

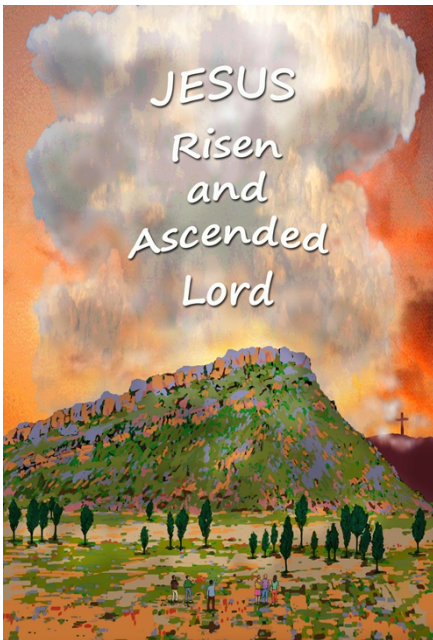
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Rev'd Audrey will be on Sabbatical from the 1 May, returning on the 1 July 2020.

If you need to contact someone or make enquiries during this time, please either use Trinity's email address as above or contact Diane Bath, our Senior Steward (*details below*), who will be able to either help you or contact someone else as appropriate. Diane Bath:
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The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people – A W Tozer



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from the Editor:

I'm hoping to continue producing 'Trinity E-News' each month for the foreseeable future, sending them by email in pdf format (where we have email addresses) and printing and posting to those without emails. A copy will also be on our Basingstoke & Reading website. Anyone not wishing to receive the newsletter, please let me know.

As always, I would be really delighted and grateful to receive any articles, prayers, poems, stories, quizzes or anything else you might have, for inclusion in our newsletter. These can be sent to me by email or post. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes to you all and many thanks in anticipation,

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Give God what's right – not what's left.

May 2020

Dear Friends,

As we enter May, I thought I would share with you some of my musings as a minister in lockdown with an additional family member staying with us.

Many of my musings have been sparked by the writings of Richard Rohr, an American Franciscan and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in the daily email which I receive and which can be found at cac.org.

Richard Rohr writes,

“In this time of crisis, we must commit to a posture of prayer and heart that opens us to deep trust and connection with God. Only then can we hold the reality of what is happening—both the tragic and the transformative. I am finding myself turning more often in these days to the simple Christian prayer of “Lord, have mercy.” From our place of humility, God can work through us to help our loved ones, neighbours and the most vulnerable. As Francis of Assisi said to us right before he died in 1226, “I have done what was mine to do. Now you must do what is yours to do.”

Richard Rohr continues, “The crucifixion of Jesus is the preeminent example of God’s love reaching out to us. It is at the same moment the worst and best thing in human history. The Franciscans, led by John Duns Scotus (1266-1308), claimed that the cross was a freely chosen revelation of Total Love on God’s part.

(The cross is) a dramatic demonstration of God’s outpouring love, meant to utterly shock the heart and turn it back toward trust and love of the Creator.

I believe that the cross is an image for our own time, and every time: we are invited to gaze upon the image of the crucified Jesus to soften our hearts toward all suffering. Amidst the devastating spread of COVID-19, the cross beckons us to what we would call “grief work,” holding the mystery of pain, looking right at it, and learning from it. With softened hearts,

God leads us to an uncanny and newfound compassion and understanding.”

One of the CAC daily emails included this prayer,

God, we ask that all who are affected by this virus be held in your loving care. In this time of uncertainty, help us to know what is ours to do. We know you did not cause this suffering but that you are with us in it and through it. Help us to recognize your presence in acts of kindness, in moments of silence, and in the beauty of the created world. Grant peace and protection to all of humanity for their well-being and for the benefit of the earth.

On another day the email introduced me to the thought that people in almost every faith tradition across the world have ways of hanging simple objects as expressions of prayer, sending forth love, courage and healing into the world. Many churches celebrate Advent and Lent by tying ribbons, banners or cloth around trees to enrich the celebration. At Trinity during Advent 2019 we hung stars on our trees with messages of thanks and blessings. We gave crocheted stars to children at the Victoria nursery and at the Christingle. The CAC then suggested “As Easter approaches, perhaps this practice will help you in your embrace of new life and resurrection”

Some of the other emails I receive are about sewing, knitting, crochet and crafting. One of them had a link to this website

<https://mycrochetplaceblog.com/2020/03/30/enfys-window-hanging-free-pattern/>

Here you can find a pattern for a hanging rainbow. It is designed to be a window hanging but I decided that I would turn our apple tree into a prayer tree and hang crocheted rainbows on it as a way of praying in these strange times. I hung a

few rainbows on the tree and wrote this

The Tree of Hope

This apple tree
 Standing in our garden
 For many decades
 Bearing fruit
 Occasionally
 Is become for me
 The tree of hope.
 It's trunk is love.
 It's foots are faith
 Drinking deep of the Spirit
 That sustains all life.
 It's leaves are joy and peace.
 It's fruit is hope,
 Rainbow prayers
 Crocheted and hung with love
 Reminders of the faithful
 Covenant Love of God.
 Rainbow prayers for all
 Who demonstrate that love
 And all who need to know
 That they are loved.



As rainbows have spread across the nation, one of the phrases they have become associated with is, "Be kind". Kindness is one of the fruits of the spirit according to Galatians 5.22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

This morning I received the most recent SW magazine. It talks about a new word to me, 'kindfulness'. Kindfulness describes a combination of self-compassion and mindfulness. Focusing on being kind means gently changing our mental chatter from critical

to calming and supportive.

When Jesus was asked, "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'

It seems to me that allowing the Spirit to teach us to be kind to ourselves and other people might be one of the fruits of these times and a way we can grow in love.

Now over to you. Would you find it helpful in developing a heart open to prayer and trust to adopt a simple phrase such as "Lord have mercy"? Or would you find it helpful to write your own prayer? Alternatively would you find it helpful to make or do something as an expression of your prayer? I would encourage you not to answer or dismiss these thoughts immediately but to ask the Spirit to guide you and see what comes to mind.

Let me know what new ways of praying you discover during these strange times.

Keep well, stay safe, be kind.

With love and prayers,

Angela

Christian Puzzles: Some years ago the Open Bible Trust published a book I did which has about 100 Bible puzzles. Go to www.obt.org.uk and click on "Free Downloads" and then on "Unpublished Booklets" and then "scroll down" and you will see "Word Searches and Other Bible Puzzles" **And it is FREE!** Please share this with others: it may ease cabin fever.

*Michael Penny, Chair Churches
 Together in Reading & Berks*



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

As at 23 April (and taken from their website)

'The Basingstoke Foodbank at Trinity remains OPEN for Clients to Collect Food and for Donations, albeit with limitations to the service it can provide. New procedures have been implemented to help everyone stay safe. Demand for food is expected to increase so please continue donations. You can check the Basingstoke Foodbank website for updates'.

Stocks of food at Basingstoke Foodbank have returned to a reasonable level, so we once again welcome your donations. At present, we are particularly short of (taken from the website):

- Long-life (UHT) Whole Milk,
- Long-life (UHT) Semi-skimmed Milk
- Long-life (UHT) Fruit juice
- Coffee
- Fruit Juice / Squash
- Instant Mash
- Cooking Sauces
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Potatoes
- Savoury Spreads
- Jams
- Toilet Paper (small packets)
- Powdered milk
- Shampoo
- Microwave & Packet Desserts

You can always find our up-to-date list of shortages at:
<https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

Thank you, **Tony Pitt**

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Some other locations, if you live near any of these, where you can donate food for the Basingstoke Foodbank, whilst out for a walk perhaps, are:

- Tesco's Chineham from 08:00 – 22:30 (front of store near exits)
- Annies charity shop from 09:00 – 16:00 (2 Elmwood Way, Winklebury)
- Co-operative Food, Old Basing from 07:00 – 23:00 (Linden Avenue)
- Waitrose from 07:30 – 21:00 (Basing View, Basingstoke)
- Asda, Brighton Hill from 07:00 – 22:00 (Brighton Way)
- Lidl from 08:00 – 22:00 (Worting Road, Basingstoke)

If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise!
 Clarence W. Hall

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The easiest way to figure the cost of living is to take your income and add 20 percent.

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A politician is a person who urges you to vote for him, and then sends you a bill for doing it.

