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**Thankyou to our 'Zoom
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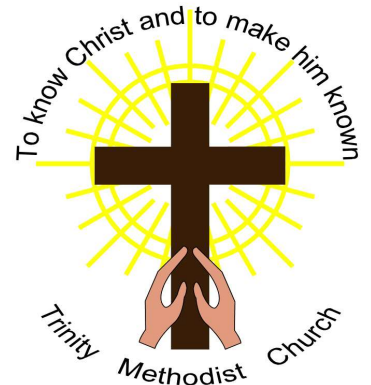
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Trinity E-News is available on
the **Basingstoke & Reading
Website**, see link above.

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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18 June

Cream Teas:

**Will be served at
Silchester Methodist
Church, 3pm - 5pm every
Sunday in June and July.**



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Good news for Tessa Bennett: Our own Tessa is being ordained on the 25 July.

June 2023

Dear Friends

I am a member of the Circuit Creative Prayer Resources Group which produces the prayer cards and booklets distributed around the Circuit.

We are particularly mindful this quarter of the nature of transition which affects some churches in Reading but especially churches in Basingstoke.

We are mindful of the major change in thinking that is taking Kempshott into its new online format as the Church of the Living Stream.

And we are especially mindful of the direction of travel affecting Trinity and St Andrews.

So the prayer card for this quarter seeks to offer prayers, reflections, Bible readings which we hope you will find helpful as they speak into your situation.

We are also mindful of other changes in our Circuit's life - including two Ministers who have been very significant presences among you - Rev Audrey Browne and Rev David Shaw - as they each move on elsewhere..

The good news is that we have three new Ministers coming into our Circuit, and, among them is Rev Claire Simpson, a delightful and able Minister, who will be the Minister for all Basingstoke Methodists.

None of us finds living with change easy, though we recognise how change is integral to life. As Cardinal Newman put it, "To live is to change".

Difficult it may be - exciting it can also be.

Some of the major renewing moments of our lives can come about because of a changed situation.

There will inevitably be great losses. And we may sometimes feel those losses very keenly. But there can also be great opportunities emerging.

The conviction held by members of that Circuit Creative Prayer Resources Group is that in all things God is with us.

In the end that is the only reassurance we really need.

From Joshua 1: 9 comes the life-changing dynamic promise –

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

With love,

Reverend David Jenkins

CHURCH KEYS



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

New Housegroup

The New

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

**We look forward to
welcoming you.**

Angela Webb

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



The Next 'JAM' Dates are:
Sundays: 11 June & 2 July

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

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

Trinity Circle

Our Next Meeting is on

Tuesday 13 June 2023 at
7.30 pm in Trinity Lounge.

The Committee are in the process of planning our forthcoming programme, so as usual, we will have a good evening.

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

Sonia

Does the past haunt you? (PP)

A lady had driven her car into a ditch, and there she sat. When the police arrived, they asked her what had happened. "I was looking in the rear-view mirror, instead of looking at the road ahead," she explained. What a thought! There is no way to go forward if your eyes are focused on what's behind – either in driving, or in life. A lot of people 'ditch' themselves because they can't take their eyes off the past, can't focus on the future, and move ahead, with hope in God. Give up all hope for a better yesterday. You can't change the past. It is dangerous to obsess over it. Instead, consider that there are over **500 verses in the Bible** that tell us that God is merciful and longing to forgive us and restore us if we only turn to Him. As *Isaiah wrote: 'Do not remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. For behold, I am doing a new thing...'* (Is 43:18,19). So why let the past ruin your future? Let God begin to do that 'new' thing in your life.

Northern Housegroup

Our next meeting will be at:

Sonia's home on:

Tuesday 6 June at 7.30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you,

Hilary, Edna and Sonia

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,
 at Trinity, Basingstoke**

Methodist Women in Britain website: <https://mwib.org.uk> is a good website to browse with many different sections in their menu – *Home; About Us; Creative Spirituality; World Church Focus; Social Action; Resourcing & Enabling and News & Events.* It also has newsletters that you can access and more too.

Sunday Worship – Trinity and our Basingstoke Churches

Plan for Worship – June, July & August 2023

Enquiries – Trinity: contact **Diane Bath** on: ☎: 01256 320429 or email at: dianeath51@gmail.com

Enquiries – St Andrew's: contact **Linda Hoe** on: ☎: 01256 417219 or email at: lindahoe@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.



Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – June 2023

Dates	4 June	11 June	18 June	25 June
Trinity 10.30 am	Mrs Anne Rowe, Church Anniversary	Mrs S Whithorn	Revd A Browne, S	Joint at St Andrew's
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	LA, Zoom	Mr D Munns, Zoom	Mr P Frank, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mr S Turner	LA	Revd A Browne
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr T Bell	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mrs L Hoe
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr S Appiah	Mrs L Hoe	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S
St Andrew's 10.30 am	LA	Revd D Browne, S	Mr T Rowell	Mr S Turner, Joint at St Andrew's

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – July 2023

Dates	2 July	9 July	16 July	23 July	30 July
Trinity 10.30 am	LA	Revd A Browne, S	Mr C Marsh, Joint Trinity	4 pm, Circuit Farewell Service, Trinity	Mr S Appiah
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Revd M Beukes & Revd D Jenkins, 4 pm – Closure & Launch	LA, Zoom	Mrs J Hardcastle, Zoom	Mr P Frank, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr D Munns	LA	Revd A Browne	Mr S Turner	Mrs S Whithorn
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S, United at Oakridge	Mr T Rowell	Mr C Marsh	LA
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr S Appiah	United at Oakridge	Revd D Jenkins	LA	Mr T Rowell
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs S Whithorn, P	Joint at Trinity	4 pm, Circuit Farewell Service, Trinity	Revd Ruth Midcalf

