGS

Having said his final goodbyes, he went across to the workshop. He leaned against the wooden bench and studied the tools, all carefully hung on the wall, each with its own designated space. The familiar smell of sawdust hung in the air.

It didn't seem that long ago when he was just a boy, working alongside his father, and learning the skills of carpentry. Now he was older his parents had accepted that he was leaving them to tread quite a different path.

Nearby, there were a couple of items waiting to be repaired, but on the far side of the workshop, thrown in an untidy heap, were the offcuts of wood, and odd bits of broken chairs. His eyes were drawn to what appeared to be a complete chair, but on closer inspection he realised that one of the back supports was cracked making the chair dangerously unstable. Further down he found to his surprise a sturdy chair of good wood, but he could see it was missing a leg. It seemed sad that they were both destined to become firewood, and he began taking them apart, laying all the pieces out on the floor.

Later, he cleaned off the tools he had used and carefully placed them back on the wall. Now, next to the bench stood a chair. Constructed from bits and pieces; it had four strong legs, a solid seat and back, and carved arms. He viewed his handiwork with some satisfaction knowing that he had taken a couple of old chairs that were no longer serviceable, and created from them a new chair that was good and strong that would last for many years.

He closed the door behind him, shook the sawdust off his sandals and set off on his journey.

Anon

- **Just over 250 years ago, on 10 May 1773**, Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies, which led to the Boston Tea Party in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA. (wow!)

The Closing of Trinity

As we close Trinity's building for worship services at the end of August, we are taking the necessary steps to close the accounts and to deregister Trinity as a Charity.

To that end, the existing bank account will be closed in September. If you currently have a Standing Order to Trinity, please could you alter it with effect from:

1st August to the St Andrews bank account which is:

Account name:	St Andrews Methodist Church
Account number:	81781448
Sort code:	40-09-18

By moving your Standing Order at that time, you will make the process of closing the accounts simpler.

Trinity handles Gift Aid differently to St Andrews. We expect the new Church to process it as St Andrews does now. To that end, you will be asked to complete a new Gift Aid declaration in due course.

We thank you for your financial support of God's work at Trinity over the years and trust that you will continue to support the new Church meeting in the existing St Andrews building from September.

If you have questions or concerns about this, please contact **Tony Pitt** (organista@btinternet.com) or one of the Church Stewards.

Pens made from Trinity Church Pews Raising money for ChildLine

Over the years, a number of pews have been removed from the Church. Would you like a reminder of all the hours that you sat on those hard pews? These pens are made from the teak from the pews.

Pens can be made slimmer or bulged, as shown, as you prefer.

- Pen types 1 and 2 (twist pens) cost **£11**;
- Pen type 3 (click pen) costs **£15**.

£4 profit from each pen sold will go to ChildLine to further their work providing confidential support to young people on the phone or on the Internet.

If you are interested, please contact Tony Pitt (organista@btinternet.com). Tony will also have pens available after services on some Sunday mornings.

Childline is a service provided by NSPCC, Weston House, 42 Curtain Road, London EC2A 3NH. Registered charity number 216401.

Tony Pitt



Memorials (*Trinity*)

At the recent SSG meeting the subject of memorials and other items at the church was mentioned.

It occurred to me that we should ask if anyone has a personal item that was presented to the church which they would like to reclaim for safekeeping, when we are in the early stages of clearing the building prior to our move. Now would be an appropriate time ?

Sue Doust

South Ham Churches Lunch Club



The 3 churches on South Ham run a Lunch Club **every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month** in a welcoming at St Joseph's Church, St Michaels Road, South Ham at 12.30 pm.

For the over 55`s at £5 per head, you get a main meal which can be vegetarian followed by a hot drink, cake and biscuits and if you are a diabetic, a diabetic pudding.

Bob Lock



Basingstoke Street Pastors 15th Anniversary – 2008 - 2023

Celebration and Recommissioning Service

Sunday 23rd July, 6:30pm

United Reformed Church, London Street, Basingstoke RG21 7NU



You are invited to join our
15th Anniversary
Celebration
and
Recommissioning Service
followed by light refreshments



Sunday 23rd July, 6:30 pm

URC Church
London Street,
Basingstoke
RG21 7NU



RSVP – www.bit.ly/bsp-15yrs

- **125 years ago, on 30 July 1898**, Henry Moore, British sculptor and illustrator, was born. Best known for his monumental semi-abstract bronze sculptures.
- **75 years ago, on 5 July 1948**, the National Health Service (NHS) began operating.

A Lovely Service

A lovely, joyful and happy service was held on 11 June at St Andrew's Church, led by our Minister, Revd Audrey D Browne, when Christine Toohey was Confirmed into membership and Beryl Watson and Margaret Price transferred into membership.

They each chose one of the hymns and the service included Holy Communion and afterwards a beautiful cake to have with our coffee, made especially for the occasion by Linda.

There are several photos below, courtesy of Bob (thankyou) and (Michael who put them into a format for me to include):



Linda and some of her team.



Apologies from Old Basing: It has been brought to my attention recently that we at Old Basing made an unfortunate error in omitting to report the sad passing of our dear friend **Joan Winfield**, who had been attending worship right to the end. We had a lovely Thanksgiving service with her family at the Chapel led by Revd David Jenkins. We realise she had previously been well known to many of you as she attended many Circuit occasions that took place in Basingstoke especially going back to her time in North Warnborough, **Lee**

- **65 years ago, on 26 July 1958**, debutantes were presented at the British royal court for the last time.

The Hundred Guinea Oak Tree, National Trust, The Vyne, Basingstoke



The ancient oak tree, thought to be 650 years old, owes its long life, to William John Chute, who opened the Vyne, during the 19th century.

It's believed it gained its name after he refused to sell it to a naval agent, looking for timber at the time of the Battle of Trafalgar.

When Chute refused the first offer of £100, the agent returned the following day offered £100 Guineas.

According to diary entries written at the time, Chute said 'Any tree, that increases in value by £5 overnight, is too valuable an investment to lose.'

The hundred guinea oak has been present for many key moments in the Vyne's history.

In Tudor times it saw royal visitors, including Henry V111 with Catherine of Aragon, and Anne Boleyn, and during the 2nd world war, it witnessed the estate being used to shelter evacuees.

Over its life-time it also supported a variety of wildlife. It is a favored resting place for jackdaws, nuthatches, and squirrels, can frequently be seen moving around the branches. Fungal decay has slowly hollowed out the trunk, which provides shelter for invertebrates.

