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**Thank you to our 'Zoom
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at home to join us.**

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**Trinity 'Easter Cross',
Easter Sunday,
Thank you.....**

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June Newsletter – Fri 19 May

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.

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• The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it!" (PP)

May 2023

Dear Friends

All Change

This is the time of the year when the angle of the sun or some mysterious circadian rhythm makes me actually want to clean the house, declutter the cupboards and throw out all the dross and junk that has accumulated over the winter period. My bursts of energy don't always last very long but they can often leave both me and the rest of the family confused by all the upheaval. New places for familiar kitchen objects cause pandemonium and recriminations when they can't be found easily or when I can't remember where I put them or if I ejected them in a clutter clearance.

What I am trying to say is that this is a time of changes, major and minor, domestic, local and national and that these often leave us feeling a bit confused and bewildered as familiar places and patterns give way to new.

By the time you read this we will be well into Coronation preparations and celebrations, as our new King takes his official place as the Head of the Nation. All change there too, as he takes on new responsibilities and changes the team of "Royals" who perform ceremonial duties.

Our "JAM" Palm Sunday service emphasised the failure of most of the Jewish people to recognise the style of Jesus' Kingship as he entered Jerusalem with a message of love and peace instead of the pomp and fear which accompanied most other rulers of the time. It's scary when things change and many of us would rather stick to the familiar even if it is worse than the new alternative.

As a Church community we face lots of changes in the near future. This may mean giving up some familiar places, some familiar habits. However we need to hold on to the certainties of our faith and to the relationships and friendships we have already built while embracing the excitement of things that are new or different and welcoming people with

whom we have yet to connect.

I read the following recently and I hope you will feel that it speaks to you too.

I have paraphrased this message from *The Easter God* by John V Taylor:

We must remember that in the midst of change we are God's messengers of hopefulness.

In a world of sceptical manipulation we must keep on affirming that human nature and the world it creates can be changed and that the future is not being made or marred by us but coming to meet us from the hand of God.

When we think about the maintenance and mission of our church we need to remember that the tradition of which we are guardians is not a building or a village pond of stagnant water but an ever changing bubbling spring of newness of life. It is a well of living, life-giving water backed by a promise of forgiveness and change which has no equal.

It is a new wine that will always break old wineskins with its life and vibrancy, generation after generation. We are the guardians of that wine and not the wineskins, of the hope and vitality of God's plan and Christ's message.

The Church is after all the servant of Him who says "Behold I am making all things new"

Enjoy your Spring cleaning, remember where to find the important things in your life and embrace change!

Hilary Reed



'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

Meets from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm,
usually on the 1st Sunday of
the month.



The Next 'JAM' Dates are:

Sundays: 14 May, 11 June & 2 July

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

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

Tulips

I love tulips, but it is very disappointing that after a couple of days in a vase, they droop, and eventually the petals open and fall off. I have just discovered that tulips love tonic water. I put 75% water with 25% tonic water in a vase and added my tulips after I had cut 1" off the stems. These tulips lasted two weeks and remained upright throughout.



At the start of week three they still looked ok, but the flower heads were beginning to dry out and I thought it was time they went. This week I am experimenting with a 50 / 50 balance of water and tonic, so far so good. *Anon*

(sent in by Barbara J)

Good idea! Have you ever been just sitting there, and all of a sudden, you feel like doing something really nice for someone else? That could well be God, prompting you through the Holy Spirit. (PP)

Trinity Circle

Our Next Meeting is on

Tuesday 9 May 2023 at
7.30 pm in Trinity Lounge.

The evening will start with the AGM and then Margaret Hayes will be showing us some of her lovely slides.

Trinity Circle is open to Everyone, so if you are able to join us, please come along, we would love to see you.

Sonia

Northern Housegroup

Our next meeting is on:

Tuesday 2 May at 7.30 pm in
Sonia's home.

We will be sharing our memories of 'The Queen's Coronation', together with music and poems connected with this.

Hilary, Edna and Sonia

Something I wrote recently

Water of Life

All things rely on water to stay alive.
Without that source, nothing will survive.

Oceans, lakes, rivers and seas,
Water is vital or nothing would be.

The Water of Life is much the same
God's promise to us after Jesus came,
From the fountain of life, take a drink,
With God's Grace you will make the link,
For life everlasting in heaven above
Trust in the Messiahs love.

Jenny Leighton

Sunday Worship – Trinity and our Basingstoke Churches

Plan for Worship – May 2023

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Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – May 2023

Dates	7 May, 5 th of Easter	14 May, 6 th of Easter	21 May, 7 th of Easter	28 May, Pentecost
Trinity 10.30 am	Joint LA at St Andrew's	Revd Jenny Dowding	Mr Tony Pitt <i>with Mrs Hilary Reed</i>	Revd Audrey D Browne
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Stephen Appiah, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Mrs June Hardcastle, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Stephen Appiah	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mr Terry Rowell	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Mr David Munns	Mr Peter Frank	Revd David Jenkins, S / United
Old Basing 10.30 am	LA	Mr Tony Bell	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	United Service at Oakridge
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Joint LA Service	Revd Lesley Martin, P	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mrs Linda Hoe

The Coronation of King Charles III by Canon Paul Hardingham (PP)

On 6 May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event?

Paul says: 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.' (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

For God's presence – to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about *'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England – the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'*

For God's wisdom – as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: *'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.'* (1 Kings 3:9).

For God's love – to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose – to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen Consort and their family in the years to come. He has said: *'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'*

A Prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

'MEMORIES OF TRINITY' –
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE 4TH JUNE



Dear Trinity Friends

It has been the tradition at Trinity to celebrate **our Church Anniversary on Trinity Sunday** which this year falls on **June 4th** and I am leading worship.

As we know, our time as Trinity Church is limited and this may well be the last Anniversary that we share in our beloved building. I felt that an occasion like this calls for a moment of nostalgia before we move on to pastures new.

I would really like this to be your service and many of you have over the years collected memories of all the church has meant to us. So, I am asking you to let me know of a special hymn, a bible reading, a particular service, a group you belonged to or even an object that brings back a special memory of Trinity for you. It would be helpful if we could know why anything you have chosen is so special for you but if you do not want to speak yourself, we can find someone to do it for you.

If you want to contact me, my e-mail address is annerowe@talk21.com or you can see me at church.

I look forward to hearing from you, **Anne Rowe**

SAVE THE DATE

**'Revd David Shaw,
Revd Audrey D
Browne &
Mary Ludlow'**

**Circuit Farewell
Service –**

**A chance to say
Farewell to:**

**David Shaw,
Audrey Browne &
Mary Ludlow**

**4 pm, Sunday 23 July,
Trinity, Basingstoke**

**'Coronation
Lunch'**

St Andrew's Church

after

Morning Worship:

**Sunday 7 May
12.30 pm**

**The Service on
Sunday 7 May is**

**NOW a Joint Service,
St Andrew's & Trinity**

(See Poster on page 8)



She doesn't know it's a statue, less about religion and she doesn't even know how much steel weighs...! She just saw a human being who needs help. Look at the world with the heart of a child and life will become better.

Kempshott's Last Ever Service in Person:

All are welcome to the Service at Kempshott
9 July, 4 pm to close the building and celebrate
"The Church of the Living Stream"

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

Church Livingstream – Topic: Church of the Living Stream's Service Zoom Meeting, to join:
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6250073339?pwd=WU9VUDVPdHlsWHMxRWVjWtNidDZtZz09>

Meeting ID: 625 007 3339 Passcode: uYrc2X

Journeying On

Bible Reading: Philippians 2.1-13

Paul is writing to the church at Philippi. He knows that they are united with Christ. He knows that they have received comfort from Christ's love and experienced the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit. He knows this in part because he has seen the tenderness and compassion with which they treat each other.

Paul then points out to them their growing edge, the place where there is room for improvement or learning. To assist their learning Paul reminds the Philippians of a hymn or a prayer that perhaps they would already have known.

He reminds them that their attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. The hymn outlines Jesus' story.

Our passage ends with the words that I want to home in on.

".....keep on working with fear and trembling to complete your salvation, because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose." (GNB)

"...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose." (NIV)

I want to put this verse like this for us today, not just as individuals but as a community together. Paul was writing to the church at Philippi after all.

Keep working out what it means to live a Christ-centred life and live that life. Be amazed and awestruck as you realise that God's Spirit is at work in you giving you the desire and strength to do what most pleases God.

This reminds me of an occasion I was an inpatient in hospital. I happened to let on that I was a Methodist minister. The person that I was speaking to said she wasn't able to believe in God because of something that had happened in her family. Someone who was important to her had suffered and died. I said that I didn't have answers to all those questions. I did know that I was loved by God and called to work with God for good in all circumstances.

I don't know whether my answer helped the other lady in any way. I do know that when I need to refocus my life, those words often come to mind (as well as others). I know that I am loved by God and called to work with God for good in all circumstances.

I dare to believe with awe and wonder that God's Spirit is at work in us guiding our desires as we say what kind of community we want be.