- Every age is an age for evangelism. God has no grandchildren – *E Smith*

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – August 2023

Dates	6 August	13 August	20 August	27 August
Trinity 10.30 am	Mr T Pitt <i>with Mrs A Walker</i> , Joint at Trinity	Joint at St Andrew's	LA, Joint at Trinity	Joint at St Andrew's
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr S Turner, Zoom	Mrs S Whithorn, Zoom	Mr S Appiah, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	LA	Revd V Fisher	Mrs L Hoe	Mr T Rowell
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr P Frank	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr S Appiah	United at Old Basing
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr T Bell	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S	United at Old Basing
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Joint at Trinity	Mr P Frank, Joint at St Andrew's	Joint at Trinity	Mrs J Hardcastle, Joint at St Andrew's

'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.

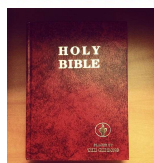
As we know, our time as Trinity Church is limited and this may well be the last Anniversary that we share in our beloved building. I felt that an occasion like this calls for a moment of nostalgia before we move on to pastures new.

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**

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/>

**Iron sharpens Iron,
so one person
sharpens another
(Proverbs 27.17)**

*We grow as people through wit,
humour and interaction
online and offline.*

Journeying Further

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.

You will find below the latest version of our Commitment Card.

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.

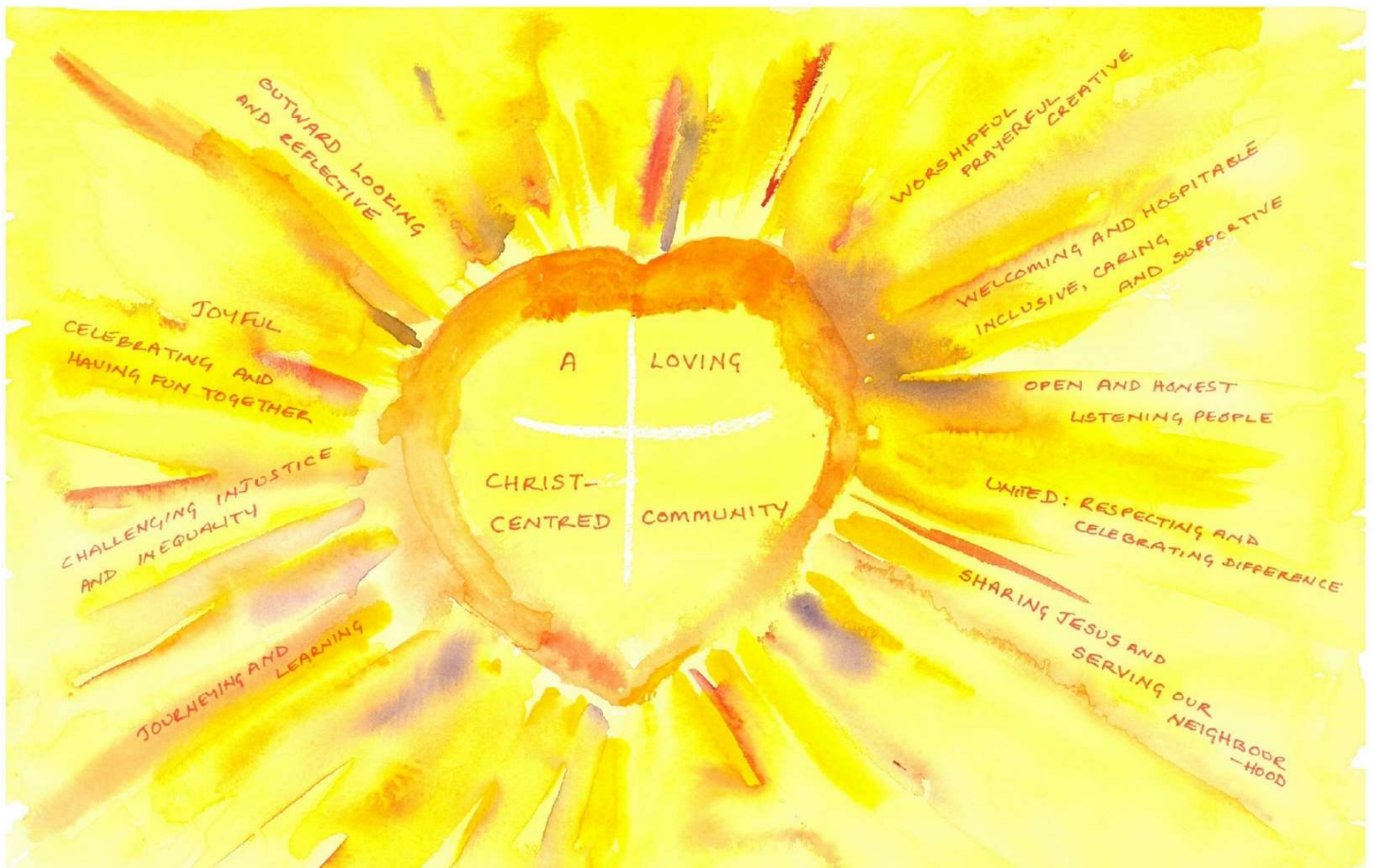
One step in our exploration was a meeting together on 1st April to catch a glimpse of God's future for us. The first version of the commitment card was prepared following that day. During our service on 23rd April, there was an opportunity for feedback. During the following week, a group of us reflected further on the commitment card in the light of this feedback and the result is the latest version of the commitment card.