How we care for the tree. Rare and ancient trees need special care. To make sure it can withstand bad weather, we treated the tree by hooking it up to movement sensors, and exerting a force on its position, tells how it fares against a prevailing wind.

We treat the roots with a lovingly deep layer of wood chip, and a solution of compost steeped in microbes. The process improves the air in the soil, and makes the nutrients more easily absorbed by the tree.

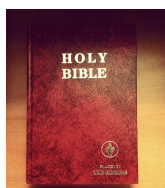
One hundred Guineas is worth the same as £105 in modern money. Today Guineas are used to sell horses.

Very approximately £100 is equivalent in purchasing power today to £17,000. A real investment, too good as Chute said, to lose.

Trefoil Guild (Girl Guiding) is celebrating 80 years this year, since its formation, the Oak Tree has been chosen as a symbol of long life in the UK.

Magaret Garland

Ukraine War: Help Support the Church in Ukraine with Bibles



<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>

- **60 years ago, on 1 July 1963**, the British government revealed that intelligence officer Kim Philby was a long-term Soviet spy and that he was the 'third man' in the Cambridge spy ring. On 30 July the Soviet Union announced they had granted him political asylum.



OPEN • ONLINE • FOR EVERYONE

Forward in Faith

Greetings to all at Trinity from the people of Kempshott, now re-launching as the Church of the Living Stream. We wish to offer you our prayerful support as you, too, move to a new future. We are uniquely able to understand the position you find yourselves in and know that you will be setting forward in faith, as we are.

Our own plans are now well-developed. For the last two years we have used the building for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. We have two more such services on 2 July and 6 August at 10.30, led by Revd. David Jenkins.

Our special service to celebrate the life of the building will be on 9 July at 4pm. All are invited to share with us in this service.

Thereafter we will continue to hold Zoom services at 10.30 am each Sunday morning. We provide opportunities for worship to those who are unable to attend their local churches for whatever reason.

Every Wednesday morning, also at 10.30 am, we have a Wednesday Fellowship which provides the opportunity for reflection, sharing concerns and prayer. All are welcome to join in on-line.

Our Website is [www.https://churchlivingstream.co.uk](https://churchlivingstream.co.uk)

We very much appreciate reading the very well-prepared and interesting Trinity News and look forward to its new incarnation in the autumn.

Wishing you all every blessing

Charmian Harrison (Church Steward)

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Sunday Morning Service at 10.30am & Wednesday Fellowship at 10.30am – Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6250073339?pwd=WU9VUDVPdHlsWHMxRWVjWTNidDZtZz09>

Meeting ID: 625 007 3339 Passcode: uYrc2X

Queries: Colin – 01256 468969
grace_colin@hotmail.co.uk

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- **50 years ago, on 30 July 1973**, pharmaceutical companies in the UK agreed to pay more than £20 million in compensation to about 400 children who were born with birth defects after their mothers took thalidomide during pregnancy.

Stepping out in faith on Zoom

Sunday worship at the Church of the Living Stream is now shared by more people than who attended our now closed church building, says Ian Harrison



Voicing a View

IT all began with lockdown. We were a small Methodist church on the outskirts of Basingstoke, but one where people enjoy fellowship and mutual support.

Lockdown in 2020 brought things to an abrupt halt, but we wanted to continue to worship together in a meaningful way. At the time the online Zoom package was in its infancy so a bit of learning on the hoof was required.

We found that by carefully arranging services to a shorter format we could fit nicely into the free 40 minute allowance.

And that's what we do: not a five-hymn

sandwich but a tailored interactive service with people reading the Bible, prayers and a reflection/sermon top and tailed by two hymns with video visuals to match the words.

All very simple really, once we had got the hang of it. We get more people joining on Zoom than came to church and it's not considered disgraceful to be drinking a cup of coffee while participating in the service!

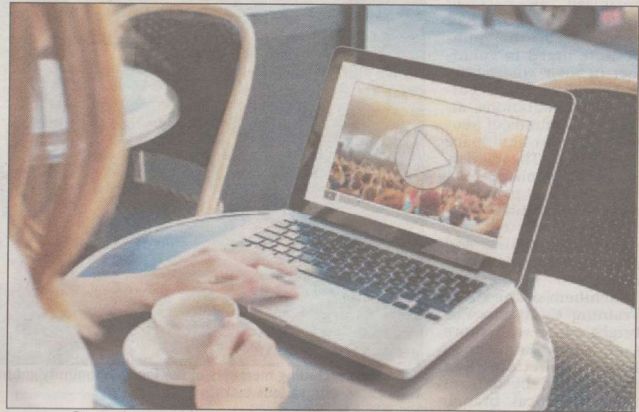
The appeal is to all, whoever and wherever they are. We have friends who go to Roman Catholic Mass first and come and join us; we have a member in Devon; we have joined services from a cruise in the Mediterranean.

Fantastic!

We used to have a monthly house fellowship which was fairly sparsely attended; we changed that into a weekly "Wednesday Fellowship" at 10.30am every Wednesday. Again the appeal is wide. A very simple format, just three selected hymns or poems, which we read antiphonally with prayers and a chat. It works.

Online

However, after lockdown etc what then? We had lost a few more folk during the pandemic and numbers were on the edge of viability as a normal church. So we took the obvious course — to go entirely online and dispose of our



Streaming worship: the way ahead? (Photo: Anyaberkut / Dreamstime).

building. That is where we are now: we have restyled ourselves as "The Church of the Living Stream" — not because we are ashamed of our Methodist heritage, but because this is what we are.

Streaming to all and

very much alive! We have just created a new website (<https://churchlivingstream.co.uk>) where anyone can join a Sunday service, Wednesday fellowship, ask for prayer and find out about the charities we support.

It is particularly aimed at anyone who is unable to get

to church, for any reason, and who would like to join in a friendly act of worship. The website went live at Pentecost.

Dr Ian Harrison is a Methodist from Kempshott, in the Basingstoke and Reading circuit.

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Old Basing Methodist Church

'Time to Talk'

Tuesdays 25 July & 22 August, 2.30pm.

This is replacing our monthly prayer meetings. It's an opportunity for people to come along & talk about their news good or bad, share any celebrations, worries or concerns. The meeting ends with prayers.

Come and Enjoy 'Fellowship with Friends' after Morning Worship at Trinity or St Andrew's along with an 'enjoyable cup of Coffee, Tea and a Biscuit.'