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The hurrier I go, the behinder I get!
 Anon

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- **Sermons & Talks Online: The Open Bible Trust Website:** at this time when there are no services to attend, people may feel they would like a 5 to 10 minute sermon / talk. Michael & Sylvia Penny have quite a few of these on YouTube. Go to: www.obt.org.uk click on the YouTube button on the right & you will find a number of short talks including:
 - The Seven Deadly Sins and Their Corresponding Virtues by Sylvia Penny (9 talks)
 - In Heavenly Places by Michael Penny (6 talks)
 - Living According to the Spirit by W M Henry (4 talks)
 - Wonderful Words by Michael P (5 talks)
 - Problem Passages by Michael P (5 talks)
 - Wisdom in Proverbs by W M Henry (7 talks)

A Pastoral letter from our Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are all keeping well, and that you are finding the many resources sent out to you helpful, in nourishing and sustaining your faith. It was a delight to share in the Zoom Sunday Services with many of you. Many thanks to the Rev'd Alison Parker for facilitating these. The ongoing government restrictions have given our church an opportunity to learn how to be present in ways that we have not been present before. When we have emerged from this *enforced physical separation*, I am sure that there will be ample opportunity to reflect together on what God may be saying to his church. For now, be assured that you are in my thoughts and prayers; and I especially think of our more mature members, and pray constantly that God will protect you and keep you safe. We can't imagine life without the older generation, as we deeply value the legacy of wisdom, knowledge and experience you offer.

In these tough times, we don't have all of the answers. However, we know that life is not just changing; life has changed and has presented us with 'a new normal'. As the coronavirus pandemic persists, we are continually given opportunity for change, both personally and collectively. This pandemic challenges us all to emerge as different people, with a deeper recognition of our shared humanity and our interdependence. In response to the news of Prime Minister Johnson being taken into intensive care, Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon said 'things that seem to divide us in normal times seem less important.' Friends, the little things we normally take for granted we can now appreciate more deeply. Surely, in these times of adversity, the best of human spirit comes out.

Over the past few weeks, I have been praying and reflecting particularly at the close of each day. I have found the Psalms especially reassuring and comforting. I have been writing down my night prayers in a structured way, in the hope that I can share them with you, and that you will find in them something helpful. In

our evening service at Trinity we had discussed different styles of liturgy, and, '**Compline**' – *An Order for Night Prayer* was mentioned. This is a short time of structured prayer, which offers the opportunity to calm oneself in God's presence and to commend the day that has gone, and the night, to God's safe keeping. In these times of structured night prayers, I used a mixture of the church's liturgy from varying traditions, and my own personal inspiration from Scripture, along with *hymns / songs / choruses* that came to mind. In these uncertain times, I want to rest in God's WORD - for it is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (*Psalms 119:105*).

These words from *Matthew Ward's* song '*You Are My Refuge*' have been on my heart for the past few weeks: Certainly, each one of us can find refuge in God!

I have found a place, I can call my own,
Here in your embrace, where your mercy overflows,
It's here that all my doubt and fear just melts away,
I lay my burdens down, and I look upon your face.

You are my refuge
You are my sanctuary
When I feel afraid,
you're my hiding place,
You are my refuge...
and when the storm is raging,
underneath your wings,
I rejoice and sing, you are my refuge...

Due to the uncertainty around air travel at this time, I had to re-adjust the structure and timing of my sabbatical, which means I shall be returning to ministerial duties a month earlier than planned. I hope to travel to the Caribbean when it is safe for me to visit my mother, and at a time convenient for the Circuit and me. Thanks to the Circuit and District for their flexibility.

In these tough and uncertain times, may you rest confidently in God's love and may you know *experientially* God's safe-keeping – and, may the Lord watch over you and me until we meet again.

Rev'd Audrey D Browne

The Plan of the Master Weaver

Our lives are but fine weavings
 that God and we prepare.
 Each life becomes a fabric
 and fashioned in his care.
 We may not always see just how
 the weavings intertwine
 but we must trust the Master's hand
 and follow in his design.
 For he can view the pattern
 upon the upper side,
 while we must look from underneath
 and trust him to guide.
 Sometimes a strand of sorrow
 is added to his plan
 and though it's difficult for us,
 we still must understand,
 that it is he who fills the shuttle;
 it is he who knows what's best,
 so we must weave in patience
 and leave to God the rest.
 Not till the loom is silent
 and the shuttles cease to fly,
 shall God unroll the canvas,
 and explain the reason why.
 The dark threads are as needed
 in the weaver's skill full hand,
 as the threads of gold and silver
 in the pattern he has planned.

(Anonymous) contributed by Fay Aird

May brings



Christian Aid Week....

which is difficult this year!

**Updated guidance for Christian Aid Week (10 – 16 May)
 (from Parish Pump)**

Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, the CEO of Christian Aid, has written to all of those involved in helping with Christian Aid Week this month:

“Many of you will have been planning house-to-house collections and events. Under the current circumstances, sadly, house-to-house collections and delivery-only collections should not go ahead. In particular, along with many churches, events such as Big Brekkies or Lent lunches, where food is shared, cannot go ahead.

“We are working on alternative plans that will allow people to take part in Christian Aid Week in different, creative ways – by post, by text and online that strengthen our communities during this challenging time. Christian Aid Week is our single-most important fundraiser, so we would welcome your ideas on how we can creatively show love for our neighbours at home and abroad, as a community.”

As for the work of Christian Aid around the world, “Christian Aid and our partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and we will build on this experience. People in poorer countries are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps. They also do not have good healthcare infrastructures. We will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19.

More at: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

**“Save the Date” –
 A ‘Prayer Day’ at Silchester
 Saturday 13 June 2020 (further details to follow)**

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Trinity's '50th Anniversary of the Opening of Trinity

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As you will no doubt have already guessed, we have had to abandon the plans that were in progress for celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Trinity. We will review the situation once the current restrictions come to an end, and we'll then re-arrange the celebration in an appropriate way, perhaps for the 51st Anniversary. If anyone has any ideas for that, please let us know.

Tony and Jennifer Pitt

Diamond & Golden Wedding Anniversaries & A Special Birthday



Congratulations to -



Lynden & Pam Jones
on their

Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 16 April 2020

Keith & Audrey Shorney
on their

Golden Wedding Anniversary on 25 May 2020

Peter & Hazel Harris
on their

Golden Wedding Anniversary on 30 May 2020

and

Nobby who was 99 years young
on 5 April 2020



- *A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing*
- If God sends us on stony paths, He gives us strong shoes – *Corrie Ten Boom*
 - *Prayer is the very life-breath of true Christianity* – *J C Ryle*



FISHING FOR HOPE!



In the Southern & Islands Region of the Methodist Church

A prayerful challenge for this era of lock-down, sent to Methodists in The Southampton District, The South East District and The Channel Islands District...although all are welcome and invited to take part!

Initiated in March 2020 by a group of people, lay and ordained, from across the three districts who are already beginning the challenge!

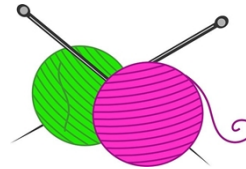
The Challenge:

Create a fish prayer object. Or, create a shoal!

Use your talents & whatever creative resources you have available in your home to make your fish!

You could make a fish by:

- Knitting (pattern included with this challenge!)
- Crocheting (pattern included with this challenge!)
- Cutting, sewing, sticking, scrap materials
- Painting it on a stone
- Paper Mache
- Lego
- Iron-on beads
- Clay
- Or any other creative means you can think of!



Why a fish prayer object?

The fish has long been a symbol of Christian identity, hope and salvation. At times like these, perhaps it is good to hold on to our Christian identity, hope and salvation! Literally! With the fish we create, we can hold them in our hands and we can hold what they represent symbolically in our hearts and minds.

Why do this?

The fish could be an object for **prayer** during this time. They could also be **gifts for others**; whether they can be gifted now, if there are others in your household, or later, when the time is 'right' (according to governmental health and safety instructions and advice). If you plan to gift your fish, consider what story your fish might tell its new owner! Your fish could be **a tool for evangelism**. Consider the fishy stories in the Bible, like The Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11) & the Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matthew 14: 13-21).

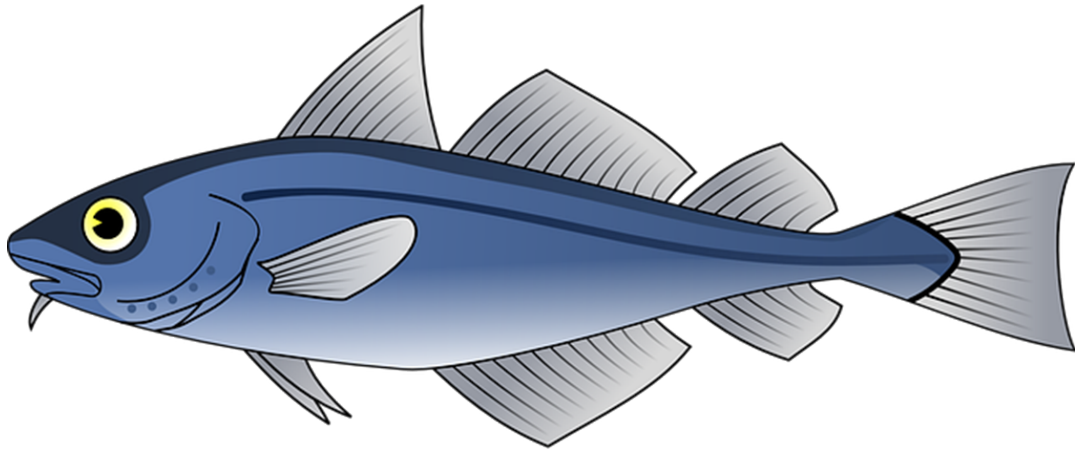
Your church, circuit or district might, at a later date (when the time is 'right'), request to gather in all the fish created, **to be presented as a whole**, to a wider audience. **To reflect our prayers and hopes**, while we were all being 'alone together' at this time; **united** in our identity, hope and salvation.