By the time you read this, the two church councils will have met 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 which we have summarised in this Commitment Card.

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. We hope to provide an early opportunity for us to link our time, gifts and skills with the Commitment Card.

Cascading Blessings to you all,

Angela Webb



'Oakley Walking Show'

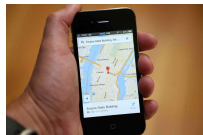
24 June 12 noon to 4pm

Outside the church, for church funds



We are selling cakes, plants & books.

Everyone who wants to, is having a stall of some sort in their front gardens and people have a map and walk round the village and visit the stalls that take their fancy.



International Day of Prayer for the 'Emergency Services'



Each year, the Christian Police Association hosts an International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services. This year it will be on **Thursday 22 June**. *There are various ways to get involved:*

Watch the [CPA YouTube channel "International Day of Prayer" playlist](#) Use the **Pray 4 Your Police (P4YP)** material on our [Publications page](#) Engage in the CPA's Social Media, using the hashtag **#WaveofPrayer**

The Christian Police Association asks: *"Please join us in praying for our Emergency Service colleagues around the world, as they face a variety of challenges."*

Donkeys

When we moved to Naples we were in an ex-hospital which was half-way up a hill on the road out of the town to the north. We were all very upset to see a single donkey pulling a huge load with the person in charge riding on the top and whipping the donkey with the long-handed whips.



We had only been there for a few weeks when no-one rode on top or whipped the donkeys. This became the norm, many of our rooms had a whip hung on the wall.

The worst one I saw was an Italian with a flat bed cart which has no sides and has holes in the corners to hold a large wooden baton to hold the load on. This donkey was having a very hard time trying to get up the hill and the person had taken one of the stays from the corner and was hitting the donkey with it. Naturally we were all astounded and one of my friends rushed up to him and snatched that baton from him and hit him hard with it between the shoulders. He went down with a bump and I really thought he was dead. However he recovered and stood up to be told by my friend that if it happened again, he would kill him.

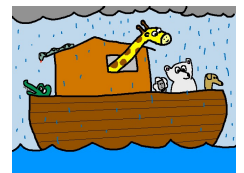
My friend really meant it and I am sure none of us would have stopped him. We never saw the person again. I often wonder what it is like today.

Nobby

Everything I need to know... I learned from Noah's Ark

Author unknown

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're very old someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics. Just get on with the job needing to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



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

Join us for our FREE Community Coronation Celebration

Come along, enjoy the fun

St Andrew's Methodist Church, Western Way,
South Ham, Basingstoke RG22 6ER

Wednesday 31 May 11am – 3pm

Come and join us for some creative activities. We've got something for the whole community to enjoy.

Fun stalls

Refreshments



Scan the QR code with your phone to find out more about the planned activities.



Some of the Activities include:

- Indoor street party.
- Refreshments.
- Face painting.
- Giant games.
- Arts & crafts stall.
- Test your carbon footprint knowledge.
- Police van for children to take a peek inside.
- Meet the Healthier Communities NHS ICB team.

Useful ☎ & Email, Trinity/Other Contacts,

Our Minister: Rev'd Audrey D Browne,
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 & email: marion@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk

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



**Oakley Methodist
 Church**



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

In June on the: 13 & 27 June
 £1 for a bottomless tea or coffee
 & biscuits

**Also paperbacks available at
 30p each**



**Photos – some photos Nigel took at our
 Coronation Lunch at St Andrew's, thankyou.**

**We all had a lovely, very enjoyable time –
 our lunch was delicious, we were so well
 looked after by Linda and her marvellous
 team. So – many, many thanks to all 'The
 Team' from all of us.**



'The Inbetween Time'

Much of being a Christian, is learning how to wait. Not rushing ahead of God's will for our lives, nor falling behind, but just simply waiting, listening, and being ready.

A legend tells how after the ascension of Jesus, the angel Gabriel, asked Jesus what plans he had now. His work on earth completed, what would happen next?

We can imagine the disciples asking the same question. Disappointed, ready for something. Yet not understanding what that would be. Sad because Jesus had gone, but remembering he left a promise. Another comforter, the Spirit of Truth. In (*John 17 verses 1 - 17*) Jesus prays to his Heavenly Father, he asks for protection, and the realization of the gift they would receive.

This gift is the Holy Spirit, who would transform these humble fishermen, to servants of God, proclaimers of the Gospel.

We remember this at Pentecost. The coming of the Spirit, the tongues of fire above each of their heads, the rushing mighty wind, the power they needed.

Jesus replies to Gabriel's question, what plans have you made'?

'I have no other plans, I am depending on them,' Jesus replied. This encounter is a legend, but it has proved true the Gospel has spread, and continues to spread, because ordinary people have heard the message, and continue to '*run with it*' Some of Christ's followers were women. Tell a woman anything, especially something so life fulfilling, and she will gossip it to everyone.

Today we remember those who have made huge sacrifices for God, whose lives have been consumed by their need to tell of God's amazing gift, of himself at Calvary.