Oakley Methodist Church



Coffee Mornings on the
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month
 10.30 am – 12 noon:

In July on the: 11 & 25 July
In August on the: 8 & 22 Aug
 £1 for a bottomless tea or coffee
 & biscuits

Also paperbacks available at 30p each

Old Basing Methodist Church

A New Monthly Group on

**Tuesdays 18 July & 15 August,
 11.30 am - 1 pm**

**CAMEO – an opportunity to
 'Come along & meet each other'**

**A Light lunch will be served,
 please bring along any crafts
 or puzzles.**



- **Not like it used to be – I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over while pulling on my socks !**

Mary Magdalene (by Canon Paul Hardingham, Parish Pump)

Six Marys are mentioned in the New Testament, including Mary Magdalene, who is remembered this month in the church's calendar. What can we learn from Mary's story?

We don't have to be defined by our past: When Jesus encountered Mary, He cast seven demons out of her (Luke 8:2). As a result, her life was transformed and she became a follower of Jesus. Her life as a disciple was no longer defined by the person she had been before. Like Mary, we don't have to let our past without Christ dictate how we see ourselves today.

Put Jesus at the centre of our world: Along with some of the women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases (Luke 8:1-3), Mary followed Jesus and His disciples and supported them in ministry. She was there at the cross (Matthew 27:55-56) and one of the first to the tomb on the Sunday (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1 and John 20:1-18). Like Mary, we are called to serve Jesus as dedicated disciples.

Jesus uses the weakest in the world: Mary is a great example of Paul's words: *'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.'* (1 Corinthians 1:27). At a time when women were regarded as second-class citizens with no real autonomy, Jesus had a special compassion and care for women. Alongside Mary, the women's witness to the resurrection was taken seriously.

We should be careful not to dismiss the things that don't follow our expectations, because Jesus doesn't always do what we expect! He delights in working out His plans through unlikely people and in surprising ways. He did this through Mary, and if we let Him, He can do it through us!

Spiritual Disciplines: Solitude (by Canon Paul Hardingham, PP)

'Solitude is a time when we withdraw from the company of others in order to give God our undivided attention' (John Ortberg).

The spiritual discipline of *solitude* is about spending time alone with God, to grow in relationship with Him and hear Him more clearly. This practice was a priority in Jesus' life and ministry, especially at crucial moments eg *'Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed'* (Mark 1:35).

Solitude is not so much about what we *do* as what we *don't* do! If we want to hear God, we need to consciously shut out the external noise in our lives and focus on the quiet inside us. If we are honest, this can be a real struggle. We want to do it, but other things can so easily get in the way: distractions, tiredness, jobs that need doing, wandering thoughts etc. Solitude gives us an opportunity to enjoy God's presence, as somebody who we really want to spend time with.

Richard Foster ('Celebration of Discipline') suggests some ways in which we might grow in this discipline: **'Little solitudes'**: small everyday moments to seek inner silence eg, coffee times, travelling to work and time spent outside. **Quiet place:** having specific places where we go to be quiet, eg a room or special chair in our home. **Retreat:** **organising a retreat where we can have time in silence and solitude.**

We need to plan carefully how we use our time with God, including silent listening, meditating on Scripture, prayer, journaling, taking a meditative walk, or listening to a worship CD. **'If we possess inward solitude we do not fear being alone, for we know that we are not alone.'** (Richard Foster)

Sunday 4 June – ‘Memories of Trinity’

On Sunday 4 June at Trinity we had our very last Church Anniversary Service. Anne Rowe led the service beautifully. Anne had asked for people to contact her with memories from Trinity’s life over the years, so throughout the service there were memories shared with us by a number of people, with Anne reading some out on behalf of others and sharing some herself with us as well. A couple of these I have included below.

We had a piece written by Carol Piggott about Women’s Fellowship and David Webb shared memories of Junior Church across the years, mentioning the many people who had been involved in running Junior Church over a lot of years. The memories brought back many memories to us all, of people as well as of groups.

Heather Shepherd talked about our fantastic ‘Weekends Away at Slavanka’ in Bournemouth, she said:

“I have so many happy memories of our church weekends away at Slavanka. From the first visit to a very basic hotel – on our arrival there appeared to be no tea / coffee facilities so John and Joan Rowland went off to the local shop and we enjoyed our ‘cuppa’. There were no en-suite bedrooms and a man arrived first thing in the morning with your tea / coffee. He would knock on the door and immediately enter – so you had to be prepared!

Later the hotel was refurbished and the older members of the group had lovely little bedrooms with the requisite en-suite. Our room was near the door to the public rooms and we would hear the click of snooker balls – the youngsters got up early ! They were of course excited and could run around noisily but 15 minutes before breakfast we gathered for prayer and they sat still and quiet.

We had agreed from the beginning that our Minister would also have a free weekend so we would invite a leader – there would be some theme directed talks and discussions and some craft. On Saturday afternoon we would be free. The families would be off to the beach, the young people to climb Hengistbury Head and us oldies would drive into Christchurch to recount the swans and enjoy tea and a cream cake in the little café on the green.

Saturday evening we were entertained by contributions from the brave souls. Who could forget Terry Ayres dressed as a schoolboy making us laugh almost till we cried. Sunday morning arrived with preparation for our service, followed by a lovely Sunday lunch, then it was thankyou’s and goodbyes for another year. It always went too quickly but was a lovely time of fellowship and fun together and with the Lord.

Thankyou God for the memories”, ***Heather***

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Angela Smith talked about the ‘Trinity Flower Club’, she said:

“Steve and I moved to Basingstoke in August 1989 and our membership transferred to Trinity from our old circuit of Thame and Watlington. One of the groups that I wanted to join was the Flower Club. This had been started in the early 1990’s by Joan Thomas, Jean Bass and Wendy French, all with the support of our then minister, Revd John Rowland and his wife Joan.

Joan, Jean and our group organised a few flower festivals along with Freda Durrant and Jean Heath, both of whom have sadly passed on, but who were both important and active

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Sunday 4 June – ‘Memories of Trinity’ (continued)

members of the Flower Club.

Our daughter, Claire, was married at Trinity in June 1999, where again the Flower Club played an important part in decorating the church for the wedding.

Sue Doust has kindly taken over the leadership of the Flower Club in more recent times due to Joan Thomas becoming too frail to attend, and the loss of older members like Jean Bass and Jean Heath.

Flower Club continued to decorate the church for Sunday services as well as occasional special services too, until everything was changed with the advent of Covid and lockdown etc.

We would like to thank Ann Walker, Wendy and Sue for still providing flower arrangements in Church as the occasion warrants.