So let's keep on working out together what it means to live a Christ-centred life.

Then let's encourage one another to live a Christ-centred life – asking for the enabling strength of the Holy Spirit.

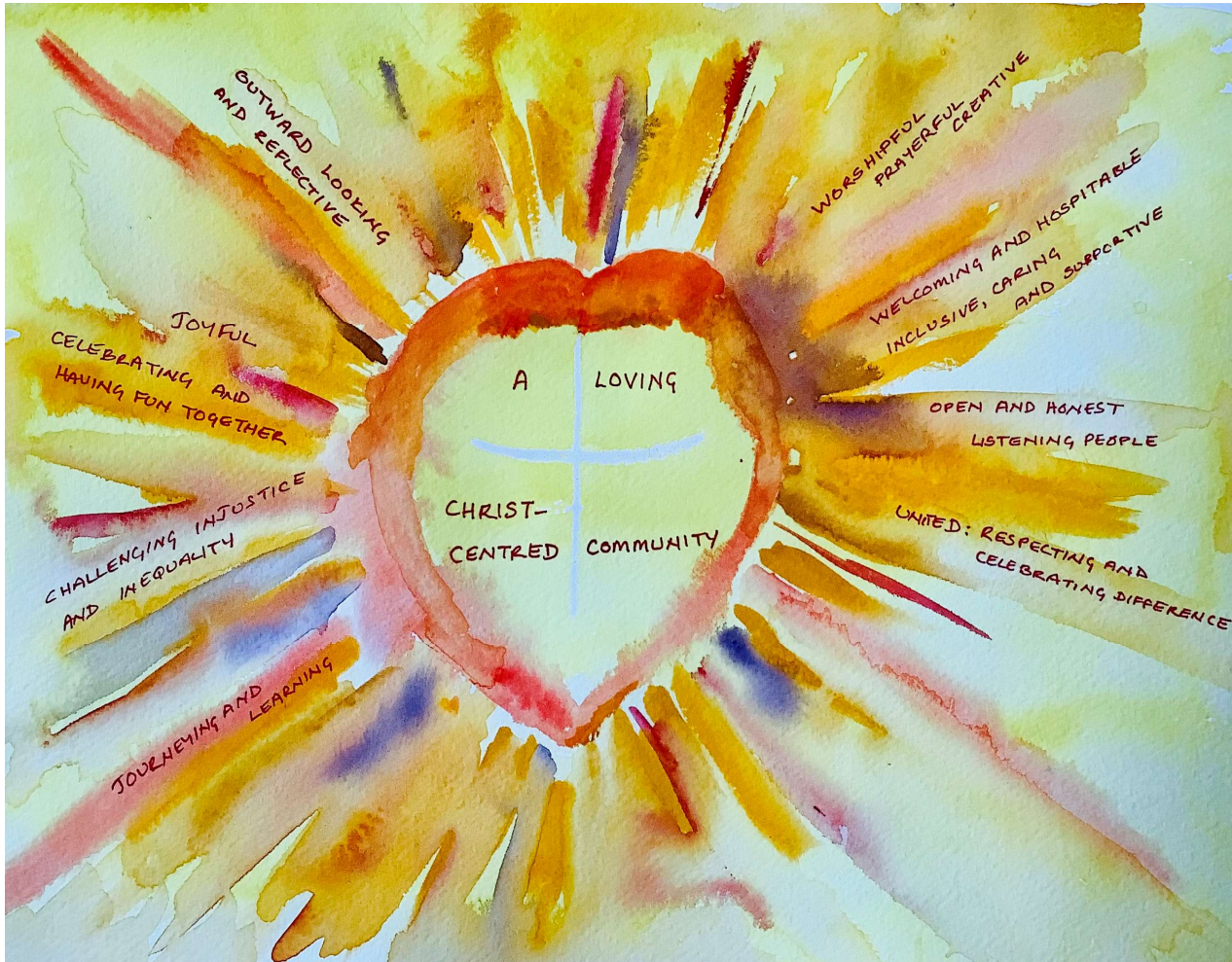
Both Trinity Methodist Church and St Andrew's Methodist Church councils have agreed to explore together the possibility of joining together to form a new Christian community.

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Journeying On, cont'd.....

One step in our exploration was a meeting together on 1st April to catch a glimpse of God's future for us. The commitment card which has been circulated was prepared following that day.

I have already received some feedback and have incorporated it into this picture.



During our service on 23rd April, there was an opportunity for further feedback. In the coming week, a group of us will reflect further on the commitment card in the light of this feedback.

During May and June, the two church councils will meet separately to decide whether they each wish to join with the other to create a new Christian community. They will make that decision on the basis of our joint glimpse of God's future for us.

If we do decide to join together to form a new Christian community, this commitment card will continue to be part of our becoming that new community.

This "becoming" will take place over time as we listen to each other, work together and learn together. We want to be an inclusive community. We can begin to become an inclusive community by including everyone's gifts and skills. Our new minister, Claire, who will be arriving in September will be key in this important stage of the process.

Watch out for the revised commitment card in the coming weeks!

Angela Webb

COUNTDOWN TO THE CORONATION

Of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort.

On Saturday 6th May the Coronation will take place.

It is based on a solemn religious ceremony which has remained largely unchanged for more than 1000 years. For the past 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, and is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. King Charles III will be crowned, and then in a similar, but simpler ceremony at the same service, the Queen Consort will also be crowned. (*Parish Pump*)

Let's celebrate the King's coronation!



Sunday 7th May 2023

Sunday worship at 10.30 a.m.

followed by

Coronation Lunch

(Jacket potatoes and filling plus dessert)

at 12.30.

All welcome.

Sign up to book your place
as numbers are limited.



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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

Trinity Circle – JAM Session

Over the Easter period I went along to the Trinity Circle monthly meeting, which proved to be a very interesting and fun filled evening. It was in fact a *JAM* session, "Jesus And Me", normally an outreach to the youth, but on this occasion Hilary Reed had tailored it to be a lively evening for the more senior members of the Church.

We commenced with a group challenge to find Easter related words that started with each of the letters in GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER MONDAY. Words like Everlasting, Obedience, Unbelievable, Renewal, Salvation and Resurrection came to our minds, and many more too. It was a very stimulating discussion with us all participating. We then individually continued with an "Awesome Easter Crossword" which tested our Bible knowledge, whilst enjoying some refreshments.

Then came the creative fun part of the evening when Hilary gave us all a selection of biscuits, sweets and miniature easter eggs, and some moist icing and challenged us all to create a "Garden Tomb" display. We all accepted the challenge, and the results were well worth the effort. See the attached picture. The tomb was empty, and the entrance open in the shape of a heart signifying Christ's eternal Love for us. The stone (easter egg) was rolled away, and the icing and small sweets portrayed the colourful garden surrounding the tomb.

Many thanks to Hilary for a stimulating and fun filled Easter experience!

Martin Frost, 18 April 2023



I see your Shoots

I see your sleeping shoots
waking up,

I hear the wind blowing through
your leaves,

I feel the coolness your
canopy offers,

I smell the sweetness of
your flowers,

I taste the fruits of your harvest.

Jennifer Pitt



Extra Verses for 'All Things Bright & Beautiful'

*'I came across a couple of additional
verses for the hymn "All things bright and
beautiful", on Facebook', Tony Pitt*

"He made the creepy-crawlies
The spiders, bugs and fleas
Malarial mosquitoes
And ticks with Lyme Disease

All things bright ...

He made Tyrannosaurus
Like in Jurassic Park
But made it too enormous
To fit in Noah's Ark

All things bright ..."

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Prayers
Easter to Pentecost 2023
Creation and New Creation

The entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters!

Romans 8: 19 TPT



Photo by [Guillermo Ferla](#) on [Unsplash](#)

***By the word of our Lord the heavens were made.
By the spirit of our Lord was life begun.
By the wisdom of our Lord his laws were laid.
By the love of our Lord was born his Son.
By the grace of our Lord mankind was saved.
By the power of our Lord the victory was won.***

www.faithandworship.com



**Sarah Eberle's
Psalm 23 Garden:
Design tips for a
calm green space
by various authors,
Bible Society, £6.50**

In September 2021, the Bible Society entered a garden based on Psalm 23, into the RHS Chelsea, Flower Show. The garden was designed by Sarah Eberle, who had previously won 17 gold medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows. If that wasn't enough, the Psalm 23 Garden won another gold medal as well as awards for Best Sanctuary Garden and Best Construction Award! Therefore, the garden contains vibrant greenery and a peaceful water feature. This book contains full-colour photographs of features of the garden, and tips and advice on creating your own beautiful garden. *PP*

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Spring Live 23

Friday 19 May, 6 pm, The Anvil, RG21 7QR

Praise Embassy invite you to their annual Spring Night of Worship 2023 taking place on Friday 19 May 2023 at the Anvil Theatre, Basingstoke. The Spring Night of Worship is their annual event where they invite local churches, friends, and the entire community to join them in worship as they celebrate the anniversary of Praise Embassy Church in Basingstoke. This year, they celebrate their 17th anniversary, and the theme is 'Deeper Communion' with the key scripture taken from Psalm 42. The focus this year is to begin to sow the seed of revival in our town and across the county of Hampshire by bringing **'all nations and peoples and cultures'** within Hampshire together to pray and worship God under one roof – regardless of race, creed, or denomination. At previous Spring Live events, they have had the privilege of being blessed by seasoned worship ministers such as Nathaniel Basse, Philippa Hanna, Volney Morgan & New Ye, Mike Aremu and Called Out Music to mention a few. *(taken from One Church, Basingstoke)*

Pray that the Holy Spirit may be seen to dwell in the life of our Circuit Churches.