People like, Maximilian Kolbe, Corrie Ten Boom, Martin Luther King, William Booth, Gladys Aylward, and so many more. Over the generations, God has called each to his service, and the Gospel has spread to the farthest corners of the world. Today it is our turn, to share that wonderful story of love.

God bless you,

Margaret Garland

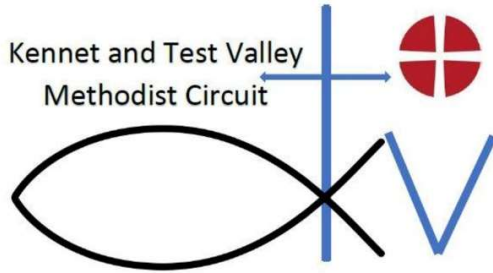
A Prayer for June 2023

Dear Father, as we come to this beautiful time of year, the month of June, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the way our spirits are lifted as we see all around us the freshness of a new summer. This month we remember Barnabas, whose name means, *child of encouragement*. He was a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and faith.

Lord, help each of us to be a *Barnabas* to someone today, to encourage and lift-up, led by your Holy Spirit and full of faith. Help us to share your love and goodness, especially with those whose circumstances are difficult. Help us all to trust you through good times and testing times, knowing you are always with us, always encouraging us, always faithful.

In Jesus' name. Amen,

by Daphne Kitching (PP)



**BASINGSTOKE & READING
METHODIST CIRCUIT**



May 2023

To all members and friends in the Basingstoke & Reading and Kennet & Test Valley Circuits,

We write to you all to let you know about some exciting developments in the life of both of our Circuits.

In March a joint away day was held by the Circuit Leadership teams to explore the possibility of an amalgamation of the two Circuits. Following a day of positive conversations and prayerful discernment, it was agreed to explore this further with a view to formal proposals being brought to the Circuit Meetings in September 2023. Subject to ratification by the Circuit Meetings, there would then be a consultation across all local church councils led by the District. It is envisaged that the new Circuit (name to come later!!) would be operational by 1st September 2024. The preparatory work for this is being undertaken by an amalgamation working group (AWG) consisting of representatives from each Circuit.

The rationale behind this bold move stems from a number of both joys and concerns, a few of them being:

Joys

- Wider sharing of ideas and a fresh vision
- Greater resourcing for mission
- A new sense of purpose

Concerns

- Dwindling resources (people and finances)
- Overstretching of staff (lay and ordained)
- Local church and Circuit compliance

Any major changes such as this will inevitably raise many questions. Most of the proposed changes concern the administration of the new Circuit, in the hope that there will be economies of scale enabling easier compliance and giving local congregations back more time and energy for mission. The plans do not include any reduction in staffing (lay or ordained) other than that of which you may already be aware. Therefore, the impact on local churches should be minimal and there will be a greater pool of resources on which to draw.

To facilitate effective communication a dedicated email address has been set up - brktv.amalgamation@gmail.com. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns then please send them to the AWG using this address. Alternatively, you can contact your minister or Circuit Superintendent.

We value all that you do in the life of the church and Circuit, and we look forward to this new Kingdom venture and all that may come out of it.

Grace and peace,

Revd. Martin Beukes
Superintendent Minister (Basingstoke & Reading)
martin.beukes@methodist.org.uk

Revd. Rachel Borgars
Superintendent Minister (Kennet & Test Valley)
rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk

People before buildings; Mission before maintenance; God before church.

- We can do more good by *being* good, than in any other way – *Rowland Hill*

A time of transition for Kempshott Methodists

Over the last three years we have developed a strong on-line presence for worship and fellowship. In order to further establish this approach we are launching our web-site at Pentecost, 28 May 2023.

info@churchlivingstream.co.uk

From the summer we will no longer be using our building.

We will be holding a special service of celebration in the church at **4.00 pm on Sunday 9 July 2023**. This service will be led by our Minister, Revd. David Jenkins and the Superintendent Minister of the Basingstoke and Reading Circuit, Revd. Martin Beukes. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

We look forward to welcoming all who have been involved in activities which have been facilitated by the building.

Remaining services in the church will be Services of Communion led by Revd. David Jenkins, on the following dates.

Sunday 4 June 10.30 am

Sunday 2 July 10.30 am

Sunday 6 August 10.30 am

Although the church building will be closing its doors in August, we have not forgotten our Kempshott roots with a regular Ladies Group and Men's Group KOMBAT (Kempshott Old Men Behaving Absolutely Terribly) meeting monthly in person.

All this can be found on our website

<https://churchlivingstream.co.uk>

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

- When we take least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them
– *Matthew Henry*

My daughter Helen was shopping in Kent recently, and came across a book on sale entitled 'Pembrokeshire Humour'. She thought it would interest me, and so it did. I was born and bred in that lovely county. The author was, I believe, a Pembrokeshire lad too. He told us (*his readers*) that he had no wish to claim any copyright in any tales recounted, very few of them are original, and if anyone wants to use them in another context, he would only be too pleased. Brian called the humour, '**Jokes and anecdotes from the Celtic Fringe.**' He mentioned that jokes and anecdotes tend to be international. A joke told in a public house in Milford may have changed its form a hundred times on its way to Milford Haven, from, say, New York or Melbourne. Here is one of these stories I have chosen specially for us Trinity folk. (*see below*)



Mervyn

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S m a l l T a l k i n N e y l a n d

Mary Jane and Daisy Blossom met on the main street in Neyland.

Good morning, Daisy, said Mary Jane. "How are you today? Lovely wedding it was on Saturday".