Flower club members have always been supportive of each other over the years that we have met, including in our number Pamela, Sarah, Rhona and Sally.

Think of a world without any flowers,
 Think of a world without any trees,
 Think of a sky without any sunshine,
 Think of the air without any breeze.
 We thank You, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,
 We thank You, Lord, and praise Your Holy Name.

Hazel Harris, Editor

Churches

Our churches stand as symbols
 Standing tall for all to see.
 In times gone by, the centre of community.
 People flocking to prayer and worship,
 The place for hatch, match and dispatch.

Today many of our churches
 Stand tall but often under used.
 Dwindling numbers of people gather each week,
 They are becoming as museums – the history of religion.

No longer are our churches full.
 We need to actively seek them out,
 Just like Jesus and his early followers did.
 On our laurels we can no longer rest.

Lord, stir us into action,
 Help us to look afresh.
 To find new ways
 To share Your forgiveness and love.



One thing is certain,
 We can no longer remain behind
 closed doors.
 Inspire us to fling wide the gates,
 To let Your Glory out following in
 Your footsteps
 And turning hearts to you.

Jennifer Pitt

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Prayers
 June to August 2023
 Transition and Change



Our circuit text; Hebrews 10: 23-25

²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)

Bathroom tidy – Constant nagging didn't seem to provide any relief from having to clean up the bathroom after each of my three teenage children. After I cleaned it one day, I resorted to posting a sign that read: 'Please leave the bathroom as you found it'.

Then I noticed the bathroom was in the usual mess after my son used it, so I called sharply: "Brian, how did you find the bathroom?"

After a brief pause, he replied, "Straight down the hall, first door on the right."

God's Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peas of mind
 Peas of heart
 Peas of soul

Plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip
 Squash grumbling
 Squash selfishness

Plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
 Lettuce be obedient
 Lettuce love one another

Plant three rows of turnips:

Turnip for services
 Turnip for meetings
 Turnip to help one another

Plant three rows of thyme:

Thyme for God
 Thyme for Bible study
 Thyme for prayer.

Finally –

Water freely with patience,
 Cultivate with love,
 And remember –
 you will only reap
 what you sow!

(I'm pretty sure I've put this little poem in before, but I feel it is so good & well worth repeating), Ed

Prayers from the churches

Tilehurst; Risen Jesus, transfigure the deserts of our lives into blossoms of love and peace, touching all those in need.

Burghfield Common; Thank you Lord for the continued outpouring of your Grace.

Tadley Main Road; Father, we give thanks for your unending care for us.

Old Basing; Lord let the Spirit guide us in our way forward, helping us to find the means to reach our goal to your glory.

Trinity Church Earley; Bless our incredible volunteers, Father, may they never lose their passion and enthusiasm to serve others in Your name and continue to bless the work of Torch, and the ministry of the ReFresh Cafe, in our community.

Caversham; We pray for children in their anxiety: for those approaching examinations, for those coming to the end of a particular stage in their journey, and those who struggle with special needs and a lack of support. Raise them above the fear and bring them your peace.

Oakridge; We pray that all the community groups, and their volunteers who use our churches during the week, will feel the presence of God's love.

St Andrews; In faith we go forward together, upheld by prayer and love, always remembering that this is God's work.

Bradfield & Burnt Hill; Keep us flexible O Lord and open our eyes to new possibilities for our church so that we don't grow rigid with fixed opinions as we get older, which prevent us experiencing new things.

Tadley Common; We pray for Rev. John Banks and his family, looking forward to his arrival and a closer working with the other churches in the Section.

Christ Church Woodley; We pray for Jeongsook Kim who will begin her ministry with us in September.

Kempshott; Please pray for us to further our on-line mission and to have the enthusiasm to make it work.

Emmanuel; Pray for our local community and for God to watch over us as so many are seriously ill.

Trinity Basingstoke; We ask, dear Lord, for your guidance as we move forward with you.

Silchester; Pray for energy for the events we have planned this summer.

Some Popular Health Myths Debunked

You need eight hours sleep:

This notion goes back to Victorian times! During the industrial revolution, it was thought the best daily regime was eight hours labour, eight hours recreation, and eight hours rest. Modern studies have found that the amount of sleep you need is highly individualised. Some people get along fine on less than six hours, others need ten hours.

2,000 calories a day:

The NHS recommends a daily calorie intake of 2,000 calories for women, 2,500 for men. But your actual calorie needs depend on age, gender, height, weight & physical activity levels. Some need to eat much less, some need to eat more.

A Prayer for July – Loving Father, July brings long days and summer pleasures, for many, but not for all. Lord, we pray for those who are finding life to be a struggle; for families with no hope of a holiday this year; for parents who don't know how they will feed their children during the upcoming long school break; for those who are lonely, or discouraged, or isolated, or afraid.

Lord, we pray for justice and compassion from those in positions of power and responsibility. And please Lord, show *us* how to help, how to be part of the solution. May we, as your children, reflect your loving kindness wherever we can. May your Kingdom come on earth, through us. In Jesus's name. Amen **(by Daphne Kitching, PP)**

Christ Church Chineham; Our membership has changed significantly since 2020 including a mostly unknown online contingent, please pray that we can understand how best to draw the newcomers into using their gifts and engage properly with the online group.

Mortimer; Dear Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all you are doing in our lives; help us to reach out to one another over the coming months. Be with us, strengthen us and bless us all we pray in Jesus name. Amen

Oakley; We pray for the circuit in the Basingstoke area as changes take place for Kempshott and Trinity.

Wesley & Whitley; Dear God, You are our constant in our every changing world, thank you for being our anchor and we ask for your will to be done in our church. Amen

Loving God, we call upon your everlasting stewardship during this transition period as change at times come with anxiety and uncertainty, and also help us to use our gifts so that people continue encountering you. Amen.

Woodley Airfield Church; Please pray for all the churches in Woodley, for the leaders - lay and ordained, and for the new ministers due to join us in September.



Gracious and Faithful Trinity,
Community of Love, we worship and adore you.
In these times of transition, sometimes we are fearful;
Sometimes dismayed at the fast pace of change
Or the slowness of progress.
When struggles or challenges face us,
We ask for your strength and courage to see us through
And for the knowledge deep in our hearts
That you are with us wherever we go.
As we move forward with you, teach us
To see where you are at work bringing new life
And to follow where you lead
Treasuring wisdom received on the journey so far
But leaving behind all that hinders us moving forward.
Help us to look forward to discovering new treasures
As the influence of your Community of Love increases.
We ask these prayers in Jesus name.
Amen.