Our Circuit churches are:

Bradfield Methodist Church
 Tilehurst Methodist Church
 Wesley Methodist Church

Burnt Hill Methodist Church
 Emmanuel Methodist Church
 Whitley Methodist Church

Trinity Church, Earley
 Christ Church, Woodley

Caversham Methodist Church
 Woodley Airfield Church

Oakley Methodist Church
 Oakridge Methodist Church
 Kempshott Methodist Church
 Trinity Methodist Church

St. Andrews Methodist Church
 Old Basing Methodist Church
 Christ Church, Chineham

Tadley Methodist Church
 Silchester Methodist Church
 Burghfield Common Methodist Church

Tadley Common Methodist Church
 Mortimer Methodist Church

A prayer as we Dwell in the Word

Loving God,
 Although our destination is not yet clear,
 May we trust in your graceful promises;
 Though we are uncertain of ourselves,
 May we be rooted in your loving regard;
 Though our attention is inclined to wander,
 May we hear the things you are saying;
 Though we often neglect your influence,
 May we be convicted of your power to change,
 In Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Amen.

**Did you know ?
 Some Facts about
 King Charles III.**

He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.

He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree. From 1967 to 1970 he studied history at Cambridge University.

He can speak Welsh. He spent two months learning the language in 1969, as he prepared to become the Prince of Wales. He still speaks it today.

He is a qualified pilot and diver. While serving in the military in the 1970s, he trained as a jet and helicopter pilot and became a confident diver.

He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author, and a music lover, who played the cello at Cambridge.

As Prince of Wales, he founded nearly 20 charities. They raise £140million each year. *PP*

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***Hospice Movie Night –
 'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again'***

Wednesday 24 May, 7 pm

Bartons Mill, Basingstoke, RG24 8AE

Join us for our first movie night and watch
'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again'.

Arrive from 7 pm, film starts at 8 pm

Buy your tickets now before they sell out and help your local Hospice. (taken from One Church)



Chocolate



If there was nothing like chocolate, how dull would this world of ours be! A world without wonderful chocolate, would not be a good world for me!

For chocolate's a way to say 'thank you'; or 'please' if you want something done. It's better than mere words or phrases cos eating it's terribly fun! If somebody went and banned chocolate the consequence of his dread fault would be dire beyond contemplation the world – it would grind to a halt!

For nothing gets done without chocolate whether milky or silky or sweet, some folk will do wonders for chocolate, for a taste of a chocolaty treat!

So go out and purchase some chocolate, there's lots on your local shop's shelf!

Give someone a gift of some chocolate – but also – keep some for yourself!

by Nigel Beeton, PP

Dwelling in the Word text

You are invited to spend time with this reading, reflecting on different parts of the passage, and exploring what it is that God is saying to you.

You might like to take a different section each week.

Colossians 1: 9b-20 NRSVA

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Fire of Pentecost

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired, and battle weary sometimes. Jesus' disciples had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten, crucified, dead and buried. Then the shock and awe of finding He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire! Today, many of us have been emotionally drained by the uncertainties of Covid 19, the worry of rising prices, and now the uncertainty of Russia's war in Ukraine. So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us. *Parish Pump*

Prayer - inspired by Hillsong's "So will I"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2U7ffUM5Ec>

Creator God, you are the One who created everything from nothing.
Before the beginning of time itself, you spoke to the emptiness and dark,
And there was light.

And as You spoke, a hundred billion galaxies were born.
Stars and planets formed by Your word.
Everything you've made, every distant star, shows us your grace.
If all creation was made to worship You, so will I.
Holy Spirit, You breathed life into creation.
Billions of creatures are alive because of you,
Evolving in accordance with Your word.

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
You were there at the moment creation began.
You *are* the beginning, the one born first.
Nothing in creation was made without You, and everything holds
together in You.
It's all for you.
If everything exists to lift You high, so will I.

God our Saviour,
You rescued me from the darkness of my failure and pride.
On a hill – a hill You created,
You, the light of the world, were abandoned in darkness to die.
And as You speak
a hundred billion failures disappear.
You gave Your life so I could find it.
Creation is made new as you lead the resurrection parade.
If You left the grave behind You, so will I.

God our Creator, you sustain everything you created.
We see Your heart in all of creation, and in new creation.
May we be prepared to endure everything with patience,
while joyfully giving thanks to you.
Risen Christ, in you, the head of the Church, we see the image of the
invisible God.
May we recognise that you have the first place in everything –
- in our lives, in our church, in our world.

God of creation, God of salvation, God of new creation, we worship you.

Signs and Promises

(Mark 13: 5-13,
Rev 21: 4, 22: 20)

**'The one who endures
to the end will be
saved'**

Earthquakes, explosions,
Tsunamis and terror,
nation rising against
nation, dictators
destroying their own,
floods, famine, families
in sewer-slums,
persecution, opposition,
and the list goes on...

Signs all around of a
broken world,
a warning world.

Send your Spirit, Lord,
bring Your healing,
Your compassion,
bring your good news
to those who must
endure.

Open eyes to see
beyond disasters,
to the One who saves
and will wipe away
all tears.

Come Lord Jesus.

**by Daphne Kitching
(Parish Pump)**

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Coronation Prayer 2023

Almighty God, on the occasion of the crowning of King Charles 111,
we, the people, pray for him. We thank you for him and for the calling on
his life and we recognise the weight of responsibility that puts upon him.



We know that he will need your help, Lord. We know that he will face many challenges, as
did his mother, Queen Elizabeth. We ask, that, as he is anointed with oil, you will anoint him
with your Holy Spirit, so that he will know in his heart, as his mother knew, that Jesus is alive
and able to help him fulfil his unique vocation.

We pray that in all the days he serves as King, he will be aware that first and foremost he
serves you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May his reign be one of wisdom, vision and
integrity, inspired by your Kingdom values. May your name be honoured and glorified
throughout this land, Lord, as we pray, **God save the King!**

by Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)

Sent in by Pauline Ansell

Silent Retreat Taster Day



Saturday 20th May 2023

10am–4pm

Tea and Coffee available from 9.30am
Suggested Offering—£33 to include
refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea



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Silent Retreat Taster Day

People often feel called to silence in response to God. Silence may also help those who feel over busy, or have recently experienced change. A silent retreat is a good opportunity to press the pause button in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and to reflect on changing circumstances in our lives. Above all else it gives us the opportunity to connect with God.

We will start with some meditation, and will explain the resources available throughout the day. These will include the labyrinth and creative prayer spaces.

The rest of the day will continue in silence, including the sharing of lunch.

There will be opportunity to speak with one of the prayer guides during the day if this is something you would like to do.

Both Pauline and Debbie, our facilitators, are part of the Breathing Space team, who are a group of ecumenical spiritual directors facilitating this day.

Programme: (times may alter)

9.30-10.00	Arrivals and coffee.
10.00-11.15	1st Session
11.15-11.30	Coffee
11.30-12.30	2nd Session
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30-3.15	3rd Session
3.15-4.00	Tea and sharing the day's experiences

Pauline Young: Pauline is a Spiritual Director & Supervisor of Spiritual Direction. She lives in Southampton & enjoys dancing and playful prayer.

Debbie Waldron: Debbie is a Spiritual Director & Supervisor of Spiritual Direction. She lives in Wellow on the edge of the New Forest. She enjoys the creativity of Celtic and Ignatian Spirituality & being in nature.

Wisdom Centre is entirely non-profit making. Our suggested offering of £33 includes materials, refreshments & lunch. **Please advise us of any special dietary requirements and we will do our best to accommodate. Those with severe allergies please be advised that our food is prepared in an environment where nuts and other common allergens are present. NOTE – we require 7 days notice of cancellation & refund** (Covid-19 related cancellations are an exception).



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Wisdom Centre is set in beautiful gardens, including a Labyrinth, which you will be able to enjoy during your day. (Large umbrellas are available if the day is wet!). The emphasis at the centre is on welcome ad hospitality. The building itself is spacious, warm and comfortable with an airy Conference / Meeting Room, Quiet Room, Sitting Room and a Creative Room. Each room offers something to help you relax and make the most of your time with us.

A Momentous Year



The Coronation of King Charles 3rd makes 2023 a momentous year. For some, this will have no real significance, but for many it is a reason to celebrate. It carries for the King, the responsibility of monarchy. Westminster Abbey will welcome invited guests from many nations, to witness the Coronation with all the prestige it involves.