"Yes indeed. There's beautiful the bride looked.

"Lovely dress, Nice young man the bridegroom was too. But it was a bad job about his mother."

"Very bad. First time I've ever heard the groom's mother weep louder than the bride's mother. People was most offended".

Well, what do you expect? They do say she's a Methodist."

Mervyn

Whose Job ?

This is a story about four people named '**Everybody**', '**Somebody**', '**Anybody**' and '**Nobody**'.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it but **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job.

Everybody thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

An Irish Blessing

May the raindrops fall lightly
on your brow.

May the soft winds
freshen your spirit.

May the sunshine brighten
your heart.

May the burdens of the day
rest lightly upon you.

And may God
enfold you in His love, *Amen*

- 400 years ago, on 19 June 1623, Blaise Pascal was born. This French mathematician, physicist, inventor, theologian, and philosopher invented one of the first mechanical calculators.
- 75 years ago, on 21 June 1948, the ship HMT Empire Windrush docked in London, bringing the first large group of immigrants from the West Indies to the UK.
- 65 years ago, on 9 June 1958, London's Gatwick Airport was officially opened.

Time for a Nudge

Father

As we prepare to worship this morning
To raise our voices in praise
To make our worries and requests known in prayer
To sit and share with friends
To make our peace with you and receive your
blessings

Nudge us gently Lord and remind us
That your love is for all
The good, the bad, the misguided.
Your forgiveness knows no bounds
All are welcomed by you.

Then nudge us again Lord and remind us that
We need to follow your example
To go out and meet the needs of others
To stop, to listen, to spend time
Regardless of race, age or status.

So when worship here is through
And we go out to our homes.
Remind us to care as you cared
Listen as you listened
And to serve those you would have served.

Jennifer Pitt



Death of George Verwer, founder of OM

George Verwer, the founder of Operation Mobilisation, died on 14 April, aged 84, in his home near London. He had been ill for some time.

Verwer was known worldwide for his commitment to evangelism, and he made Operation Mobilisation one of the world's leading mission charities for more than four decades.

He has been described as one of "the most outstanding North American missionary statesman of the last 60 years." He handed out more than one million free books during his lifetime.

Since his retirement from OM in 2003, he managed special projects, spoke at church events, and wrote more than a dozen books.

He never shied away from admitting his own imperfections and honouring God, who graciously forgives and works through people, despite their mistakes. He called it "messiology."

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The Beatitudes – Eight Reflections Exploring Counter-Cultural Words of Jesus in Matthew 5, by Beatrice Smith, SPCK, £4.99

This is the official workbook for Spring Harvest 2023.

Christians are called to model a way of life that challenges the status quo and infuses the world with hope and possibility. Jesus teaches us how to do this, not just by His words but by the way He lived.

This book argues that It's time to grasp the vision for what is possible when ordinary people catch a glimpse of God's radical call on our lives. We are to follow the Lord Jesus and embrace the beautiful attitudes He maps out for living life to the full.



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!

Pentecost Prayer

How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him... (Luke 11:13b)

Heavenly Father, In these troubled times we need your help, just like those first disciples did when Jesus came back to you after his resurrection. They must have wanted him to stay with them. They must have felt puzzled and bereft – and wondered how to go on. But you, Lord, knew a better way. You sent them a helper, the Holy Spirit to fill them with your life. We thank you so much that the same Spirit will be our helper too, if we are willing to ask you for him. We will be able to face each day, each challenge, with your Spirit living in us to guide and empower us, to enable us to carry on even when we don't understand. So, we pray, *come Holy Spirit, fill us, encourage us to carry on sharing your love and life and truth, in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

by Daphne Kitching (PP)



SUMMER CONCERT

Take Note Community Choir
sings in aid of
Action for Children

Wesley Methodist Church,
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14TH JULY 2023

7.30^{PM}

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The Bible in 50 words

God made
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Noah arked
Abraham split
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Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peaked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.

– anon

God – the Three in One – *Trinity Sunday is in June (PP)*

This month we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most important of the Christian faith, for it goes to the very heart of what God is like. The Bible is quite clear: there is one God, but He is revealed in three 'persons' – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Have you ever wondered at what point in the Bible God is revealed as being more than one person? Well, you don't have to read very far: only to Genesis 1:26, where God (Elohim – a plural noun) says: Let US make man in OUR image. (Gen. 1:26)

The Bible reveals a pattern: God the Father lives in heaven and has never been seen. God the Son became the incarnate Jesus Christ, who made known to us the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, who is unseen, has been sent to live within and to equip His people, the Church. The Trinity is basic to our salvation – for these three persons in the one Godhead have combined to save us from our sins: it is the WILL of the Father, the saving WORK of the Son, and the indwelling WITNESS of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16, 23-26).

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



Pre-Loved Clothing Sale: Silchester Methodist Church are holding a sale of good quality, pre-loved clothing & accessories on Wednesday 14 June from 7 – 9 pm. Refreshments will be served & there will be facilities to 'try before you buy'.