The fish may then be requested to be offered as **gifts for the local community** – to be used in a similar way as, for example, knitted angels at Christmas time.

You could **document your fish making**, and or the prayers that you've said in this time. You could record these in a notebook, in photographs, or if you're online, you could share them with your online communities via your social media platforms. If you share them online, it'd be great if you could include the hashtag **#fishingforhope2020** so your content can be easily searched for and found.



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How to Knit a Fish

First find some brightly coloured yarn and a pair of knitting needles. 3mm needles are ideal, but it will work with any needles.

Starting at the tail end, cast on twelve stitches. If you want a wider tail cast on more stitches in multiples of two.

- 1.) Knit in stocking stitch (1 row plain, 1 row purl). Decrease one stitch at each end of the plain rows only, until you have 6 stitches left.
- 2.) Knit three rows in stocking stitch without decreasing.
- 3.) If you want to change colours, now might be a good time.
- 4.) Increase one stitch at each end of every plain row until you have 24 stitches on the needle.
- 5.) Now decrease one stitch at each end of every plain row until 2 stitches remain. Knit these two stitches together and bind off.

You need two pieces to make a fish. Sew them together (inside out) but leave the tail end open. Now turn them right side out and stuff – how much stuffing you use depends on how fat you want your fish to be! Sew up the tail.

Feel free to add patterns or fins if you want!

How to Crochet a Fish

This pattern was created using a size 4 hook and double knit wool.

Change in wool and /or hook size will just make a different size fish!

The whole thing is crocheted in uk treble stitch.

- Make a chain of 15 stitches.
- Row 1 – 1 treble in third chain from hook then 1 treble in each chain to end, turn...
- Always begin each row by crocheting 2 chain instead of crocheting into the first hole whether increasing or decreasing as this counts as the first treble.

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How to Crochet a Fish *(continued)*

- Now Decrease one treble at each end of next 3 rows by missing a stitch (ie. Make 2 chain and then crochet a treble into 3rd stitch and don't crochet into the 2 chain from the preceding row).
- Increase one stitch at each end of next 6 rows by crocheting 2 stitches in one hole at either end.
- Work 2 rows without increasing number of stitches.
- Decrease one stitch at each end of next 7 rows. Tie off.
- Make a second fish, join the two together leaving one side partly open.

The image below is a fish that Jennifer Pitt has made.



Top Ten Silliest Questions asked on a Cruise Ship – *Paul Grayson, Cruise Director for Royal Caribbean Cruise Line*

1. Do these steps go up or down?
2. What do you do with the beautiful ice carvings after they melt?
3. Which elevator do I take to get to the front of the ship?
4. Does the crew sleep on the ship?
5. Is this island completely surrounded by water?
6. Does the ship make its own electricity?
7. Is it salt-water in the toilets?
8. What elevation are we at?
9. There's a photographer on board who takes photos and displays them the next day... the question was asked: 'If the pictures aren't marked, how will I know which ones are mine?'
10. What time is the Midnight Buffet being served?

Mervyn sent this poem to his daughter Helen, who sent it to Diane who sent it to me for inclusion !

When this is over,
 May we never again take for granted
 A handshake with a stranger
 Full shelves at the store
 Conversations with neighbours
 A crowded theatre
 Friday night out
 The taste of communion
 A routine check-up
 A school run in the morning
 Coffee with a friend
 The stadium roaring
 Each deep breath
 A boring Tuesday
 Life itself.

When this ends,
 May we find
 That we have become
 More like the people
 We wanted to be
 We were called to be
 We hoped to be
 And may we stay
 That way - better
 For each other
 Because of the worst.

by Laura Kelly Fanucci

Shared by:

silversurfers.com

The Narrow Path

I took a walk locally in the woods the other day for my daily exercise and took this picture. Returning home the following words came to mind.

Our life is but a journey along a path surrounded by the unknown. Seldom is the path ahead straight and clear as there are many bends and turns. Sometimes we walk in shadow and then in light. We see new green growth in the trees around us showing that we too are growing in His Word as we continue on our journey.

We cast our eyes upwards through the trees and see the clear blue sky which is the light that is guiding us, knowing that at our journey's end we will be eternally in the light united with the One who has always faithfully guided us.

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7: 13-14.

Martin Frost, St Andrews



Coronavirus Guidance & Updates:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/official-guidance/>

Reaching Out

The Basingstoke Outreach Newsletter – March 2020



Tessa Bennett

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' (Romans Ch 15 v 13)

This newsletter reaches you in unprecedented times as the Coronavirus pandemic forces us all to make big changes to our daily lives. We are all being urged to 'stay at home' or at

least 'socially distance' ourselves from others, which feels very unnatural. Churches are now closed for services (something that I have never experienced in my lifetime) and we are all having to find new ways to do church. However, we must remember that we, the people of God are the Church, not the physical buildings and we can still worship and pray 'together' even if we need to do it virtually.

Have you tried a prayer app? 'Pray as you go' and 'Lectio 365' are just two examples and are available to download free from the Appstore.



This month's Outreach Ministry: Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy

Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy (BTC) are a team of Christians meeting people in the town to provide a confidential and impartial listening ear to anyone who wants to talk with us. Chaplains listen to people if they want to talk. This can be particularly useful in times of stress and conflict.

So what is Chaplaincy?

Chaplains get alongside people where they are eg. coping with stress at work; in a difficult personal situation; coming to terms with a change in lifestyle and helping them through it. Chaplains are known as Christians and wear a uniform but speak to and support people of any faith or none. We invite Christians to consider whether they might have the skills to become a Chaplain or a Trustee. Being friendly, willing to listen and to give at least three hours fortnightly is all we require. We have an interview process, take up references and all Chaplains are DBS cleared. We give training, supply a uniform and provide full support in the role. We also invite organisations in the town to consider whether they would like to receive regular visits from one of our Chaplains.

Where do we operate?

BTC works mainly in the town centre; Chaplains are out and about at the top of the town, The Malls and in Festival Place. We are invited to visit many of the shops and some offices. Chaplains also provide a regular chaplaincy service in the Magistrates Court, the Police Investigation Centre, GP surgeries, Bus Station and BCoT all at their invitation.

What do we do?

As Chaplains we do not evangelise, but seek to provide a listening ear and support people

Reaching Out (continued)

who want to talk to us in whatever way we can. Our uniforms identify us. Anyone of any faith or none is welcome to talk to us. Chaplains can point people to other organisations that may be able to help them and can help them explore their Christian faith or answer questions about what Christians believe. They can put people in touch with a local church or Christian fellowship should they wish.

At present there are 17 Chaplains but BTC are not able to visit everywhere that requests a Chaplain. We welcome commitments to pray for us.

A prayer for the weeks ahead

Gracious God, we pray that in the difficult weeks ahead, you will give us the strength and courage that we need. As we worship from our homes instead of in our churches, let us draw closer together in our hearts as we hold each other in prayer. We place our trust in you our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



Watch out for 'Reaching Out' May 2020 – focusing on Julian House and Streetlink.

**And now a Prayer –
in times of distress:**

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your
mercy in this time of
uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the
anxious and fearful,
And lift up all who are
brought low,
That we may rejoice in your
comfort
Knowing that nothing can
separate us from your love
In Christ Jesus our Lord,
Amen

**And now a Prayer –
give us strength:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you
taught us to love our
neighbour, and to care for
those in need
as if we were caring
for you.
In this time of anxiety,
give us strength to
comfort the fearful,
to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake,
Amen

**And now a Prayer –
be our hope**

God of compassion, be
close to those who are ill,
afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness,
be their consolation;
in their anxiety,
be their hope;
in their darkness,
be their light;
through Him who
suffered alone on the
cross, but reigns with you
in glory, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

These prayers from Parish Pump can be found on the Church of England website at:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>



Future Pillars

**Important message to Future Pillars Zambia supporters
received by Heather Peacock**

Coronavirus Outbreak

We hope that you and your loved ones are well. As we all come to terms with the impact of the Coronavirus on our world and the immediacy and severity of the restrictions on all our lives here in UK, we write to update you on the situation in Zambia and, more specifically, the Family Future Community School (FFCS) in Kabwe.

What is happening in Zambia?