The year 1936 had a great influence on the events we see this year. It was the year of three kings, George 5th, Edward 8th and George 6th. The latter being our new King's grandfather.

It was for a middle-aged couple a new beginning too. Opposite the west doors of Westminster Abbey, stood the old Westminster Hospital. And here, for a childless couple, began the life of a premature baby girl. She weighed less than 3lbs, and was not expected to live. Her father said, she was like a bag of sugar. Now, eighty-seven years later, thanks be to God, she lives.

How precious life is? Every day is a gift, and whatever may happen, God our Heavenly Father, protects, strengthens, and loves each one of us. It is easy to take the days for granted.

Not long after the baby's birth, a world war meant loss, evacuation, and rationing, but eventually peace came.

When I watch the Coronation on television, I see the place where my earthly life began. It is now the site of the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre.

To see the beginning of my spiritual life, I would have to take you to a Salvation Army Hall in South London where, as a nine-year-old, when asked the question, 'Do you want Jesus to come into your heart?' I replied 'Yes' and that has made all the difference.

I would like to share with you, a Guiding refrain, sung in the mornings at camp, or wherever we join together for prayers.

***'God has created a new day,
silver and green and gold.
Live that the sunset may find us,
worthy His gift to hold.'***

God bless you.

Margaret Garland

God is Everywhere, by Patricia J Murphy, Lion Books, £7.99

This heart-warming picture book introduces young children to the reassuring messages found in Bible verses. Each of three Bible verses are woven into a lyrical narrative, with key repetitive phrases, and then applied to young children's daily lives.

The Bible verses are based on:

You are a Child of God. Memory verse: ***"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!" (1 John 3 verse 1)***

Never Fear, God is Near! Memory verse: ***Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1 verse 9)**

Love God, Love All. Memory verse: ***Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind..." Love your neighbour as yourself."***

(Matthew 22 verses 37, 39). Beautiful story-telling illustrations showing activities of young children's everyday lives at home, at school, and out and about. *(Parish Pump)*



**ANNUAL
CONCERT**

Hampshire Harmony
with
WANTAGE SILVER BAND
Saturday 10th June
7pm

Join **Hampshire Harmony** for their first concert with new Music Director, Clare Oliver, and our very talented and prize-winning guests, Wantage Silver Band, one of the largest brass band organisations in the country.

The evening will be full of uplifting vocal melodies ranging from contemporary pop, traditional choral to 007 James Bond! Our guests will demonstrate their great mastery as silver band instrumentalists plus soloists featuring a world premiere!

Saturday 10th June, 7pm

at Aldworth School, Western Way, Basingstoke RG22 6HA

Tickets: Adult £12.00, Seniors £10, Child £8, Family (2 adults, 2 children) £35

Tickets are available from Angela Fairbairn or Hazel Green. Or just go to our website, www.hampshireharmony.org where you will find a link to buy on-line.

Are you wondering who Hampshire Harmony are? We are Basingstoke Ladies' Choir rebranded! Over the years we have seen many changes, not only with our name, which started off as the Oakridge Singers but also with different musical directors, repertoires and singing styles and with our reputation always growing. Our members come from as far out as Kingsclere and Odiham. Last summer all our members took part in selecting our new name for the choir, Hampshire Harmony; Hampshire encompassing a wider local area and Harmony reflecting our musical ambition.

A licensed bar will be available in the interval

Come along for a guaranteed evening of joyous entertainment!

Happy Birthday, Cadbury Crème Egg

Cadbury Crème Eggs celebrate their 60th birthday this Spring.

They have a lot to celebrate: the Creme Egg is the best-selling confectionery item between New Year's Day and Easter in the UK, with annual sales of more than 200 million eggs, worth about £55 million.

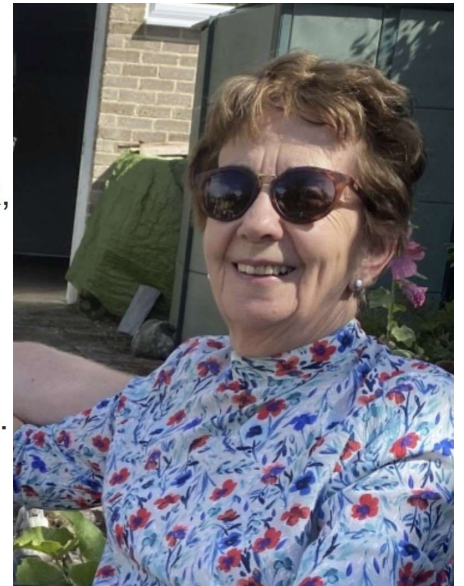
Cadbury Crème Eggs were first created by the British chocolatier Fry's in 1963, before being renamed by Cadbury in 1971.



Jean Allen – Eulogy

Jean was born in 1936, in the East End of London; she was a true Cockney, because she was born within the sound of Bow Bells! As a child, she moved to Yorkshire during the war, with her parents and younger brother Colin. They lived in Starbeck, near Harrogate; she spent most of her childhood there, returning back to live in London with her family, after she and her brother had completed their education, but Starbeck always had a special place in Jean's heart.

Jean and Bill met at a dancing class and soon started courting. They got married in 1959 and were very happily married for almost 60 years, until Bill passed away in 2019. They moved to Hook in the late sixties and then settled in Kempshott in 1984, moving to their home in Coniston Road in June 1986.



Jean and Bill had two daughters and a son, two granddaughters and five grandsons. In 2013, they became great grandparents to twin boys and in the last three years, two great granddaughters have joined the family!

Jean's last job before she retired was at Basingstoke Social Services. Once retired, she continued to be busy and had an active social life. She enjoyed Yoga and Line Dancing, was a member of the Trinity House Group and had a wide circle of friends. Jean also worked in the Trinity Church Office on Friday mornings for many years.

Jean and Bill enjoyed many happy holidays in Guernsey, Italy, Yorkshire and Scotland. After Bill passed away, Jean had several holidays in Guernsey with her family, as well as a holiday in Harrogate in 2020.

Family was everything to Jean and we have so many happy memories of family get-togethers, events, outings and holidays with her, and Bill, over the years. Jean was a loving Mum, Nana and Great Nana, with a kind, caring, selfless nature and a wonderful sense of humour. She loved animals and especially enjoyed spending time with Rolo, who absolutely loved her! We feel very grateful and lucky to have been part of her life; she will be greatly missed, but we feel comforted at the thought of her being reunited with Bill.

Read by Catharine Taylor, Jean's daughter

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This poem was read by Catharine and Jill, (Jean's daughters) at Jean's Funeral

Death is Nothing at All (*All is Well*)

Death is nothing at all,
it does not count.

I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.

I am I and you are you,
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that, we are still.

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Death is Nothing at All (All is Well) cont'd.....

Call me by the old familiar name.
 Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
 Put no difference into your tone.
 Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
 Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
 Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
 Let my name be ever the household word that it ever was.
 Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.
 Life means all that it ever meant.
 It is the same as it ever was.
 There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
 What is this death but a negligible accident?
 Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
 I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
 somewhere very near,
 just round the corner.
 All is well.
 Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.
 One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
 How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

By Henry Scott-Holland

THE COURSE OF LIFE –

A EULOGY for My Beloved Father, Ronald William Bath (11 Apr 23)

Good morning, ladies, Gentlemen, my family and friends. Diane, Deborah, Stephen (who sadly cannot be here in person today) and I thank you all for attending today to celebrate the life of Ron Bath.

Context – When asked to provide a Eulogy for your father it is hard enough to include all the memories you have of his life, but for a father like mine who meant so much to so many people, I have found this task almost impossible. So, I hope you can bear with me as I endeavour with the words of my brother and the love of my sister to do justice in just a few fleeting moments to my Father Ronald William Bath.

My Brother is an employment counsellor who works with CV's. If you will indulge him in a Latin translation for Curriculum Vitae it comes out as the "course of life". This seems quite an appropriate format to follow the life of Ron in the way we have seen and experienced it with him.

On September 9, 1934 Ronald William Bath entered this world as the youngest son to Lily and Vincent, brother to John. His affinity to football and the church was set pretty early on. Attending Chelsea and Fulham games with his dad and his elder brother John (they lived in



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Eulogy, Ron Bath, cont'd.....

Putney) and attending church where I am pretty sure his mother Lily was one of the leading lights.

Prior to my brother's entry into the world in 1961, Ron joined the RAF at the age of 16 in 1950. He often told us about his part on 2 June 1953 parading for the Queens Coronation, he was rightly proud to say he was there. My mother also tells a story of a dashing Airmen visiting her while she attended 6th Form turning the heads of the young ladies as he went. This was the beginning of his adventure with the love of his life, the first Chapter being completed on May 24, 1958 when he married Diane. In 1960 they moved to Kenya where in 1961 their first child, my big brother, was born. After returning to England, two more children followed, my big Sister Debbie and on a fateful day in 1966 yours truly.