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:

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

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



Taken from the weekly Circuit news, dates & events 18.04.23



web: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

For the fuller information, please see the April 2023 Trinity E-News

At 23.05.23 the Foodbank is SHORT of:

- Long life fruit juice
- Powdered milk
- Peanut butter
- Squash
- Tinned Meat (*Ham, Chicken, Pork, Meat Balls, Stewing Steak, Mince, Hot Dogs*)

At 23.05.23 the Foodbank is SHORT of:

- Chocolate Spread
- Crisps / Savoury Snacks
- Conditioner
- Cleaning sprays
- Small packs of washing machine tabs / pods
- Nappies size 5

Has PLENTY:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Hot & cold cereals
- Tea
- Coffee
- Crackers
- Biscuits
- Marmite

Has PLENTY:

- Baked beans
- Kitchen Rolls
- Baby Food
- Tinned Soup
- Non-Dairy Milk
- Rice pudding

For:

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

Please see Oct 22 Issue, Trinity E-News.

For:

- *'Tues Lunches', Christ Church, Chineham, email:*
MarianneBunn1610@hotmail.com
- *Sanctuary Service (weekly zoom), email:* skeet@pobox.com

Or see March 23 Issue of Trinity E-News for fuller information.

- Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

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

Celebrating Fatherhood, by Canon Paul Hardingham (PP)

'What is a Christian? The richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child and having God as his Father.' (J I Packer, *Knowing God*).

The month we celebrate fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's fatherhood and what it means for us.

At His baptism, as Jesus came out of the water: **'heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'** (Matthew 3:16,17). What can we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, the role of fathers and our relationship with God?

The Father's presence

When Jesus was baptized, the Father made His presence real by the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to call God 'daddy' (*abba*, Galatians 4:6). God is with us and knows our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. In this way, dads can relate to their children.

The Father's love

The Father described His Son as 'beloved', who like us, is subject to His unconditional love. Dads should be constant in assuring their children of their love.

The Father's pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is 'well pleased' with Him. We also need to hear this, if we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. This can arise with harsh words spoken by our parents. Fathers should use every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.

- As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

Back in 1968 on Saturday 7 December at 3 pm (extracts from)

**The 'Stonelaying' of the New Trinity Methodist Church
took place, followed by a Service of Worship.**

**The Preacher for the Service was: Revd Leslie J M Timmins
and Trinity's Minister was Revd J Leonard Clough
(*who was the Superintendent Minister of the Basingstoke circuit*)**

"Our help is in the name of the lord who made heaven and earth.
Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do its builders labour.
Give praise to the father Almighty; to His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord;
To the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts both now and evermore."

Stones were laid by:

The Chairman of the London South-West District, The Revd Cyril Wainwright, BA, BD
Mr H Raymond Hobbs-Webber, MBE, on behalf of Church Street Methodist Church
Mr Robert Gale, on behalf of Sarum Hill Methodist Church
Mr Arthur George Bath, on behalf of George Street Methodist Mission

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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 at Cliddesden. Before the building of the old Church which was opened in November, 1875, 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 Bath, 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. Opening is hoped for 18.04.1970.



Chaplaincy Prayer Letter

May Mondays Mean Holidays!

***Thank you for supporting the Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy.
Your prayers are of great value to us.***

What do Wrexham and Basingstoke have in common? This is a question that may spark vague curiosity but may not get very far. The answer is that they both have men's football teams that won promotion this season. (Wrexham ladies' team was also promoted). Finding things in common is interesting and can then develop into a conversation. That is something Chaplains do as they meet people in the streets, shops and other places. And what matters to someone is worth talking about, so it is worth listening to. As Christians, Chaplains also have good news to share as well. For people facing challenges of sickness and suffering of family members or their own concerns, talking about it to someone outside the network of family and friends can help. Chaplains can support and also point to where specific help may be available, but also speak of Jesus Christ. Often they offer to pray for a resolution or peace in their situation, and we have a growing list of people who have asked for prayer for whom we pray regularly.

This month three of the five Mondays are public holidays. The coronation of King Charles III will be a topic of conversation for many people and Chaplains may also speak about Pentecost, the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit as guide and comforter.

We are thankful for the support from individuals and local churches and for their activities to which we can refer people – groups as well as courses and events. Spring Live at The Anvil has been organised by Praise Embassy and is likely to attract a lot of interest.

May you be blessed too.

John Hayward, Chair of Trustees

Please pray:

- for the opportunities to engage well with people and support them
- for the Holy Spirit to guide conversation
- for the good of the town, to live up to its Amazingstoke name
- for those working the Courts and for the police
- for those who are struggling financially or with health matters
- that God may come into the lives of those who need Him
- for the recruitment and training of chaplains
- for increased links with local churches

And give thanks:

- for the many ways we feel God has blessed us.

- Jesus Christ demands more complete allegiance than any dictator who ever lived. The difference is, He has the right to – *Vance Havner*

Community Food Link

Winter Newsletter 2022/2023



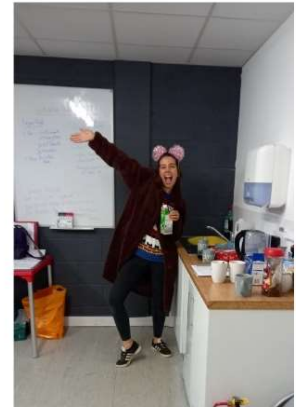
CFL is a volunteer led project based in Basingstoke & Deane. We collect fresh food that cannot be sold from our partner supermarkets and sort, repack and deliver it to our distribution partners, charities, schools and playgroups to help the most vulnerable in our society.

Christmas and the New Year

We have many things to be grateful for over these winter months. Our team has continued to grow and we now have 60+ team members volunteering with us regularly. Since our move to K18 in the summer we



have seen an instant reduction in diesel consumption as our mileage was reduced overnight with our new location which is flat and easy access with no stairs. In these winter months we are almost daily grateful for the huge overhang that shields us from the worst of the weather. The space we have been given has also enabled us to be more clear on the organisation of the food with our different rooms for incoming and outgoing food as well as the grocery store. We have recently significantly increased our freezer space by purchasing 4 more huge freezers.