Alfresco

We love to dine
alfresco
(We love to eat
outside)
Roast chicken on
the patio
With salad on the
side!

For in the warmth
of summer
You really cannot
beat
A meal in the
open air
It is the place to
eat!

A Barbie or a
salad
Or a fresh
takeaway.
A picnic in the
countryside
Just makes a
summer day!

The birds a-
singing in the
trees
Bright flowers
feast our eyes
The only thing
that's not to like
Is beating off the
flies!

**by Nigel Beeton
(PP)**

Storms of Life

The boat was tossed from side to side
Buffeted by the wind and rain,
Alarm and panic filled their hearts
Would they ever reach the shore again?

The sky was dark and looking out
They thought they saw a ghost appear,
Transfixed with horror, what could it be
Treading on water and drawing near?

Their hearts were stilled as hope arose
As they heard the voice of the One they knew,
'Do not be afraid, this storm will pass'
And the sea grew calm and the wind withdrew.

When storms of life assail our boat
And our hearts are filled with dread and fear,
Remember the One who treads the waves,
He sees our plight – He's drawing near.

by Megan Carter (PP)

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (NRSVA)

¹⁸ Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43: 18-19 (NIV)

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Matthew 13: 44-52 (NRSVA)



We offer you our thanksgiving for Mary Ludlow, David Shaw, and Audrey Browne, for their gifts, their ministry and their friendship, and we pray your blessing on them in the next stage of their journeys.

We pray for Claire Simpson, John Banks, and Jeongsook Kim, as they come among us. By your Holy Spirit, enable them to use the gifts you have given them for the work of our circuit.

This is the second in a short series on how some refugees have found life in the UK. These stories come from conversations in the Diocese of Canterbury, and simply represent the experiences of the refugees who have chosen to contribute. Sent in by the Ven John Barton. (PP)

Refugees in the UK – some stories

How are the refugees who have come to the UK getting along? This month we continue our short series, with another story:

From the Revd Stephen Crofts in Cheriton:

Aziz came to us in the shadow of a friend, Habib, who was looking for a church to go to. They had fled Iran, because they

dared support the unrest against the government in the days before the news broke about Mahsa Amini – the young woman who died in prison after her arrest for wearing her hijab improperly. They had both left families behind. One day Aziz told us his family had arrived elsewhere in the UK but the migration system didn't seem to want to reunite them. We leaned on a charity who knew what to do. It took some weeks, but they managed to reunite the family. The day he showed me the letter authorising his move, the last day we would see him, I spotted him turn to the altar, head bowed, tears flowing. A week later, he sent us photos of himself with his family, a smile on his face I had never seen in his time with us. He has now found a church and is encouraging others join him.




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Come Reign in me

Oh God, who made the
world so fair,
And formed the earth, the
sky, the sea;
Who gave us ears, and eyes,
and minds,
To hear, to see, to know all
love is thee.

Oh God, who in the Lord
Jesus,
Gave us a light to light our
way;
Let our life's lamp be lit by Him
Whose strength will see us safely
through each day.

Oh God, whose Spirit gave
us birth,
And holds all life secure,
e'en mine;
Take all I am, and all I have,
Bless and redeem them for
they both are Thine.

Oh God the Father, God the
Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in
One;
Blessed be Thy name, come
reign in me,
And in me let Thy will be done.

by Sam Doubtfire (PP)

Life-changing Audio Bibles for People with Sight Loss (PP)

At the end of 2021, Torch took "a leap of faith" and ordered 1,000 Pathway audio Bible players containing the New Testament and Psalms read by the actor David Suchet. Knowing the power of Scripture to change lives, they planned to "give these Bibles for free to anyone in the UK losing their sight. 16 months later, all of these Bible players have been sent out and the stories coming back are so amazing that Torch has ordered 1,000 more."

Gayle-Ann told us "It is my friend...with me wherever, it is just so convenient. I have read the New Testament, but the way this is read is just easily understood". **Kenneth** wouldn't have called himself a Christian, and hasn't enjoyed audio books, but 'I like listening to the Pathway. I'm really listening to the New Testament now, not just odd verses. I'm realising what it all means.'

Losing sight can be a time of real questioning and searching, so what better gift can a newly blind person receive than the Word of God? Torch is encouraging anyone who is living with sight loss to contact them for a free audio Bible at www.torchtrust.org/pathway, or by calling ☎: 01858 438260. Most of the first 1,000 players were sponsored by individuals, churches or trusts. Torch is also seeking people to donate £20 to cover the cost of sending out one of the new audio Bibles.

Silchester Methodist Church – Retreats 2023

Full details can be found in the March 2023 issue of Trinity E-News *OR on the Basingstoke & Reading website*

The Silchester Retreats will be held on the following Wednesdays & Saturdays during 2023 from 10 am – 3 pm:

- **Saturday 1 July – ‘Stories’** – led by Revd Angela Webb & Revd Lesley Martin
- **Wednesday 16 August – ‘Trees’**
- **Saturday 23 September – ‘Glimpse of Glory’ and lastly –**
- **Wednesday 22 November – ‘Watching & Waiting’**

Refreshments from 9.30 am

- Come and join us for a day of refreshment & reflection.
- Our retreats are to enable you to explore & experience with God; to be explorers and journeyers.
- Please bring a packed lunch.
- Hot and cold drinks, including cup-a-soup provided.
- Cost per person: £10.
- For enquiries or to book for one of the Retreat Days, please contact Angela Hiscock at: angela.hiscock@btinternet.com or phone Angela on ☎: 01256 850432
- Numbers are limited.
- Car parking and entrance to hall at rear of church

**RETREAT CENTRE
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UK Foodbanks Busier than ever

More food parcels were given out in the UK this past year than ever before. During December 2022, an emergency food parcel was handed out the equivalent of every eight seconds. These are the most recent figures from the Trussell Trust, which supports more than 1300 foodbanks in the UK.



In all, the charity says it gave out nearly three million food parcels between April 2022 and April 2023. More than one million of these were for children. These three million parcels from the charity's foodbanks represent a 37-per-cent increase in England on 2021. And more than 760,000 people used a foodbank for the first time, which is up more than one third in 2021-22.

Soaring inflation and energy costs have driven the increase in demand. The charity reports an unprecedented rise in the number of employed people using their foodbanks, because they are “no longer able to balance a low income against rising living costs.” The problem now, says the trust, is that food donation levels are not keeping up with the need. “This is putting us under a lot of strain.”