Coronavirus is a global problem and is spreading in Zambia. On Tuesday 17th March, the Zambian Government made their first pronouncement on its response to COVID-19, giving 3 days' notice of a total lock down. So, on Friday 20th March, FFCS closed for the foreseeable future. Whilst our teachers continue to do their best to support children's learning in a generally non-technological home environment, the main impact of the lock down is the impact on the feeding programme.

What are Future Pillars doing?

- We are in daily contact with Moses Kopa (Headteacher) and/or Patrick Sichilima (School Administrator) to support, encourage and, when necessary, respond to their changing situation
- Food - bags of mealie meal – is being distributed by the teachers to the most vulnerable families in the compounds, for whom we know lunch at school was often the only meal of the day. After recent droughts the cost of food has risen, and we must do all we can to support these families at this difficult time. We are impressed with the efforts being made to meet this huge challenge
- In terms of our regular financial support for FFCS, most of the outgoings remain – the purchase of food and the teachers/support staff allowances. We expect a modest reduction in the money required by FFCS over the coming months

What can you do?

We anticipate a drop in our donations as our supporters respond to changes in their circumstances. We have had to postpone the sponsored walk planned for June 20, but we ask you to keep the date free for an alternative "virtual" event, which we have started to work on and will communicate soon.

Projecting our financial commitment to the school in the light of reduced income is a challenge. It is very difficult to know, with any certainty, how the next few months will pan out for us. We ask you to consider and pray about this situation and respond accordingly, as you are able to do so.

With your help, we wish to honour our commitment to the children and staff through this crisis.

Thank you again for your continued support and we hope you are able to stay safe and blessed.

Kathryn, Gwyneth, Emma, Rosemary, Peter and Barry, Future Pillars Zambia trustees.

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Launceston, Cornwall PL15 8NH , United Kingdom

And now a prayer – Caring for the sick:

This prayer was taken from Parish Pump and is also found on the Church of England website

For hospital staff and medical researchers *Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

And from Nobby.....

I have always been amused at seeing British people faced with bartering for goods. They become very embarrassed and would run a mile if possible.



When I joined the RAF I was paid 15 shillings (75p) a week and I agreed to send half home to my mother. 37½p in those days had a lot more value than today. When we went out to the Middle East it was very necessary to learn to barter and we did just that. I tell the story about the purchase of a fountain pen. I had broken mine and needed another. (No ball points). We knew that in town (Ismalia) there was an Arab who was always in the main street selling pens from a case. The first thing you learn about bartering is that you must not show any interest in the article.

Four of us went into town to a café to have eggs and chips (all we could afford). We all had had some dealing with bartering by now. In came this Arab with his case of pens and he came to our table to be told by all to go away. After a while he was back and went to a friend with his pens, my friend did look at the pens and then said he was not interested. This gave me the chance to look at the pens without the Arab knowing. Back he came again and he came to me. I glanced at the pens then haphazardly pointed to a pen and said "how much"? He took the pen out of his case and said 200 piasters to which we all laughed our heads off and told him to go away. The next time he came he took the pen out of his case and said "how much will you pay for the pen" to which I replied "I will give 20 piasters" to which he laughed and left.

It was obvious that the next time he came it was bartering time and we had eaten our egg and chips so the rest of them left me to it. We bartered for quite a long time and he was down to 60p and I was up to 40p. I decided to call it a day and went back to the unit. The next day I rushed up to town to get my watch which had been cleaned and as soon as I hit the main street there he was with the pen out of the case. I insisted I go for my watch so he came with me and I had to say that I was on my dinner hour and I must get back. I turned to him and said I must go but I am willing to pay 45p or forget it.

Sequel: every time I went to town he would call out and rush up to shake my hand and would say Sieda Effendi which means he was calling me SIR. Because I did what his fellows would have done he appreciated it. I found this was so in other countries.

I used to barter in Tenerife and Joyce was so embarrassed she could not stay with me but she did appreciate the reduction I obtained.



Nobby

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Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump) writes: *There's only one subject on anybody's lips at the moment, so I'm sorry to be boring, but my poems this month have the coronavirus in mind. I shall let St Paul do the introduction to my first poem, **via his words in Philippians 4:4-7:***

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".



May our kindness be witnessed by all

When the things of the world seem so dark and so grim when disease and despondency call,
Rejoice in the Lord and the nearness of Him – may our kindness be witnessed by all!

When the pillars of life seem to crumble and creak when our walls seem to tumble and fall.

In prayer and petitions our Father we seek –may our kindness be witnessed by all!

The tempest may rage, but His wondrous peace stills the storms that may rage in our soul
In our hearts and our minds shall the turmoils cease and our kindness is witnessed by all!

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 #maskextenders



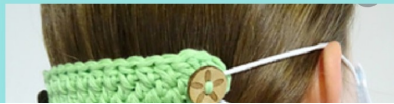
MASK EXTENDERS

Creating mask extenders for our brave frontline workers. These extenders ensure a more secure fit, whilst taking pressure off the ears which are sore from constant mask-wearing.

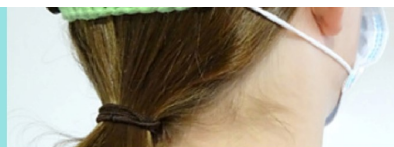


1 KNIT
 Double wool and 3 1/4 needles
 Cast on approx 25 stitches
 Work 18 rows in garter stitch
 Cast off
 Sew on 2 x buttons

2 CROCHET
 Use a 4mm needle.
 Chain 16-18
 Single crochet into chains and then work in the round to create five rows.
 Sew a button onto each end with the same wool.



3 SEW
 Double layer fabric (any cotton material - even old clothes or duvet covers!)
 Cut to size.
 Stitch all around the edge.
 Sew on 2 x buttons.



4 DIMENSIONS
 Mask extenders should be 12-14cms long x approx 3-4 cms high.
 Buttons should be approx 20mm or larger.
 If you have plenty of buttons you can add 4 buttons so the extender has more adjustability.



5 COMMUNITY
 if you are unable to sew/knit/crochet but want to still help you can donate materials, wool or buttons. Community groups on facebook are fantastic for requesting help! Please adhere to social distancing rules when collecting from neighbours.



Please see the next page for the explanation of this page

Letter that came with the pattern for 'Plea for Mask Extenders' on previous page

Dear all,

Calling all knitters & crafters!

We've had a direct plea from one of our hospital chaplains for mask extenders – after taking some to a particularly hard-hit ward this week he was told they 'are a God send'. So we are sending this plea district-wide! To help all our local hospitals. Attached is a poster with instructions – if you are able to rally your local knitting / sewing groups that would be amazing!

Due to logistics / travel restrictions this ideally needs to be done in a local context – so you will not only need people to make but people willing to collect them for the hospital and / or care homes. I have been thinking through the whole coordination of it but kind of running with the idea and just want to get it out there – any advice / thoughts / help appreciated!

Do please contact me if you need help finding a hospital contact, or if you need assistance getting them to that person – if they are all collected to one pick up point in your circuit / area (collected from neighbours on daily walks??) **I will willingly pick them up and take to one of our chaplains for taking into hospitals.**

This seems a small but useful way in which we can help, as well as being a wonderful task to keep our church groups connected and feeling helpful.

With huge thanks and warmest wishes, Sarah

Sarah Potheary, PA to The Revd Andrew de Ville – District Chair
Southampton District, The Methodist Church



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Relief organisations need our support more than ever just now....**Tearfund – still working around the world (from Parish Pump)**

“As you would expect, Tearfund's work will continue through our amazing network of courageous Christian partners and churches around the world.” So says Nigel Harris, CEO of Tearfund.

“We are doing all we can to follow Jesus where the need is greatest, bringing practical help and powerful hope to the most vulnerable people, just as we have been doing for over 50 years.

“We are asking for God's protection and His wisdom to deal with this unprecedented global situation. We would greatly value your prayers in the months ahead.

“At a recent Tearfund Prayer Day, we received a prophetic word about the ship that leaves a safe harbour to go out into rough waters, with the promise that our Lord will be with us. This feels very real as I write to you today. And it is a huge encouragement to me personally to have the reassurance that Jesus is Immanuel, *God with us*. We have a God who loves and cares for us. He has told us, ‘Do not fear, for I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). “I am daring to dream that this could be *the* opportunity in our generation for the Church to be known globally for its brave and compassionate response, putting the needs of others before our own, just as Jesus did. We know this is possible. We see acts of heroic love every day in the countries where we work.

“In the coming months, we may need to ask you again to dig deep to enable us to continue meeting the needs of the world's poorest communities. Myself and my whole team at Tearfund will be digging deep into our own reserves of time, energy and resources to enable our vital work to continue.” **More at:** <https://www.tearfund.org>

Opening of Trinity Methodist Church 30 May 1970

In September 1966, Revd J L Clough became the Superintendent Minister of the Basingstoke Circuit. This was a time when the town was going through great change and development. He had the responsibility of the closing of two town churches and a small mission hall in George Street and then the building of Trinity Church to replace the three churches.