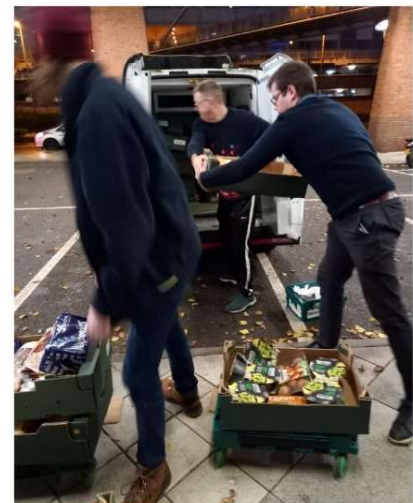


Springtime at CFL

In 2023 we are looking to strengthen our school relationships. Families in need are well known within the school setting and food is able to be distributed to them more easily. Bucksin Church will be joining as a Hub with distributions into Chiltern School.

We have also increased our Kings Furlong School deliveries to twice a week to help their families. Our Costello Foodbank remains continuous throughout the year even during school holidays.

We continue to reach around 2000 people per week through one of our hubs or through the nurseries, schools or foodbanks that we serve. We are continuing to expand our operations as the demand for food in and around Basingstoke is continuing to grow.



Hub Liaison Required

We are looking for someone to regularly visit each Hub and promote good relationships between all involved. Also to provide some leadership/practical help where needed.

If you are interested please contact: volunteers@bcfd.org.uk

CFL Hubs – March 2023

Monday Melrose Community Hall, Popley—10.30am

Monday Salvation Army, Wessex Close—11am

Tuesday Basingstoke Baptist Church, Brighton Hill—10.30am

Wednesday St Peter's Church, South Ham—12.30pm

Thursday Church of the Good Shepherd—12noon

Friday Oakridge Methodist Church—1pm

Saturday United Reformed Church (URC), London St—12noon

Food Pantries—a small charge may apply

Popley Fields Community Association—Wednesday – 1pm to 5pm, Thursday & Fri – 10am to 2pm

Inspero Community Shop—Tuesday – 10am to 1pm

Westside Community Pantry, RG22 6QB—Tues & Thurs – 10am to 2pm & Wednesday – 10am to 12pm

St Mary's Kingsclere, Swan St, RG20 3RW—Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm

Tadley Community Food Pantry, RG26 4HN—Wednesday – 9.30am to 12.30pm & Friday – 9.30am to 12.30pm

Please note:

MCKS, Crown Heights Hub is providing food to local schools only after 24th March 2023



If you know of any charity funding opportunities please get in touch with us at:

contact@bcfd.org.uk



Donate here

Community Food Link is proud to be registered with FareShare and Neighbourly. Details can be found at: www.fareshare.org.uk www.neighbourly.com



The Community Food Link Project is run by a group of volunteers based at London St. United Reformed Church Basingstoke and is part of Starfish Enterprise Trust Ltd, Basingstoke. Community Food Link Basingstoke www.bcfd.org.uk

THE FUTURE OF OUR RECYCLING



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

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

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

Many Thanks, Hazel Green

(malandhazel@hotmail.com); 07776 442529)



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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

Jacob had cheated his father and brother, and had run away to stay with his uncle Laban. On the way there..

Jacob saw angels and heard God.

I will be with you



At Laban's house, Jacob met his cousin Rachel



7 years later



Work for me for 7 years and you can marry her

Can I marry Rachel now?

But Laban tricked him into marrying her sister Leah



So Jacob worked 7 more years to marry Rachel



Then he said to Laban

As you aren't paying me wages, can I have the black sheep?



Laban agreed, but that day he moved all the black sheep far away



But God blessed Jacob and his black flock grew



Laban became very jealous of Isaac



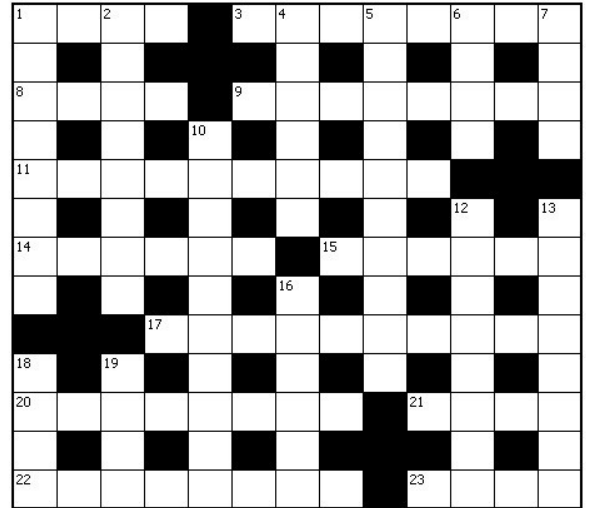
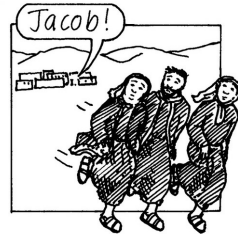
Your father doesn't like me any more. We need to go back to my home.