		<p>web: https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/</p>	
		<p>For fuller information, please see the April 2023 Trinity E-News or check out the Basingstoke Foodbank Website</p>	
<p>At 26.06.23 the Foodbank is <u>SHORT</u> of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long life fruit juice • Squash • Tinned Meat (<i>Chicken, Pork, Meat Balls, Mince, Stewing Steak, Hot Dogs</i>) • Tinned veg • Honey & Jam • Hot & Cold Desserts • Tinned Fruit • Nappies Size 7 Only 	<p>At 26.06.23 the Foodbank is <u>SHORT</u> of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisps / Savoury Snacks • Sweets / Chocolate • Hair Conditioner • Ladies & Gents Deodorant • Washing Up Liquid • Toilet Rolls • Cleaning Sprays / Surface Cleaner 	<p>Has <u>PLENTY</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta • Rice • Hot & cold cereals • Tea & coffee • Crackers & Biscuits • Marmite • Non-Dairy Milk • Tinned Rice Pudding • Tinned Soup 	<p>Has <u>PLENTY</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Roll • Baked Beans • Baby Food • Pet Food

Taken from OneChurch, Basingstoke

Congratulations from 1CB to Penny Dilley and Basingstoke Street Pastors on winning their categories at the Destination **Basingstoke 'A Place to be Proud of Awards'** recently.



Penny Dilley – Individual Volunteer Winner – Retired nurse Penny Dilley has thrown herself more into volunteering roles, and is one of the driving forces behind Community Food Link. If she is not collecting food, she is sorting it ready to go on the vans or is working the app co-ordinating whatsApp groups of drivers, sorters and hub leaders.

Basingstoke Street Pastors – Group Volunteers Winner – In 2023, Basingstoke Street Pastors are celebrating their 15th anniversary of operating in the town. Over those 15 years teams of volunteers have regularly patrolled the streets on Friday and Saturday evenings from 11pm to 4am. Each team comprises at least three people from local churches who have undertaken extensive training. They have helped thousands of people suffering after a night out in the pubs, clubs, and bars.

Both awards are well deserved and reflect the hard work and fantastic contribution made to the town of Basingstoke by both organisations.

These are just two examples of the way that Christians across Basingstoke work together to be a blessing to the wider community.

For:

- **'Smalltalk'** with Revd David Shaw
- **Methodist JPIT** – 'Stay & Pray'
- **'Dial a Prayer'**
- **'News from the Wisdom Centre'** Romsey
- **'Recycling your Old Spectacles'**

Please see [Oct 22 Issue, Trinity E-News](#).

Grandchildren – Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because grandfathers have only so many horsy rides in them – Gene Perret

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Excuses, excuses – Found in a heap of recycled files donated to our school was this curiously labelled folder: *"Excuses I Have Used."*

Some famous hymns of praise and thanksgiving were written in astonishing circumstances of pain and distress.

'Now Thank We All Our God' is no exception.

The story behind the HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.



All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

By Martin Rinkart

The joy and serenity of this hymn are staggering, when you learn the circumstances in which it was written. Martin Rinkart was a pastor at Eilenberg, Saxony, during the terrible Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). As a walled city, Eilenberg offered some protection to the inhabitants. No wonder that political and military refugees of all sorts poured into the city, making it dangerously overcrowded. Soon the water supply was fouled, the sanitation overwhelmed, and the food ran out – leaving people famished and diseased.

In 1637 a terrible pestilence swept through the city, killing some 8,000 people, including Rinkart's beloved wife. By that time Rinkart was the only minister left in Eilenberg, because the others had either died or fled for their lives. Rinkart alone conducted the burial services for 4,480 people, sometimes taking as many as 40 to 50 funerals a day!

Eilenberg was besieged and overrun three times – once by the Austrian army and twice by the Swedes. When a Swedish general demanded the town pay him 30,000 thalers, Martin Rinkart pleaded that the impoverished city could never meet such a levy, but the general scorned him. At that, Rinkart turned to his companions and said: 'Come, my children, we can find no mercy with man; let us take refuge with God.' On his knees there and then, Rinkart led his friends in a fervent prayer and in the singing of a hymn. The Swedish commander was so moved that he decided that the levy be not 30,000 thalers, but instead 1,350 thalers.

Somehow, out of the hell of the Thirty Years War, came this lovely hymn of peace and total trust in God. Martin Rinkart had had to dig deep into his faith to survive, and the result was utter, serene dependence on God – despite chaos and destruction all around. **(from PP)**

Water – My friend was working at an amusement park when a couple stopped him. "Excuse me," said the woman, pointing to a pond. "What is that water made out of?" Bemused, my friend replied, "Two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen." "See?" she said to her boyfriend. "I told you it wasn't real."

THE FUTURE OF OUR RECYCLING



Over the years we have been recycling a variety of food and household packaging and wrappers. It started back in 2013, I believe, when we collected Danone yoghurt pots. After that it was coffee lids and pouches, biscuit wrappers, various household cleaning packaging / containers, baby food pouches and crisps. We always had 2 or 3 collections on the go, taking on a new one when TerraCycle removed any. In the beginning I was able to send in any quantity / weight of recycling but gradually a minimum weight was introduced. This meant storing the recycling at home until I had enough to send off. It was just about manageable and worth it for the funds raised which went to *Contesa*, now *Future Pillars Zambia*.

Sadly for us, the large Supermarkets have taken over much of the recycling we were doing which has affected us quite badly, especially with the loss of the Crisp Collection. We now only have recycling for biscuit wrappers and household cleaning items. Both of these are not as forthcoming as the crisps were and it takes a long time to collect enough for the minimum weight. Therefore, regretfully I am going to be closing the recycling programme later on this year. The recycling will continue until I have enough to send off the last shipment for both recyclings. We redeem our points for cash twice yearly, April 1st and November 1st. To ensure we raise as much money as possible, I will aim to send the last shipments in towards the end of October. This will give enough time for the points to be allocated to our account so that we can then redeem them.

Meanwhile, please help us to save as many biscuit wrappers as possible, savoury and sweet varieties, and the items from the household collection. These are the flexible packaging from dishwasher tablets, detergent, household wipes, tinted fabric conditioner bottles, tinted plastic tubs and plastic air fresheners. Through the money we raise we are to supporting many vulnerable girls in Zambia who through the charity of Future Pillars receive a safe place to live, food, education and skills training in order to move from poverty to a better and sustainable future for themselves and their families. Help us to help them.