While we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary, I feel it is good to remember members of the then congregation who worked so hard with the Minister to ensure that the church would open on time. Our dear friend John Wigney worked alongside our Minister Mr Clough tackling the complex legal and financial matters to see they were completed in good time. We were fortunate to have two most experienced men in the building industry to look after the building at the church. Harold Hedderly was our unofficial Clerk of Works while Den Lawes was most vigilant in seeing that the electrical systems were in order.

We were blessed by having such a beautiful day for the opening of the church. The church was full, the service was led by Revd Cyril Wainwright, The Chairman of the London South West District, and the Bishop of Winchester Rt Revd Falkener Allison preached an inspiring sermon.

Afterwards Joyce and Nobby Clark and their team prepared a lovely tea enjoyed by all. Our three organists John Grimes, Harold Fleming and Ray Privett gave an organ recital before the Evening Rally.

The service the next day was taken by Revd Maldwyn Edwards, a former President of Conference, and a good friend of Mr Clough who also arranged for special preachers for the next month.

It was a memorable day.

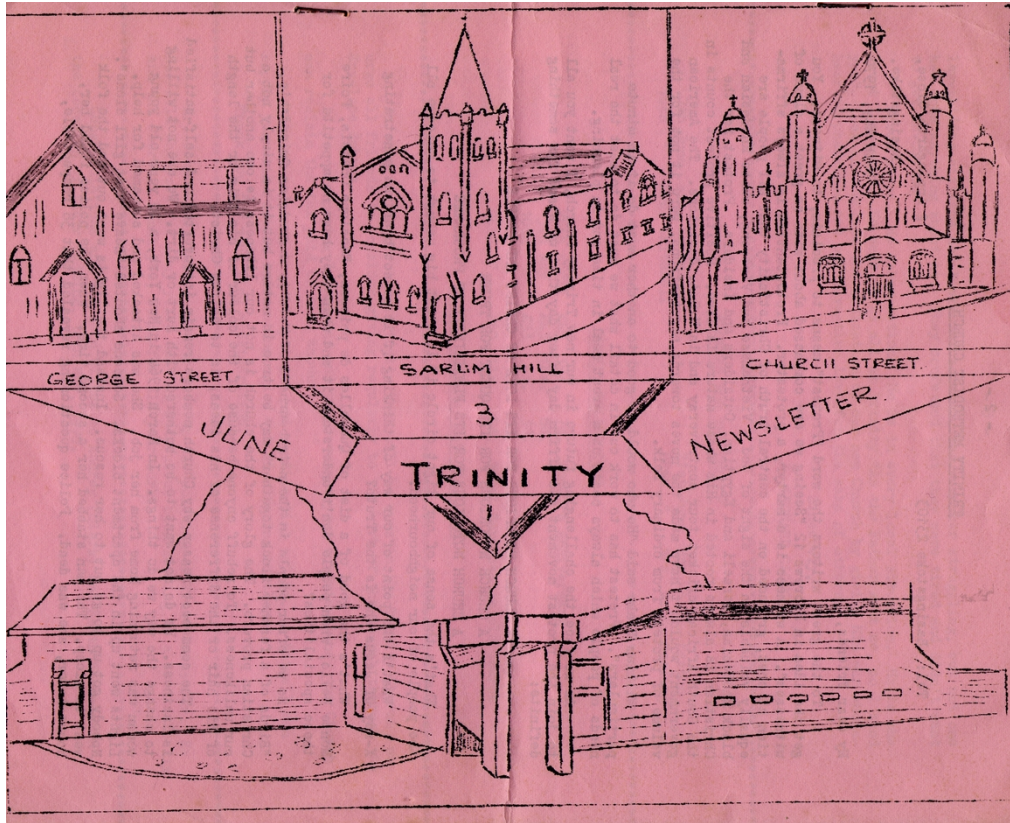
Norman Ashworth
Society Steward 1968 - 1974



My grateful thanks go to Norman Ashworth for loaning a number of pieces of very interesting memorabilia, information and pictures all relating to the Opening of Trinity Methodist Church on 30 May 1970. Although we as a Church family are unable to celebrate Trinity's 50th Anniversary this year, due to circumstances beyond our control, as the Anniversary takes place at the end of May, it seemed appropriate to put copies of some of the information Norman has loaned me into this issue of Trinity E-News by way of a *'small celebration of Trinity's special Anniversary'*. My thanks also to Jennifer and Tony Pitt for giving me some photos going back to Trinity's 40th Anniversary. We hope you enjoy reminiscing and revisiting the history of Trinity.

Spread over several pages, starting on page 19, you will find an article called *'Four Special features at Methodists' new Church'*, which concludes on page 23.

Hazel (editor)



Four Special features at Methodists' new Church

Basingstoke's new Trinity Methodist Church on Sarum Hill was opened by the Mayor, Councillor Roger Morris, on Saturday 30 May. The new church replaces the one in Church Street which was compulsorily acquired in 1963 and pulled down to make way for the new shopping centre. The compensation received, £92,500, was used to build the new church which also replaces the 68 year old Sarum Hill Methodist Church.

The new building has four distinctive features. It is almost square in shape, but gives the impression of being circular. The floor slopes down from three sides to one corner in which is placed the font and the pulpit. In this way emphasis is placed upon the three main sacraments of the Methodist Church, the Sacraments of Holy Communion, of Baptism and of the Word.

The communion table is surrounded by a circular rail and is not, as in many churches, part of the pulpit framework. The organ from Sarum Hill Church has been transferred to the new building. The main central aisle runs diagonally from the

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£100,000 building opens on Saturday

Basingstoke's new church for the people

How to build a new church costing £100,000 without spending a penny? Methodism in the overspill town of Basingstoke, forty-seven miles from London, has achieved this. Soon after the present superintendent, the Rev. J. Leonard Clough, went to Basingstoke almost four years ago, Church Street church was demolished — before he had even an opportunity of preaching from its pulpit.

Purchase price from the Corporation for the church's valuable site was £92,500, which, with the interest, has met the cost of the new Trinity church, incorporating the societies of Church Street, Sarum Hill (now to be demolished), and George Street Hall.

On the site of Church Street church has been built the town's comprehensive sports centre, to be opened at the end of June.

Debt free

So, on Saturday, when the new church is officially opened there will be no overhanging debt. All the bills are paid — the whole £100,000-worth of them. The strings that attached to the price paid for the site were that the money had to be spent on a replacement church within the town centre area; it could not be split between other churches, and it had to be entirely a Methodist church. All these requirements have been

ing, and a series of small rooms available for all purposes, including three play-groups to meet simultaneously. It is hoped to have the lounge open every day for people of the town to drop in for coffee and talk. A car park provides for fifty-eight cars, with a service road and a fine vestibule with cloakroom.

Membership of Trinity is 250 with a realistic community role of 1,000 plus.

From the beginning there has been close contact with the town's Development Group. Mr. Andrew Smy, who went to Basingstoke from Banstead a year ago and is Groupe Estates Surveyor — and an active Methodist — said that the town existed to take people and jobs from London. From a population in 1961 of 26,000 the figures have now doubled. And that is not the end of the spiral.

More and more large firms are moving to Basingstoke.

Saturday will be the great day: the preacher will be the Bishop of Winchester, Dr. S. F. Allinson; the dedication will be conducted by the Chairman of the London South-West District, the Rev. Cyril Wainwright; and the opener, the Mayor of Basingstoke. Chairman at an evening rally will be former circuit steward, Mr. David Ensor, now of Cobham.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
SARUM HILL, BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE

OPENING SERVICE

Saturday, May 30th, 1970, at 3 pm

Opener:

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF BASINGSTOKE

Dedication conducted by the

REV. CYRIL WAINWRIGHT, B.A., B.D.
(Chairman of the London South West District)

Preacher:

The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Winchester
the REV. DR. S. F. ALLISON, M.A.

Tea in Sarum Hall from 4.45 p.m.

Organ Recital at 5.30 p.m.

Evening Rally in Trinity Hall at 6.45 p.m.

*Greetings*from former Ministers:*

Rev. C. Leslie Craig, Epsom; Rev. Ronald F. Lake, Eastleigh;
Rev. L. Ash Parsons, Hereford; Rev. Walter Suffield, Hillingdon;
Rev. Norman Thomas, Twickenham.