In the early 1970's the Bath family moved to Cyprus. (Living in Limassol and RAF Akrotiri) There we formed part of another new community with church and the service families around us. Dad was always a keen sportsman, an accomplished Middle-Distance runner he also played football, cricket and rugby, and all of us children have recollections of watching dad perform. In Cyprus we got to see him play cricket, football and rugby with his unit team. Dad has always had a great love for sports which has rubbed off on his children, and all of his children chatted sports with him. He was even kind to the Liverpool supporters in the family!

In the mid 70's we found our way to RAF Odiham, a new adventure for work and his growing family. His ongoing dedication to community and scouting in particular was recognised in the Queen's honours list and he received the British Empire Medal (BEM). This was a reward that was richly deserved and a moment of great pride for all of us in recognition of a life of service.

Ron's RAF Career and his friends brought him to travel many parts of the world. He was certainly a well-travelled man. From the very beginning I can tell you that I can remember my dad as an honest, loyal, authentic and modest individual. He always represented his attributes with a kind, gentle and thoughtful demeanour. I don't recall him needing to raise his voice or to threaten to get things done. What a truly great role model to have.

Ron and Diane moved one last time in the late 70's to Basingstoke, Cedar Way to be precise. This is where they anchored their lives and for well over 40 years have been core members of the Trinity community. Even after retirement dad was never one to just sit back, he was always involved in projects. The one story I will share is the horror of his children when in his 70's (perhaps 80's) he continued to climb the ladder and clear the church gutters. He really was invincible in his own way, the stewardship and fellowship that he had was so very important to him.

It would be remiss of me not to mention some of his hobbies and interests. There were so many so we will start with the love of gardening. He always maintained a garden and a greenhouse; he ensured all his friends had tomato plants and any bulbs or seeds they needed. Our garden was always blooming.

His most intriguing and almost counter intuitive hobby to me was wine making. Dad came from a tea total background and did not drink very often but our linen closet and shoe cupboard sure was a fermenting and cellar option. He loved to experiment with his wines and share them with his friends, his peach wine really was not easy to forget. (Particularly the next morning). This was another example of his ability to bring joy to others, which he certainly did.

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Eulogy, Ron Bath, cont'd.....

Dad loved trains, he even had LP's (if you know what they are) of train sounds that he played while making his detailed models (buildings, soldiers, planes, boats). Ron had a love of stamps and coins and started collecting in his teens, he shared this love with his children and grandchildren. Talking of grandchildren, Ron has 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. A regret I think all his children will have is that some of our grandchildren will not have the opportunity to meet Pop, Opa or Grandad. He will, however, be alive in our memories, pictures and recollections.

Several years ago, my brother had an opportunity to visit for a few weeks with mum and dad. He was reminded how little my parents had changed over time. Dad never cared much for TV, he had a few shows that he introduced him too. Steve is now a big fan of the Repair Shop and Jay Blades. He also brought him up to speed on all the rugby and cricket he had missed. Including all of the ladies' teams that he also followed avidly.

The thread of our family brings me to the final notes in the course of this great life. I have witnessed what it meant to be a great husband, my father loved and showed his love daily to his wife. They truly loved each other and this will always be the place where we can bring our sadness to joy. The finality of this is summed up in this verse by **WH Auden**:

'He was my north, my south, my east and west,
My working week my Sunday rest
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song
I thought that love would last forever...'

He was not wrong!

Thank you all for allowing me to share these memories and insights.

In the words of Dame Vera: "We'll meet again, I don't know where, I don't know when. But I know we'll meet again some sunny Day."

Finally, I have been asked by my sister to finish with a Poem that she has chosen.

My Hero, by Anonymous

"You held my hand when I was small
You caught me when I fell
You are the hero of my childhood
And my later years as well
And every time I think of you
My heart still fills with pride
Though I will always miss you Dad
I know you're by my side
In laughter and in sorrow
In sunshine and in rain
I know you're watching over me
Until we meet again."

Read by Lloyd Bath, Ron's son

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Thank You – I would like to thank friends at Trinity for all their support over the last few months – for the flowers, cards, condolences and kind messages at this difficult time.

Thank you for all your visits and your care and concern, it has been a great source of comfort and very much appreciated, God Bless, love Diane

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Ron Bath, cont'd.....

A Tribute by The Reverend John Rowland

If Ron was there, things were better. It wasn't that he was a mover and a shaker or the focus of attention. Just the opposite. Sat, perhaps, in a corner, people somehow gravitated towards him, towards that slow but steady smile, and the eyes that smiled as well. He somehow had a quiet but profound presence which made things better. We have all known folk who by their presence were disruptive or spiky – we smile at them, wish them good evening or whatever, and move on. No hurry away from Ron though, he was just good to be with.

And when you talked with him (and that was never a chore) he gave you his attention. You were the focus and as far as Ron was concerned; you were important. I can envisage him as a Warrant Officer having to have a word, as they say, with some airman who had (how shall I put it?) fallen short in some duty. I am certain that that errant airman would have known quite clearly what his WO had said but would also have known – or even learned for the first time – that he mattered. Ron helped us to know that we mattered, we had worth. That's how he saw us. When he was talking with you he was talking with *you*.

And Ron was a grateful man. He looked out of those eyes of his and he saw things as they were but he was ever grateful for what he had and knew, for Di and his family, and for those of us who were his friends, and for what he had been enabled to do and be with and in his life. In his book "The Use of Praying" Neville Ward said that thankfulness was the heart of Christianity. He could have said that it was the heart of true humanity. That's what we found in Ron. He did us good by being there, by valuing us, telling us by attitude and presence that we mattered, and by his gratitude. There are folk who seem to suck lemons as a daily diet. Not Ron. And even when life had a bitter taste he cherished the good and the hopeful and made you feel at home with him.

So, God bless you, Ron, from those who you blessed by being who you were.

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A Tribute by The Reverend Audrey D Browne

One of my vivid memories of Ron was his sheer delight to be at the Sunday evening service. I remember him saying to me how much he enjoyed the Sunday evening service because it was a smaller group, everyone got to share if they wished to, and he found it very reflective. It was in the Sunday evening services that I saw and heard Ron's deep faith in Jesus, whenever he shared no matter how brief that was.

Ron always let me know how much he appreciated my ministry, no matter how simple that was. I remember the last time I saw Ron at home, he was in such good spirit although it was clear that it was a struggle — but, that same appreciation and thankfulness was still on his lips.

I would often ask Ron, 'how did you manage to keep all that hair on your head', and every time, he would say, 'I don't know, they just keep growing. I cannot speak of Ron without speaking of Diane. If I saw Ron, I knew that Diane is somewhere around, and if I saw Diane, I knew that Ron was somewhere around.

It was indeed a joy to have known Ron and to have heard snippets of his life journey from him. Diane and family, know that we are holding you all in our prayers and thoughts, and it is a privilege and an honour to be able to join you in celebrating and giving thanks for the life of our dear brother, Ron. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory, **Audrey**

Eulogy for Katherine Mary Kelly (Kim)

Kim was born Katherine Mary, to Frederick and May Eckstein on 4th October 1929, in Penzance. She was their only child. Her father had been working as a telephone engineer in Spain and he and May decided that their child should be born in England, so they returned to the U.K. As Katherine's initials were KME, she became affectionately known to her family as "Kimmie", which then became Kim, as we all knew her. Later, the family moved to South Harrow, London, where Kim's father continued his work as a telephone engineer.



With the onset of the Second World War, they moved to North Waltham, with Fred working in London during the week, coming home at weekends to be with his wife and daughter. Kim attended the girls' High School in Basingstoke and it was on the bus to school that she met her future husband Frank, who attended the boys' grammar school. Kim left school after sitting her Higher School Certificate, where she excelled at zoology and chemistry. Her early working life included positions at a research establishment in Reading, and at Portals in Overton.

Kim and Frank married in December 1953 and lived in Kim's family home at North Waltham, which her father had left her. Kim continued to work until two children came along, me and my brother Robert. She then became a full-time housewife and mother, a role she relished, whilst Frank worked as a teacher in Alton.

Kim loved the countryside and was especially fond of cats. Any feline in need of love, food and shelter became part of the family. And there were many! Happy years passed and the family enjoyed hitching up the caravan for summer holidays spent in the West Country. Sadly, in 1975, Frank passed away and Kim was left to raise two children on her own. It says much for her strength of character and courage that she rose to the challenge, finding work as a laboratory technician at Cranbourne School in Basingstoke.

In her indomitable style, Kim decided that she wanted to continue our annual caravan holidays, so she learnt to tow (and reverse) the caravan so that we could still enjoy time away. I remember an occasion when the car's gearbox broke and Mum had to negotiate the hilly Devonshire lanes with the car towing the caravan, stuck in third gear. Somehow we made it home safely!

After her retirement, Kim moved to Bradley and enjoyed a new home and garden in the countryside, taking an active part in the local community. Grandchildren were born and cherished by her.

She had a strong Christian faith and was active in her church, always willing to get involved and lend a hand when needed.