Many Thanks, Hazel Green

(malandhazel@hotmail.com); 07776 442529)



**Church
Supplies**

Shoemakers
CHRISTIAN BOOKS & COFFEE SHOP

**Gifts &
Cards**

Shop Open: Tuesdays – Saturdays – 9.30 am – 4 pm

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Market Place, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 5AD**

**Books,
Children's
Books**

- **Website:** www.christophershoeemaker.org.uk (for online orders)
- **Email Orders** – office@christophershoeemaker.org.uk or **Pop in**
- **Phone your orders** – during opening hours ☎: 01635 37836
- **Facebook messenger at:** www.facebook.com/shoemakersbooks
- **Click and Collect available and Orders can be posted or delivered to you.**
- **Coffee Shop IS CLOSED BUT – the shop is remaining open until 16.09.23**

Trinity Collections – The Offertory at Trinity – An Offertory Token

With Trinity closing, please see Page 10 for information about closing and re-opening your 'Standing Orders'.

Trinity's income was severely reduced in the last few years, when hirers stopped meeting during lockdown and church services ceased. Much of our expenditure continued – almost half of our outgoings go to Circuit to pay for, among other things, Circuit staff, both ordained and lay.



Since we re-started worship in church, there has always been a collection plate on the right as you leave church each Sunday. Many of us give our financial contribution via standing orders.

But on Easter Sunday we recommenced passing the Offertory Bag around. The offertory is not only about putting money into the bag, *it is a time when we can offer to God the time and talents that we all have and use in the life of the church and circuit.* So we are trialling an **Offertory Token**. This can be collected as you arrive at church and put into the bag as it comes around as a symbol of what you are offering God. Also there will be some plain paper if anyone wishes to offer a prayer and add this to the bag.

We would like to thank those who contribute by Standing Order, and those who have made contact to continue their regular giving via monthly envelopes. We would like to remind you all that there are a number of ways you can contribute financially to God's work at Trinity and we would particularly welcome any donations at this time. If you need more information how, please contact: **Tony Pitt (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary)** – organista@btinternet.com or ☎: 01256-816314.



All things come from You, O Lord, and of Your own do we give You.
(Whether it be our money, time, prayers or talents)

Blister Packs – FROM IMMEDIATE EFFECT Email sent round on 26.05.23



Superdrug will no longer accept a bulk drop off, of blister packs. So unfortunately we will no longer be collecting them at Trinity. You are of course encouraged to take your own supply of used medication packs into Superdrug and deposit in the box at the pharmacy. Please do not leave them at Trinity as they will not be taken. Thank you for the support of this project over the time we have participated in it, we have made a difference. I hope you will continue to do so.

Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

If you have plastic milk bottle tops (*only milk bottle tops*) & would like to recycle them, Pamela has a contact with a collector for Hants & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Tops can be given to Pamela or ring the Bishop family on ☎: 01256 467702. Thank you.
June Bishop



For the Young & Young at heart

PUZZLES

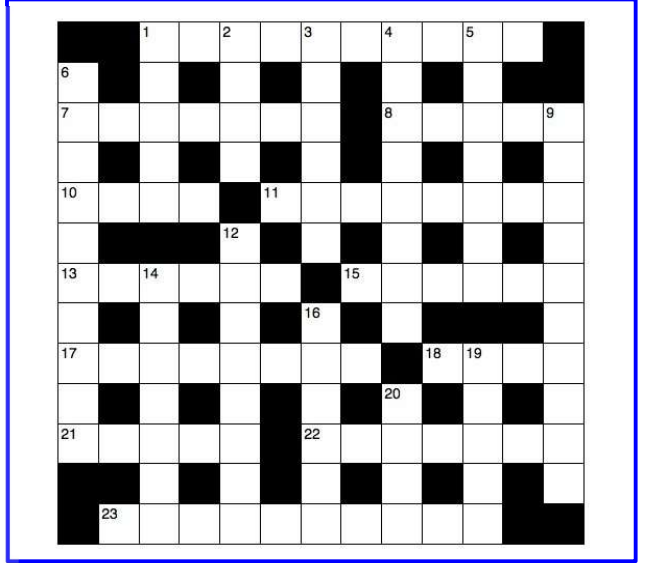
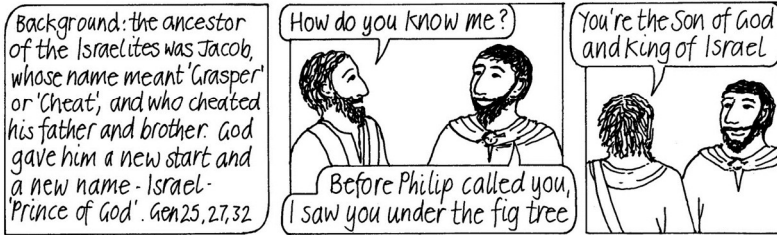
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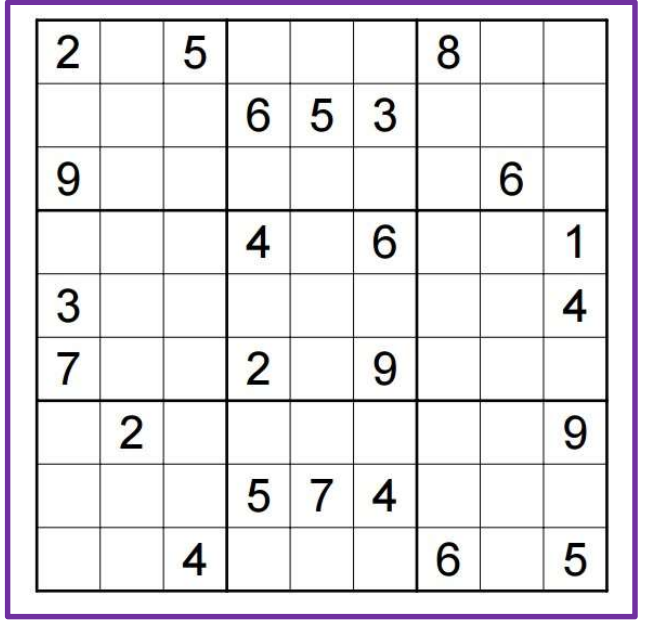
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 1 verses 35-51

After Jesus had called Peter and Andrew to be his disciples, he went to find their friend Philip...



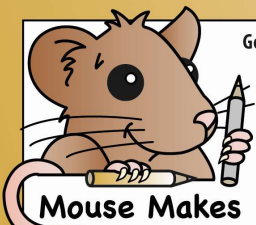
Sudoku



Wordsearch Clues

Early July the Church remembers St Thomas, also called Doubting Thomas, because he would not believe his fellow disciples' news of the Resurrection. But 'doubt' did not mean that Thomas did not love Jesus!