Chairman: Mr. David Ensor, Cobham

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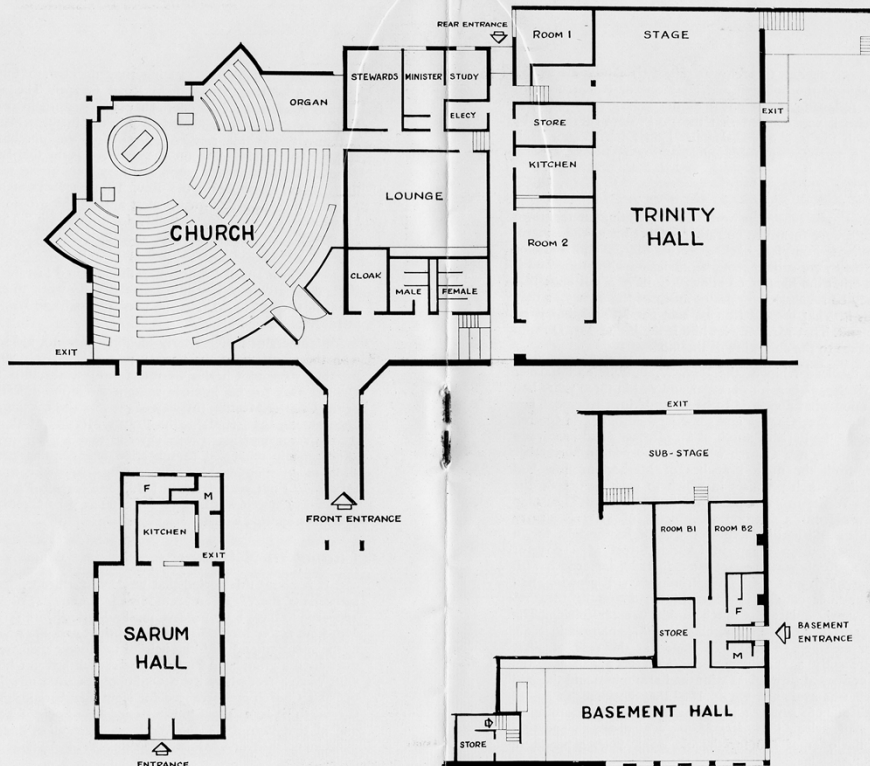
entrance to the communion table.

No noise.....

At the back of the church separated by a large double glazed window is the narthex. From here all that happens inside the church can be seen or heard, but any noise from the narthex – a baby crying or a bronchial cough – cannot be heard in the church.

The church's Trinity Hall, a large spacious room, can hold an audience of 350 and has a roomy stage fitted with modern lighting and amplifying equipment.

In the basement below the hall, special provision has been made for youth activities. The basement can accommodate about 100 people and is fitted with a coffee bar. Two smaller rooms are available in the basement and underneath the stage itself there is ample room for storage of scenery and other equipment. On the ground floor there is a comfortable church lounge for informal gatherings.



There are other rooms varying in size and purpose including a modern kitchen, cloakrooms, lavatories and power equipment. The premises have underfloor electric heating.

Air raid damage

The old Methodist Church in Church Street was opened in March 1905. It was heavily damaged in an air raid in 1940. The first Wesleyan Methodist services in Basingstoke were held in a room behind the Pear Tree Inn in Flaxfield Road 1763.

Builders: W. M. Annette & Co. Ltd.
Winchester Road, Basingstoke.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
SARUM HILL - BASINGSTOKE

Architects: Bailey & Piper
Park Gate, Southampton.

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The People Called Methodists

It was on a cool February day in 1739 that Methodism came to Basingstoke. George Whitefield, a popular London preacher who had just returned from a missionary enterprise in America began his new enterprise of field-preaching, speaking in the open air. He made his headquarters in Bristol and on Thursday, February 9th, 1739 visited Basingstoke for a three day campaign. The Anglican churches in London and in Basingstoke were closed to him and that night he preached to a company at the Kings Head Inn, Winchester Street, and on the Friday and Saturday he conducted services at the Crown Inn, Wote Street. Both inns were closed many years ago.

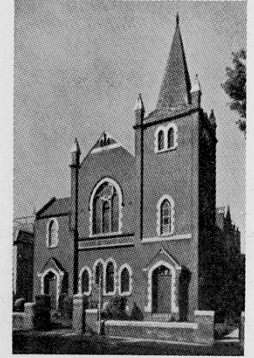
At one of these services Whitefield met the Rector of Dummer, the Rev. Charles Kinchin, and the following Sunday, after taking Evensong in his own Church the Rector walked into Basingstoke and addressed a company in the courtyard of the Crown Inn, a company which the then Vicar of Basingstoke (the Rev. T. Warton) said "consisted chiefly of Dissenters of both sexes." In a complaint to the Town Clerk, the Vicar, writing from Chobham where he was also the Vicar, said that Mr. Kinchin "prayed much extempore and expounded or preached after the manner of the Methodists, taking a whole chapter for his text."

A month later John Wesley accepted an invitation from the Rector of Dummer and on March 10th he preached at Dummer Church in the morning where "I had a large and intelligent congregation. I was then desired to expound in the evening at Basingstoke." This would undoubtedly be at the Crown or the Kings Head, certainly not in the Parish Church. It is clear that Wesley was impressed by Whitefield's work and in April, 1739 he set out for Bristol, calling and "expounding to a small company" at Basingstoke on April 29th. Wesley went on to Bristol the following day and after watching Whitefield took the decisive step which freed him from Anglican Bishops and Priests alike. He records that on Monday, May 2nd, 1739 "at four o'clock in the afternoon I submitted to be more vile, and proclaimed in the highways, the glad tidings of salvation, speaking from a little eminence in a ground adjoining the city, to about three thousand people"

Methodism was now launched upon the campaign which in the next fifty years was to completely transform the religious and

the social life of this country. In 1747 and again in 1751 John Wesley visited Basingstoke but there is no record of him preaching on these visits. It is difficult to imagine him passing through without saying "a few words to commend my Saviour."

It was in 1759 that Wesley really paid attention to Basingstoke. He arrived on Wednesday, February 10th and preached the same evening. It was then he wrote "the people put me in mind of the wild beasts at Ephesus. Yet they were unusually attentive in the evening." He stayed in the town until Saturday when he preached to "a small serious company" before returning to London. Later the same year, on September 24th, he preached in the evening at Basingstoke "to a people slow of heart and understanding." A little later, on November 26th, he arrived in Basingstoke "extremely tired when I first came in, but much less so afterwards." What caused the transformation? We do not know but can only hope that it was the spirit of the few Methodists who greeted him that night.

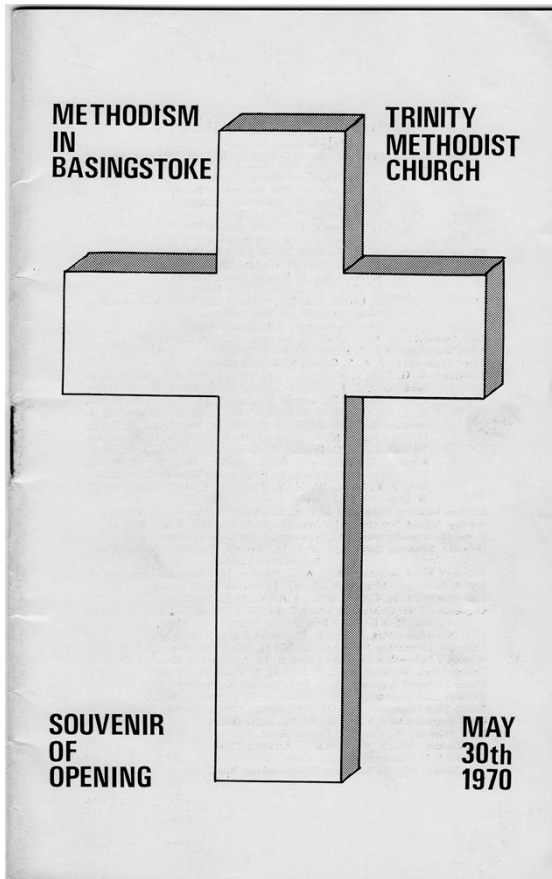


Sarum Hill

The following year Wesley made one visit, on November 3rd and then three years later on Friday, September 30th, 1763. He preached on both occasions and after the second visit wrote "there is at length some prospect of doing good. A large number of people attended, to whom God enabled me to speak strong words, and they seemed to sink into the hearts of the hearers." On his tenth and final visit to the town, October 25th, 1763 Wesley wrote "preached at Basingstoke where many attended at five in the morning."

After this visit there is a long gap in the recorded history of Methodism in this area. They were turbulent years, the American War of Independence, the French revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, war in Spain, India, South Africa, and so on—a grim period. And at home, in Methodism, there was friction. John Wesley died in 1791, the Methodist New Connexion was established in 1797 and, a few years later, in 1807 Hugh





Trinity Methodist Church
Sarum Hill
Basingstoke Circuit

**STONELAYING OF
THE NEW CHURCH**

on
Saturday, 7th December, 1968 at 3.00 p.m.
followed by
Service of Worship at 3.30 p.m.