In her 70's, God called Kim to become a preacher for the Methodist Church. Apparently, she said to the Lord, "Oh, no, I'm too old", but the Lord replied "No, you're not" so, she obeyed and very much enjoyed her preaching appointments at the local churches.

Kim had a heart for leading others to experience the joy of knowing Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and was instrumental in leading me to the Lord, for which I will always be grateful.

Kim retained her independence right up until her passing; living alone but enjoying frequent visits from her family and friends.

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Eulogy, Kim Kelly, cont'd.....

She chose the hymns for today's celebration of her life and has instructed us, with her customary humour to, and I quote: ***"Sing with gusto! Bring your own gusto!"***

So let's give thanks and praise for Kim's life, a life that was long and well lived.

Read by Ros Cole, Kim's daughter

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A Tribute from Ian, Kim's Grandson

My childhood was filled with many happy memories of my Gran. I often stayed with her during the summer holidays and I especially remember her taking me on holidays to Seaton in Devon.

Gran used to take me fossil hunting on the beach and we would often return home with many treasures. Rock-pooling was another favourite activity and I remember being fascinated by the tiny crabs we would catch in our nets.

Sometimes, we would spend all day hiking along the clifftops of Seaton. I especially remember one occasion when Gran decided to take me off the track to explore, only to suddenly find the edge of the cliff. Luckily, we didn't fall into the sea!

I also have beautiful memories of late evening walks we would take during the summer, where we would watch the local farmers harvesting the crops. Gran was very knowledgeable and as the evening sky darkened, would teach me all about the various planets and constellations; an interest that has remained with me.

She also had a great love of nature and would teach me all about the plants growing in her lovely garden. We would also investigate her garden pond to see if we could spot any frogs.

Gran was very artistic and I remember spending weekends with her when we would enjoy refurbishing her collection of old sewing machines together. She would also paint intricate designs on smooth pebbles too, which I much admired.

I loved Gran's cooking and I was treated to many a delicious roast dinner, followed by fruit crumble and custard.

As I grew older, I would spend many more happy times with Gran. Over a cup of tea, we would chat about anything and everything, putting the world to rights! She Loved a joke too, and we shared many!

I'll miss Gran so much, but I have all these happy memories of her, for which I will be forever grateful.

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A Tribute to Kim by Jane Ballard

Goodbye Kim. I first met Kim 35 years ago when I moved to Bradley and Kim was a neighbour. We struck up an acquaintance quickly and discovered that we had a mutual interest in walking our dogs around our lovely village. We also shared an interest in wild flowers and it was not long before she invited me to look round her beautiful garden.

For some time Kim was the Chair of Bradley Parish Meeting. She impressed everyone with her non-judgemental and fair-minded approach. It was important to her to listen to

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Tribute to Kim by Jane Ballard, cont'd.....

everyone and give each a fair hearing.

But it was 25 years ago that Kim became more to me than a good neighbour. It was thanks to Kim that I became involved in charity work in Romania. One day in August 1996, we met as we frequently did, down the fields and she asked me to bake a cake for a sale the Methodist church was having to raise money to send clothes on a lorry to Romania. It was never easy to refuse Kim so even though I said I couldn't bake cakes that people would pay good money for, I offered to run the cake stall. Well, long story short, thanks to Kim I found myself travelling to Romania the next week. When I returned, of course Kim wanted to know all about it and invited me to North Waltham Methodist Chapel to talk about my trip at their harvest service.

Kim didn't stop at that and I soon became a regular member of the small but select congregation and also attended the Alpha course, twice. Kim became like a spiritual mentor to me and not only a neighbour, but a very good friend.

Kim was an amazing woman and the most committed Christian I have ever met. To be still preaching the gospel at 93 years of age is truly remarkable. She touched the lives of many people and I know that I am just one. I think Kim's God given gift was her solid and unshakeable faith and her constant capacity to encourage people.

I am sure that all who knew Kim will be sure where she is now.

Goodbye Kim, and may God bless you in your on-going journey.

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A Tribute to Kim by Linda Hoe

Below is a resume of what I said at Kim's funeral. They may not be in the order I said them and there are also some recollections that I have included that were not in the original tribute.

It is a privilege to give this tribute to Kim. First of all she would have been so thrilled to see so many of you gathered here today and with the church full. I first met Kim many years ago when we worshipped at Immanuel, Hatch Warren. We hit it off from the beginning. Kim was so full of life and was always seeing the Holy spirit at work in so many ways. We had some happy times together. Kim would often phone up and say so and so is preaching somewhere, do you want to come? And we went all over the Portsmouth, Fareham area.

When I felt the call to put myself forward for local preacher training I mentioned it to Kim. She immediately praised the Lord and said, right we need to get you started. We were due to go to North Warnborough that afternoon and she collared our minister so I didn't have a chance to get out of it even if I wanted to. Kim was a tremendous support during my training. If she felt I was being harshly judged at the local preachers meeting she would tell them so. When eventually I finished my training it was a privilege to have Kim preach the sermon at my accreditation service.

After some years at Hatch Warren I felt the time was right to move on. I mentioned it to Kim and unknown to each other we both felt the same. We felt led to St Andrews but had no idea what God had in mind for us to do.

Kim was due to preach at St Andrews so she suggested I came along as well and at the

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Tribute to Kim by Linda Hoe, cont'd.....

end of the service we would tell them. The end of the service came and we duly stood at the front and told the congregation how we felt God was leading us to this place. There was a split second silence when you think what have we done, have we made a terrible mistake. Then out of the pews came Audrey Wiles who welcomed us both with the hand of friendship. From that moment on we both felt very loved and welcomed by St Andrews folk. Kim was always excited about what was going on at St Andrews and was a wonderful support in so many ways. I remember dancing around the church when we were both a bit more agile. She was always so full of life.

At the back of the Church you will see on the display a selection of flags. These Kim made herself and were used at various services. We thank her family for allowing us to keep them as it will always be a reminder of Kim when they are used. I took them to Boys Brigade camp last year and Kim was thrilled that the young people were using them. The flags also came to Torquay each year to the MET conference at the end of January when they would be waved with gusto at the Saturday evening get together. Kim was able to go this year and she came back buzzing because it had been such a good time.

Farewell dear Kim. Thank you for your friendship and support. I will miss you.

Linda x

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A Tribute to Kim by Martin Frost

On Friday 14th April family and friends gathered at St Andrew's Church to celebrate the life of Katherine Mary Kelly, affectionately known as Kim. She died on 21st March aged 93. It was a wonderful service and written by Kim herself who selected the music, hymns and songs she loved to sing, and the scripture readings that had inspired her. She wanted it to be a service of celebration, and it certainly was, with a eulogy and tributes given by family and friends who loved and admired her, sharing something of her amazing life and dedication to our Lord. The following is one of the tributes given by myself.



Kim was an amazing lady and I count it as a privilege to have known her. I first met her some 20 years ago when she was in training to be a local preacher. This was a surprise to me as most of us in our early 70's are well into retirement and not embarking on a new career. Not so with Kim, she had been guided by the Holy Spirit who had called her to Preach, and Kim empowered by the Spirit took it on and made a success of it. She was still preaching in fact in February this year. My wife, Llyn, remembers Kim in the old St Andrews Church at a Boys Brigade Parade service demonstrating how to swim by lying across a chair and waving her arms and legs. Interaction with the congregation across all age groups was very important in her preaching outreach.

Kim was also actively involved in Church activities, and a regular member of the St Andrew's Song Group.

Age was no barrier to her and living in the lovely rural village of Bradley she was driving her car well into last year giving her the mobility she needed to enjoy the rural life and to relax in her lovely wild garden, and also to be active in Basingstoke Church life. In fact, she did not give up driving, rather it was her car that gave up on her, and went into retirement!

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Tribute to Kim by Martin Frost, cont'd.....

I came to know Kim well during the last six months or so, when I drove her home to Bradley to her country cottage after church. She loved her wild garden and would show me the new colourful Spring life in the trees, plants and flowers regenerating there, God's Creation, nurtured and loved by Kim.

I have no doubt whatsoever that Kim is now with our Loving Lord in His Heavenly Creation, a fitting reward for a wonderful lady devoted to loving and serving Him. Rest in Peace Kim.

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A Tribute to Kim by The Reverend Audrey D Browne

When I first met Kim, she had a spring in her step. She was a bubbly chatty personality. We developed a rapport straight away. Kim was very easy to converse with, and chatting with her was always a delight. The Bible study / prayer time was always more alive when Kim was present. She was always ready to share, pray, and encourage. It didn't matter whether it was just Kim and me, we would still use up the hour and even go over the time. We never ran out of things to talk about or pray about; and the conversation was always God-centered. The way Kim prayed so spontaneously, reminded me of my mum, she just seemed to have had the right words to articulate her prayers, no matter what she was praying about.

One day in late September, Kim called me and said that she was thinking about what she could do to be of some help to the church, and said that she wanted to have a go at being the safeguarding officer. We had a chat about it and she said "I will give it a go", and, at the age of 93, she became the Safeguarding Officer of St Andrew's Methodist Church. Although she had to step back from the role a few months in, it showed her willingness to do what she can to assist the church with her gifts and graces.