- July
- Thomas
- Follow
- Doubt
- Doubting
- Going
- Wounds
- Honest
- God
- Love
- Jesus
- Die
- Lazarus
- Bethany
- Father
- Lord
- Response
- Faith
- Danger
- Jews
- Resurrection
- Life
- Confused
- Immediate
- Crucifixion
- Reassurance



Mouse Makes

Goliath, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites. "Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"

The Israelites were afraid, but David, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said: "The Lord who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

So David went out to face Goliath on his own...

Read the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58

Where did Goliath come from?
1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?
_____ cubits.
1 Samuel 17:4

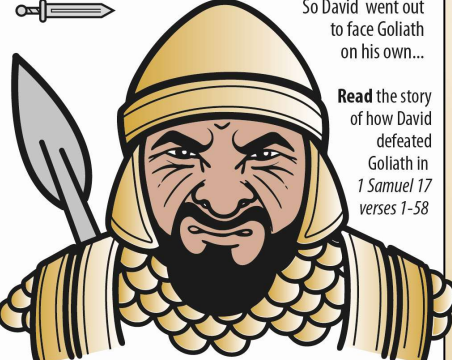
What was Goliath's armour made of?
1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?
a JAVELIN,
and a _____
1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?
1 Samuel 17:40

Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his _____
1 Samuel 17:49

ISRAEL • SAUL • DAVID • LORD • GOD • PHILISTINES • BATTLE • CAMP
CHAMPION • GOLIATH • HELMET • ARMOUR • JAVELIN • SHIELD • FIGHT • BEAR
LION • SHEPHERD • STAFF • STONES • BAG • SLING • STRUCK • HIT • FELL • GROUND



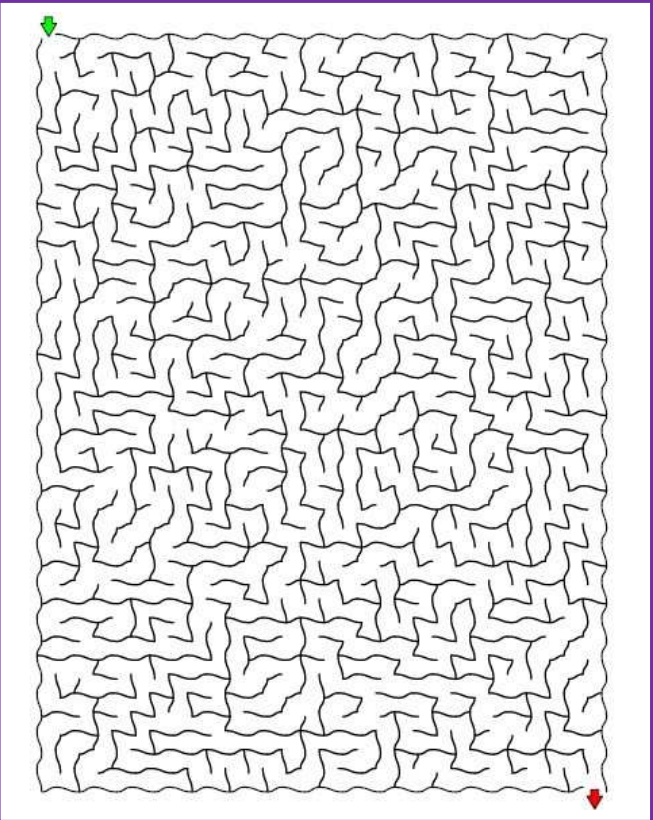
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P H I L I S T I N E S O U

Crossword Clues – Across – July

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

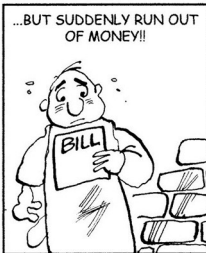
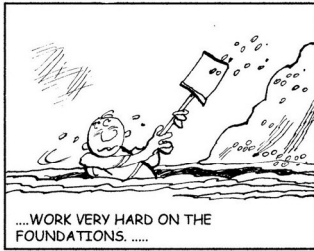
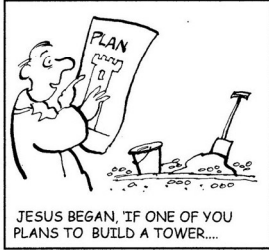
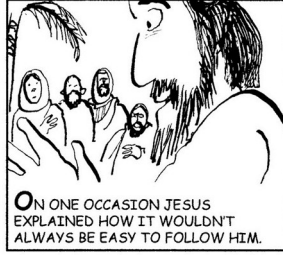
Crossword Clues – Down – July

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)



• If you want to find out what's wrong with a man or woman, elect them to public office.

The tale of the Tower Builder



Puzzle Pages Solutions

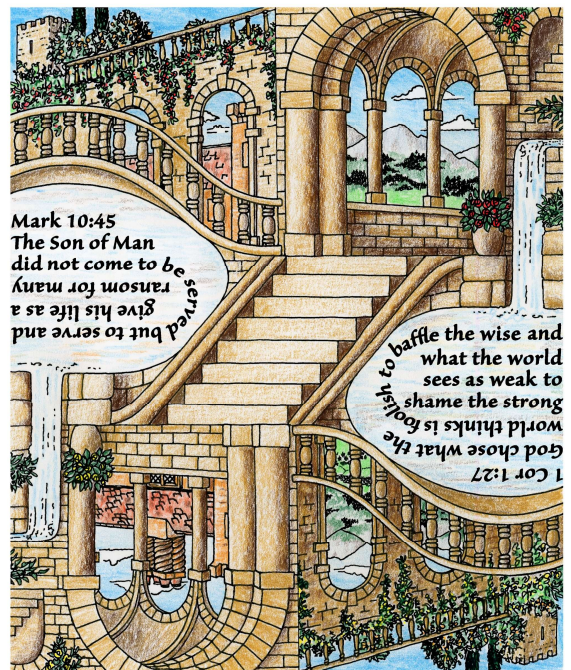
Across: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

Down: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

Sudoku Solution

2	6	5	1	9	7	8	4	3
4	8	7	6	5	3	9	1	2
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Come	Good	Fig	Stairway	Prophet	Jesus
More	Tree	Nazareth	Prince	Son	Believe
Nathanael	Jacob	Moses	Friend	Angels	Israel
Philip	King	God	Cheat	Silly	Heaven