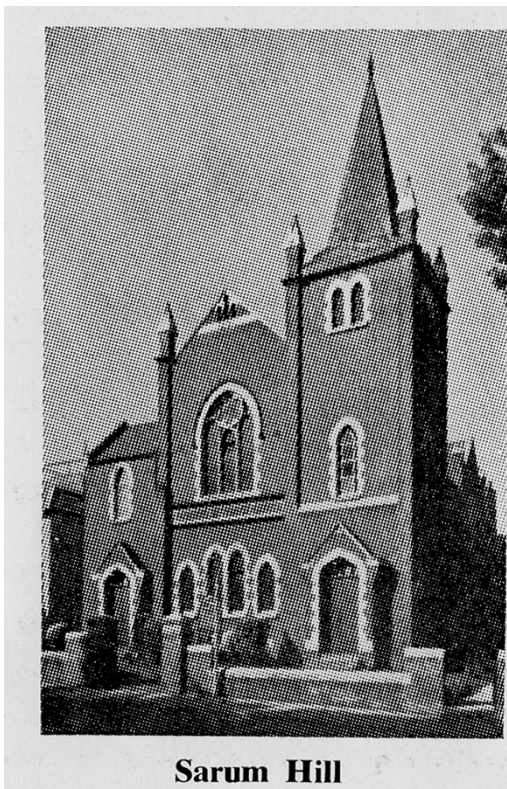
Preacher :
REV. LESLIE J. M. TIMMINS,
Superintendent of Streatham and Dulwich, London.

Tea Table Greetings from the Local Churches at 4.45 p.m.

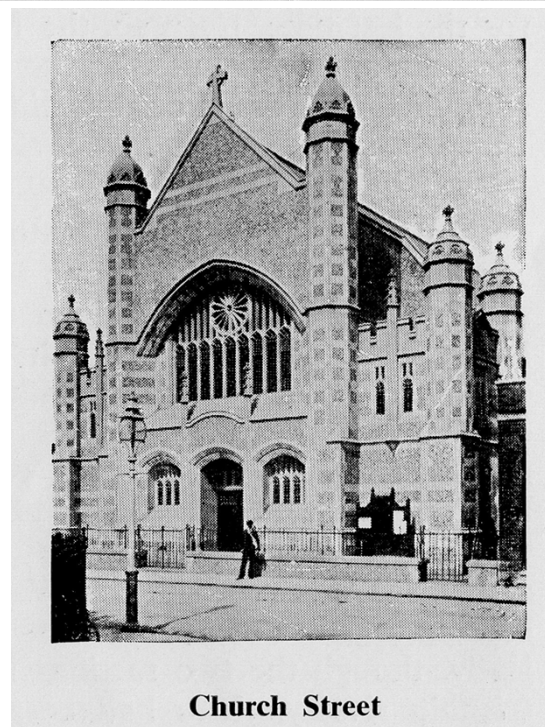
Architects :
BAILEY & PIPER, Park Gate, Nr. Southampton.

Builders :
W. M. ANNETTE & CO. LTD., Winchester Road, Basingstoke.

Minister :
REV. J. LEONARD CLOUGH,
2 Applegarth Close, Basingstoke. Telephone 23103.



Sarum Hill



Church Street

Some pictures:

- Souvenir Brochure of the Opening of Trinity
- Stonelaying Service
- Sarum Hill & Church Street Methodist Churches
- George Street Mission, page 21

Hymns sung at the Opening Service:

- All people that on earth do dwell
- Thou who Camest from above
- Thy hand, O God has guided
- Love divine, all loves excelling

A Piece from the Stonelaying Ceremony

Under the new town development of Basingstoke, the Church Street Methodist premises were compulsorily acquired by the Corporation for the new Town Centre. Mr W E Lewin of Messrs Warmington & Company, London, negotiated the compensation of £92,500 which was accepted by the Trustees on the 15 August 1966. The compensation also included the site of 0.9 acre at Sarum Hill adjoining the present Methodist Church and covered the cost of the site works, boundaries, car parking, rebuilding the new Church along with the cost of the organ, furnishings and fees.

Church Street Methodist Society celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on the 9 March 1955. The building was erected in 1905 on the site of a smaller Church built 30 years earlier. This older Church was rebuilt in the same year, 1905, as Cliddesden. Before the building of the old Church which was opened in November, 1975, the Methodist Society met in an upper room over an old Granary in Potters Lane. **John Wesley paid ten visits to Basingstoke.**

The original site of Sarum Hill Methodist Church was acquired in July 1898. The present Church was opened on 17 July 1902. A new organ by Messrs Conacher was dedicated on 20 February 1930. George Street Hall, originally a Railwaymen's Mission, was taken over by the Methodists 30 years ago under the leadership of the brothers Frank and Arthur Bat. It is now used by our Boys Brigade Company and for youth activities.

The new town of Basingstoke brings the call for a new Church. This call comes from without and it comes most of all from God Himself. In the new building all our work and worship will be seen to be one with false distinctions between sacred and secular removed. Here is the Church in action seeking not to possess but to share as the servant of God in the community. We shall be delighted to welcome any who care to join us in our wide opportunity for worship and in our many activities.

The new Church will seat 350 worshippers. The large hall will accommodate another 350 people, the basement for youth work will have room for 100 young people. There will be ancillary rooms, a foyer and a Narthex in which mothers and babies may share in Church worship in a separate room with double glazed windows. It is hoped that the opening date will be Saturday 18 April 1970.



Sarum Hill Methodist Church



Church Street Methodist Church

The above pictures can be seen on the 'Potted History of Trinity' on display in the foyer just inside Trinity's entrance.

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In 1847 a Primitive Methodist Chapel opened in Flaxfield Road. A granary in Potters Lane was converted into a chapel in 1872. The first Methodist Church in Church Street was opened in 1875 and this was followed by the Sarum Hill Chapel in 1902.

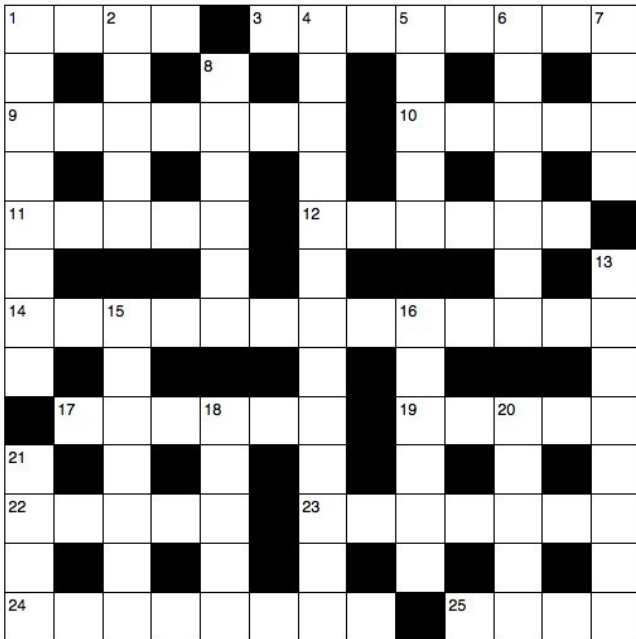
A few photos from Trinity's 40th Anniversary



During the Coronavirus Pandemic, folk may find the following resources useful:

- **Pray as you Go Website** – online resource: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php>
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- **Live-Streamed Services / Worship during Coronavirus at Wesley's Chapel, London** (adapted for no physical congregation):
- **10 am, Monday – Friday:** www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA
- **Service times:** Wednesday 12:45 pm; Thursday 12:45 pm; Sunday 9:45 am & 11 am.
These services available at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA
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- **Morning Prayers from Wesley House, Cambridge:** 9 am, Monday – Friday:
www.facebook.com/welsey.cambridge
- **Resources for following prayers & readings available at:** www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/prayer-space/
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- **Link to Methodist Church website for Worship during the Coronavirus:**
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
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- **Service Sheets** – These are short acts of worship. Click on the link for the Word Documents:
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
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- **Additional resources from The Methodist Website:**
- From Andrew Brown, a hymn for when we feel vulnerable – revised in light of the Coronavirus pandemic: 'When life is shaken to its core' (StF+ website only) <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/posts/when-life-is-shaken-to-its-core-website-only/>
- A new-look set of lectionary suggestions for Holy Week, designed to support personal reflection as well as planning worship: Holy Week – a Singing the Faith introduction
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/posts/holy-week-a-singing-the-faith-introduction/>
- Prolific Methodist hymn writer Andrew Pratt has written two responses to the Coronavirus pandemic, "This sudden Sabbath gives us pause" and "The care of all we seek or see". You can find them on Andrew's blog at <https://hymnsandbooks.blog/category/hymns/>
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- Our friends at Family Friendly Churches are offering, free of charge, weekly prayers, address and a couple of hymns as videos (with words and music) for use within the home. These can be found at: www.ffctideas.org.uk/Corona.php

Puzzle Pages & Solutions
for the young and young at heart



Across:

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down:

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

Mouse Makes

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also behave in accordance with the Spirit"

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT?