For a long time, Kim wanted me to visit her in Bradley. In late January, she called me and told me that Martin Frost was planning to come to see her and to ask him to bring me along. On 9th February Martin and I visited her and it was such a delight to see her at home. As always, we had a wonderful time chatting together. She took us out into the garden, showed us around, and took us to the pond to see if we can spot any frogs. Her love for the natural world was so vivid: in fact, when we arrived, she was in the garden feeding the birds. I loved chatting with her and always had a good laugh.

Kim was incredibly open, she embraced change, and she was so positive about the ongoing conversations between St Andrew's and Trinity. She is a good example of how to age gracefully and godly.

My dear sister Kim, thank you for everything — rest in peace and rise in glory,

Audrey

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Mark – When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"

- It is the person who most knows himself liable to fall, that will be most ready to overlook any offences from his fellow men – *Alexander Auld*
- Jesus heals sin with a medicine: His own blood shed for us – *Richard Wurmbrand*

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May the
 Lord
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 Peace
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 give
 you
 Peace
 at all
 times
 in
 every
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2 Thessalonians 3:16



**Come and Enjoy 'Fellowship
 with Friends' after Morning
 Worship at Trinity
 along with an 'enjoyable cup
 of Coffee, Tea
 and a Biscuit'**

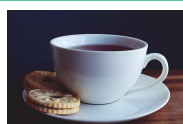


**Old Basing –
 New Monthly Group**
Tuesday 16 May, 11 am - 1.30 pm
**CAMEO (an opportunity to
 come along & meet each other)**
**Coffee / Tea, sandwiches and
 / or cake, and sometimes
 home-made soup.**
 You are welcome
 to bring any crafts
 along. It will run on
 the 3rd Tuesday of
 the month. **Denise**



Oakley Methodist Church

Coffee Mornings on the
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month
 10.30 am – 12 noon:
Just – 23 May this month
 £1 for a bottomless tea or coffee & biscuits
Also paperbacks available 30p each



- Swallowing of pride seldom leads to indigestion – Anon

Printed Programmes for Retreats 2023 at Silchester Methodist Church are now available. Full details of all Retreats 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’**
- **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 and reflection.

Our retreats are to enable you to explore and experience meeting 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

PROGRAMME 2023



- 90 years ago, on 2nd May 1933 that the first modern sighting of Scotland's Loch Ness monster was reported in the Inverness Chronicle.
- 70 years ago, on 29 May 1953, New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

Request from Churches in Ghana for hymn books:

1. 1933 Methodist hymn books (Words and Music Edition),
2. Hymns and Psalms (Music edition)
3. Hymns Ancient and Modern (Music Edition)
4. BBC Songs of Praise (Music Edition)
5. Anthem Books in English
6. Piano / violin or Guitar Tutors / music books for the children’s Department
7. Sankey Sacred songs and Solos
8. Books about the writers of hymns and hymn tunes

Please email Cornelius Nii Amu Quarshie on niiamuquarshie@gmail.com to inform him as to what you might be able to send to him. If you or your churches have any of these books spare, then Cornelius would be very grateful.


Shipping these books to Ghana is FREE via Catherine Brown of:

Brown Logistics, 42 Vespasian Road,
Andover, SP10 5JP ☎: 07412 687214

You just have to contact Catherine by phone or email
enquiries@brownlogistics.co.uk and arrange for the books to be sent.



Taken from the weekly Circuit news, dates & events 18.04.23

	<p>web: https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/</p>		
	<p>At 23.04.23 are SHORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desserts – hot puddings, instant whip • Long life fruit juice • Evaporated milk • Long life milk (UHT) • Powdered milk • Tinned meat • Peanut butter • Vegan/Vegetarian 	<p>Are SHORT of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet Paper • Custard • Meat (except corned beef) • Instant mash • Treats (sweets, chocolate) • Crisps • Shampoo & Conditioner • Cooking Oil 	<p>Are SHORT of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog food • Razors (men’s & ladies) • Cleaning sprays • Small packs of washing machine tabs / pods • Nappies size 5 • Toilet cleaner & Bleach

United

An ancient ornate wooden seat and an historic stone, shall once again be joined and meet to form a royal throne. Our kings and queens, anointed there o’er seven hundred years. upon this Anglo-Scottish chair they heard their people’s cheers! The throne was formed of English Oak and gilded with fine gold, it bears the marks of common folk – who slept there, so we’re told. The stone was used by Scottish kings. Upon the Stone of Scone, was marked the destiny it brings in time-eroded rune. And now, united once again as royal anthems ring; we sing, united just like them our hymn **‘God save the King!’**

by Nigel Beeton and also the piece to the right.

I was struck by the symbolism of the fact that the Stone of Scone is to come back from Edinburgh to be placed under the Coronation Throne, and by the graffiti on the throne left by people in the 18th and 19th centuries, one of whom, named P Abbott, claimed to have slept on it on 5/6 July 1800! So I do hope that, for one day at least, we can rejoice in the shared values of our United Kingdom...’NB

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 [October 22 Issue of Trinity E-News](#).

Tuesday Lunches at Christ Church, Chineham

Two-course lunch on the first & third Tuesday each month, from 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm. **Booking preferred**, please sign up on Church Suite or phone the Office (☎: 01256 474280). It is important you advise us of any food allergies. More information, contact **Marianne Sales**: MarianneBunn1610@hotmail.com or see the [March Trinity E-News](#)



Sanctuary Service (Weekly by Zoom):

7pm every Thursday evening,

A short Zoom service, based on the Service of **Evening Prayer from the Methodist Worship Book**, includes a piece of music and a Reflection, lasting 20 - 25 minutes. **All welcome to join us.**

Email Jon Skeet skeet@pobox.com if you'd like to know more; be on the mailing list (*with no commitment to attend*). If you would like more idea of what services are like, see the [service web page](#) where past service sheets and reflections can be downloaded. We hope you'll be able to join us for a spiritual recharge in a friendly atmosphere of fellowship.

- Evangelism is not selling Jesus, but showing Jesus – *Lee Camp*
- When you talk, you only repeat what you already know, but if you listen you may learn something – *Amish school proverb*

Ukraine War: Help Support the Church in Ukraine with Bibles



The Bible Society is appealing for funds to send more Bibles to Ukraine.

Bibles which share **“the love and power of God’s Word.”** **Details at:** <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>

Time to Dream

My eyes are full of sleep.
My brain almost comatose.
My arms hang loosely by my side,
And all I want is peace.

Peace to remember bygone days,
When over the sands we ran,
Enjoying the sandcastles.
The sun, the sea, the sky.

Days of youthful exuberance,
Of promises of joy,
then life overtook us,
this happy girl and boy.

We went to work, embraced the toil,
Whether or not we would,
We built our lives, our homes, ourselves,
Until we come to this,
A rocking chair, a cozy cushion,
and time, time.

Time to remember,
time to doze, time to dream.

Margaret Garland

With the Local Elections in mind this month:

- There are two sides to every question, and if you want to be popular, you take both.
- Politician: A fellow who shakes your hand before the election and shakes you after the election.
- A Politician doesn't stand on his record; he jumps on the other fellow's.

In The Beginning

On a recent visit to the National Trust Vyne House and Gardens near Basingstoke I went down to the wetlands area and took in the view across the natural landscape with trees, grasslands and the wetlands lake. It was a beautiful Spring day with a sunny blue sky and some drifting cloud. I was alone there with only the sound of bird calls and the light wind in the trees. I took the opportunity of taking this picture.



I meditated on this wonderful creation that I was experiencing, and how privileged I was to be able to be there, and to be immersed in its timeless beauty and splendour. As I meditated, Bible verses came to mind about how Almighty God created the heavens and the earth in Genesis 1:1-31. The first and the last verses I give below:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” Genesis 1:1-2.

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day.” Genesis 1:31.

What I was experiencing at that moment was the same Creation here on Earth as perfect as when God created it. Now if you want to experience it for yourself, why not go down to the Vyne wetlands and “open the gate” you find there, and take a walk in paradise here on Earth?

Meditating further, we might ask how do we enter the eternal paradise that God has prepared for us? For this we have to enter “not through a gate but through a door”!

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8.

This is, and will continue to be, a truly incredible lifetime journey, both now in companionship with the Holy Spirit, and for eternity with Jesus and Our Father in Heaven. Welcome Home!

Martin Frost, 17th April 2023

The Mug & Biscuit at St Andrew's Church is Open on:



Hours of opening are:

Tuesday: 10 am to 1.30 pm
Wednesday: 10 am to 1.30 pm
Thursday: 10 am to 1.30 pm



- We serve: **home-made cakes, jacket potatoes, toasted sandwiches & tea cakes.**
- Menu is subject to change. Last Orders for hot food at 1 pm.
- Takeaway Available. Credit Cards Accepted.

The Mug & Biscuit is NOT OPEN during School Holidays.

The Mug & Biscuit is registered as a ‘Warm Hub Opening’ during ‘Mug & Biscuit’ Hours

We look forward to welcoming old & new friends.

The Mug & Biscuit Team



Any queries, offers of help – contact: **Linda Hoe** ☎: 07963 583506

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Trinity Collections – The Offertory at Trinity – An Offertory Token

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 Pack Recycling (Update)

Many thanks to all of you donating your empty pill packs and to those who are collecting them from others too. I am overwhelmed at how many have appeared for me to recycle. It makes me realise how many went into land fill before we started collecting them.



I have now taken the equivalent of **70** "bags for life" of tablet packs into Superdrug. I was filling their recycling box with one visit, so I have now been given my own supply of large plastic bags by Superdrug. I am sure that the help that Marie Curie is getting from these is welcomed and of course it is helping to take care of the planet for future generations.

Many thanks to all who donate, **Jennifer Pitt**

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

Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis ch. 25:19-33, 27:1-42

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons - Esau ('Hairy') and Jacob ('grasper'). When the boys were born, God said...

Esau is older but Jacob will be more important.



The boys grew up...

Esau liked to go out to hunt, but Jacob stayed at home.



When Isaac was old and blind he told Esau



I want to give you my special blessing; first catch me some food.

But Rebekah went to find Jacob



You could have that blessing

But Esau is hairy and I am not.



Use goat skin to cover your arms and wear Esau's clothes



Here is your food, Father



Are you really Esau? Come nearer.

Jacob was tricked by the goat skin and Esau's clothes.



May God bless you richly, my son.

Then Esau returned

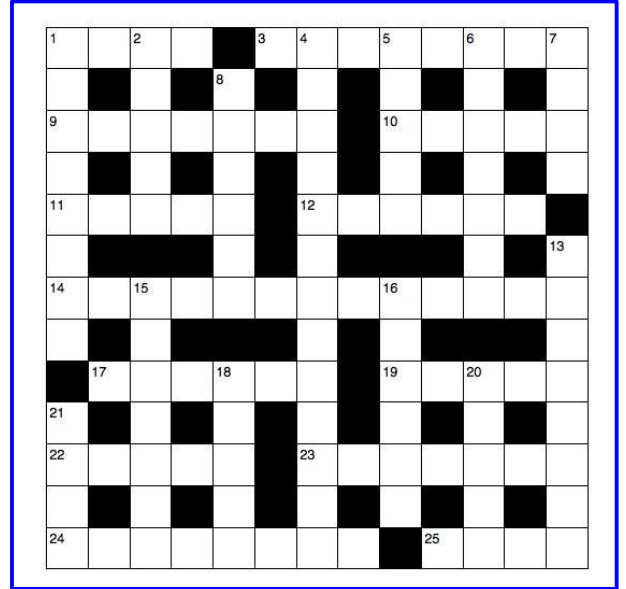


I'm sorry, I already blessed your brother

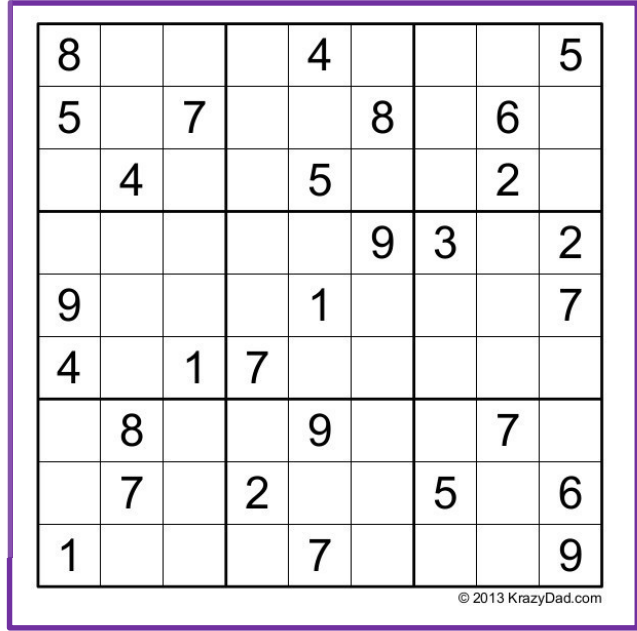
You must run away or Esau will kill you. Go to my brother Laban's home.



Jacob!



Sudoku



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With the forthcoming Coronation in mind, the wordsearch this month is on the theme of the Coronation. Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history. He is all of the words below

Author	Throne
Pilot	Buckingham
Cello	Cambridge
Balmoral	Oldest
Commonwealth	Monarch
Palace	Charities
Welsh	November
Charles	Diver
Watercolour	King
University	Heir

Mouse Makes

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

READ Acts 1:4-17

to be Jesus' witnesses. Acts 1:8

Who appeared to the Apostles? Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____ Acts 1:10

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____ Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to? _____ Acts 1:12

Where is Jesus seated? At the _____ of God. Mark 16:19

Find the answers in the word search

What hid Jesus from the Apostles? a _____ Acts 1:9

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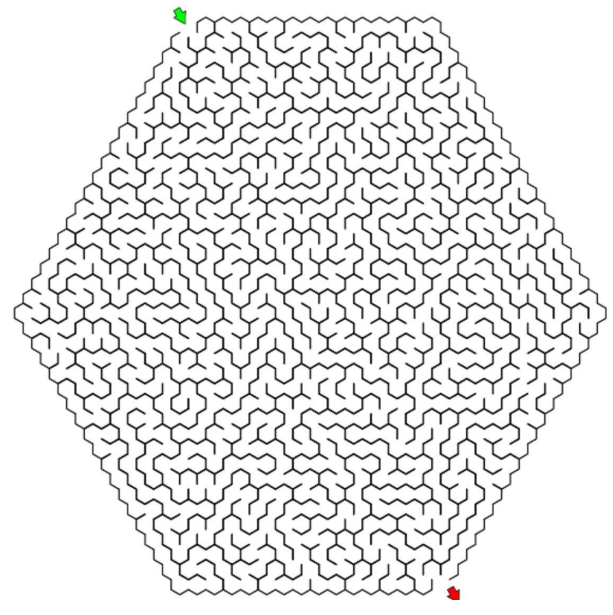
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Crossword Clues – Down – May

- 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)

Crossword Clues – Across – May

- 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)



- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- Christianity is the revelation of God, not the research of man – J A Stewart
- Our friends bring us to the grave and leave us there, but God will not – Anon

- If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.

Puzzle Pages Solutions

Across: 1 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.

Sudoku Solution

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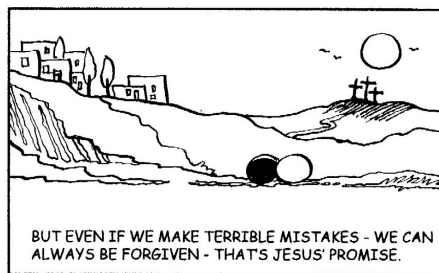
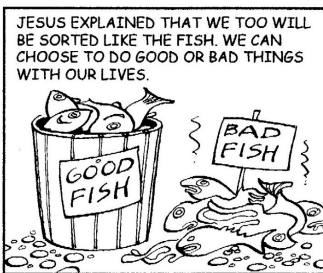
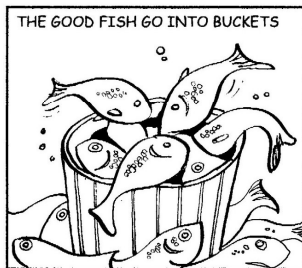
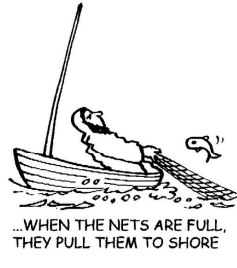
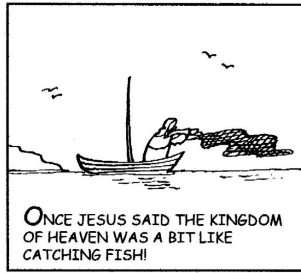
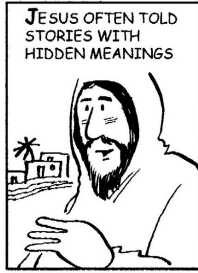
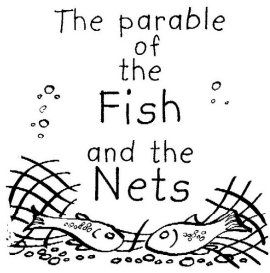
John 12

The tomb was a cave and Lazarus asleep: Jesus walked in the light on a pathway of tears carrying God's glory.

He lifted His eyes, called into the darkness: Lazarus rose and came out.

Jesus keeps on calling into the darkness: different names different caves.

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- Clothes
- Twins
- Boys
- Important
- Tricked
- Son
- Laban
- Away
- Run
- Hairy
- Jacob
- Isaac
- Hunt
- Grasper
- Home
- Arms
- Food
- Blessing
- Esau
- Skin
- Rebekah
- Old
- Blind
- Goat