How many other words can you find using the letters from:

U O N T R V
 G R A C E G O D
 B T H E L P E A C E
 T P A T I E N C E I
 J G T R U S T R J
 C R L O R D L E E
 A K I N D N E S S
 L O V E H O N T U
 M J E R O D E K S
 G O O D N E S S
 C A Y M O E L S
 O B L E S S I S
 N F R U I T G P
 D T Y H O L Y H I
 A S E L F C O N T R O L P S E R V E V
 A U C O N S I D E R A T E O A R T M I E V E R
 E B N I N T E G R I T Y O D Y C A R E S N E
 B I C O M P A S S I O N E A C Y A N H T
 A T O L E R A N C E S I E L O E I T H
 Y G E N E R O S I T Y D T R R N S
 F A I T H F U L N E S S Y D Y T
 G O O D W I L L P

Which symbol goes with which fruit?

LOVE • CARE • CHERISH • JOY • DELIGHT • PEACE • ACCORD
 AGREEMENT • UNITY • CALM • CONTENTMENT • REST
 PATIENCE • TOLERANCE • KINDNESS • COMPASSION • HELP
 GOODWILL • GENEROSITY • GOODNESS • HONESTY • INTEGRITY
 FAITHFULNESS • LOYALTY • TRUST • GENTLENESS • CONSIDERATE
 SELF CONTROL • RESTRAINT • FRUIT • SPIRIT • LIVE • SERVE

Read Galatians 5:13-26

AMEN
 GCHH
 RRHOD
 JEEEAPO

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Only Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, can open blind eyes, give life to the dead and rescue souls from Satanic bondage – John Stott

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Samuel 8:1-10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel but he was now old. The leaders of the twelve tribes came to talk to him...

We want a king like all the other countries

God told Samuel It's not you they are rejecting but Me.

If you have a king, he will take your sons to be his army and your daughters to work in his palace.

We still want a king.

Samuel sent them home.

Saul and his servant were looking for some donkeys that had run off.

They decided to ask Samuel to ask God where the donkeys were

God told Samuel that Saul was to be the king

Samuel called everyone to a meeting and told them that God had chosen a king.

God told them that Saul was to be their king...

He's behind the luggage.

The people cheered but Saul was hiding.

and they found Saul.

Long live the King!

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	4		5			2
				9	3	2
9			1			7
4		1	7			
	8			9		7
	7		2		5	6
1			7			9

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Wordsearch Clues

This month the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus, the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the fact that our God is a Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. After the Resurrection, Jesus was seen on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He encouraged his disciples, and said that He was sending them to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses. 40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended into heaven; his work on earth was done. The disciples returned to Jerusalem, and on the fateful morning of Pentecost, there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. That morning the Holy Spirit came to dwell in all those who believed in Jesus: the Church was born. And so we have a triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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| Ascension | Prayer | Tongues |
| Blessed | Power | Flame |
| Taken | One | Joy |
| Jerusalem | Room | Praise |
| Wait | Disciples | Confusion |
| Triune | Spirit | Languages |
| Trinity | Earth | Father |
| Peter | Son | Holy |

G	E	N	T	F	N	E	L	W	E	E	A	
I	A	F	L	A	M	E	C	M	O	O	R	R
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S	N	R	F	W	R	I	E	I	A	N	L	T
T	E	R	N	A	T	N	P	S	I	E	N	P
J	C	J	O	Y	T	S	O	L	S	O	E	K
T	S	K	C	S	I	H	W	S	E	T	L	O
L	A	N	G	U	A	G	E	S	E	S	I	T
R	T	E	W	B	W	D	R	R	O	P	F	L

He who has the Holy Spirit in his heart and the Scriptures in his hands has all he needs – A MacLaren

April Solution

3	5	2	1	6	4	8	7	9
7	8	1	9	5	2	4	3	6
6	4	9	7	8	3	1	2	5
8	6	7	4	9	1	2	5	3
9	2	5	6	3	8	7	1	4
4	1	3	2	7	5	6	9	8
5	3	6	8	2	7	9	4	1
1	7	8	3	4	9	5	6	2
2	9	4	5	1	6	3	8	7

May Solution

8	9	2	1	4	6	7	3	5
5	1	7	3	2	8	9	6	4
6	4	3	9	5	7	8	2	1
7	5	8	4	6	9	3	1	2
9	3	6	8	1	2	4	5	7
4	2	1	7	3	5	6	9	8
2	8	5	6	9	4	1	7	3
3	7	9	2	8	1	5	4	6
1	6	4	5	7	3	2	8	9

April Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.
DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

May Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.
DOWN: 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham’s faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

- 200 years ago: on 12 May 1820 Florence Nightingale was born. This Italian-born British social reformer and statistician saved thousands of lives and became the founder of modern nursing.
- 175 years ago: on 12 May 1845 Gabriel Faure, the French composer was born.
- World War II – 80 years ago on 13 May: Winston Churchill gave his first speech in the House of Commons, saying: “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.”
- 50 years ago, on 8 May 1970 the Beatles released their final album ‘Let it Be’.

The Revd Paul Hardingham considers fear in the face of the pandemic (taken from Parish Pump)

Coping in the Storm

‘Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.’ (Mark 4:39).

What started out for the disciples as a routine trip across the Sea of Galilee, ended up with a storm threatening to overwhelm their boat! Jesus was asleep in the boat, so little wonder they feared for their lives: *‘Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?’ (38).* Who would have thought two months ago that the world would be overwhelmed by the Coronavirus pandemic and our lives turned upside down! Self-isolating and self-distancing are now part of our daily vocabulary, as we live in an uncertain world. What does this story say to us in our circumstances?

Firstly, we read that Jesus calmed the storm: *‘He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ (39).* He is the Lord of the storm and holds our circumstances in His hands. We are called to trust, not fear, being assured that He is with us to protect us. *‘Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?’ (40).* Nothing is outside of His control.

Secondly, despite the calm, the disciples were still terrified: *‘They were terrified and asked each other, ‘Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!’ (41).* Like us, the disciples were asking why Jesus, who loved them, had allowed the storm to happen! Our circumstances provide us with an opportunity to understand more deeply who Jesus is. We can’t control Him and we don’t always understand His bigger plans for us and His world. We are called to overcome fear and insecurity, by living lives of peace, faith and hope. How contagious can we be for Jesus in a stormy world?

The Ven John Barton muses on our present isolation...(taken from Parish Pump)

Life in quarantine

Full marks to Jamie Oliver for his Channel 4 series, 'Keep Cooking and Carry On'. He showed us how to make tasty meals with basic ingredients and a minimum of fuss.

The pandemic prompted other encouraging responses. One mother in the 'at risk' category said her adult children thought she was immortal until now. Now they ring her every day to see how she's getting on. An elderly clergyman had offers to shop from two new neighbours whom he hardly knew. The whole nation stopped taking the National Health Service for granted and started showing gratitude. Telephone, television, the internet and email prevented many from going stir-crazy. Some even tried the cryptic crossword, though newcomers should be warned it takes years to learn its secrets!

The isolation was tough for many. Isolated families had to get used to each other's company and foibles for long periods, away from the park or beach. Couples were parted from each other by distance or illness. Those living alone were cut off from visitors and communal activities. Churchgoers missed Holy Communion at Easter for the first time. That should help us identify with millions of Christians across the world who have to pray in secret because their neighbours would persecute them if they did so publicly.

Alone-ness, rather than loneliness, can be productive. Albert Einstein valued time alone, when he could "go for long walks on the beach so that I can listen to what is going on inside my head." Isaac Newton's greatest discoveries began when he escaped the effects of the bubonic plague, by returning home to the family farm in Lincolnshire. He had time to observe what was going on around him and, yes, that did include watching the famous apple fall.

When the bubonic plague was at its peak, the Reformer Martin Luther wrote: "*I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, He will surely find me and I have done what He has expected of me, and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others.*"

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*In these difficult times, many people are working hard to care for others.
This is a good news story...(taken from Parish Pump)*

Easter egg donations break records

This Spring a record breaking 3,000 'Real Easter Eggs' were bought and donated to food banks through a usually 'quiet' online scheme. The 'Donate an egg to a food bank scheme' is run by The Meaningful Chocolate Company which, for the past ten years, has been making 'The Real Easter Egg'.



David Marshall CEO said: "What is moving is that people were donating their purchase to someone they will never meet or hear from, but they trust that the Easter story, which comes with each egg, will make a difference and the chocolate egg give a treat. One customer told us she had a legacy from her father and wanted to use some of it to send a pallet of eggs to those in need.

"Ten years ago, churches and schools helped us create The Real Easter Egg, with its copy of the Easter story in the box, and its support of Fairtrade chocolate and charitable causes. There can be no more fitting a tribute than for us to continue to support, share and give to those in need."