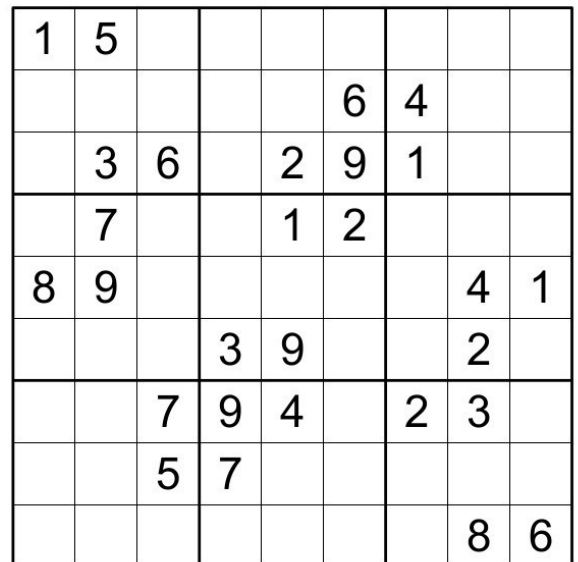
They waited until Laban was away..



but he was told...



Sudoku



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

Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus's daughter, Jesus praying in Gethsemane. After the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs & the sheep of Christ's flock. Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

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| Simon | Andrew | Daughter |
| Peter | Jesus | Garden |
| Fisherman | Rock | Betrayed |
| Bethsaida | Transfiguration | Cock |
| Galilee | Raising | Crowed |
| Feed | Gethsemane | Sheep |
| My | Lambs | Keys |
| Kingdom | Gates | Hell |
| Binding | Loosing | |

The Lord said to Moses,
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land... The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."
 As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...

Mouse Makes

1 Water turns to Blood
 Which water turned to blood?
 Read - Exodus 7:19

2 A Swarm of Frogs
 In which places were the frogs found?
 Read - Exodus 8:3-4

3 A Plague of Gnats
 When Aaron struck his staff on the ground what became Gnats?
 Read - Exodus 8:16-17

4 Swarms of Flies
 In which land were the flies not to be found?
 Read - Exodus 8:22

5 Death of Animals
 Which animals that belonged to the Egyptians died?
 Read - Exodus 9:2

6 A Break out of Boils
 What did Moses throw into the air before boils appeared on people and animals?
 Read - Exodus 9:10

7 A Rain of Hail
 What also rained down with the hail? Where did it not hail?
 Read - Exodus 9:24-26

8 A Swarm of Locusts
 Where did the wind come from that brought the locusts to the land?
 Read - Exodus 10:13

9 Darkness over the Land
 How many days did it remain dark?
 Read - Exodus 10:21-22

10 Death of the Firstborn
 At what time would the firstborn in the land die?
 Read - Exodus 11:4-6

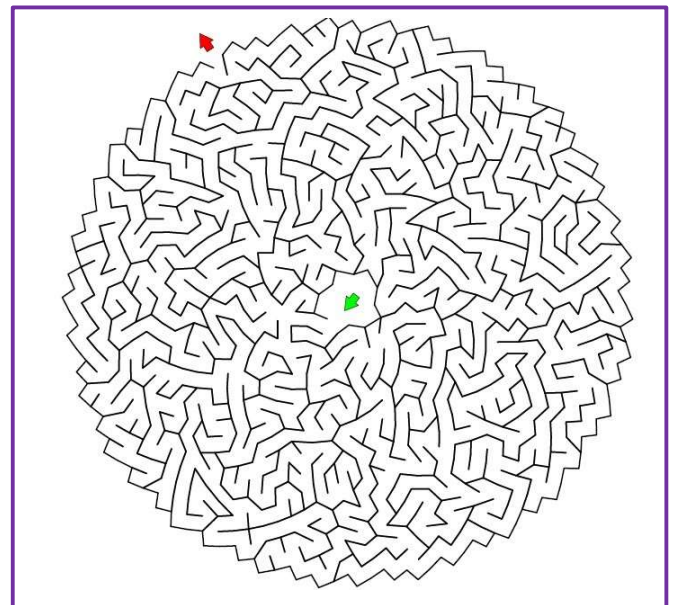
GOD • PLAGUES • MOSES • AARON
 WATER • BLOOD • STAFF • RIVER • NILE • FISH
 FROGS • SWARM • GNATS • DUST • FLIES
 GROUND • DEATH • ANIMALS • SOOT
 BOILS • PEOPLE • HAIL • THUNDER • FIRE
 MAN • BEAST • LOCUSTS • WIND • LAND
 DARKNESS • FIRSTBORN • MIDNIGHT

Crossword Clues – Down – June

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

Crossword Clues – Across – June

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)



Puzzle Pages Solutions

Across: 1 care; 3 paradise; 8 null; 9 profaned; 11 legalistic; 14 closed; 15 stores; 17 missionary; 20 covenant; 21 Thai; 22 trade-off; 23 Eden

Down: 1 conflict; 2 religion; 4 arrest; 5 affliction; 6 Iona; 7 Eddy; 10 allegiance; 12 preached; 13 Assyrian; 16 a son of; 18 Scot; 19 DVLA

Sudoku Solution

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

The tale of the **RICH FOOL**

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO KEEP ALL THIS FOOD

I KNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN MY BARN AND BUILD BIGGER ONES

THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS OLD BARN...

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD NEW ONES.

SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST MAN IN THE TOWN!

I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!

BUT THAT VERY NIGHT, THE MAN DIED!

WHAT GOOD WERE HIS RICHES NOW?

JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S NOT YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS, IT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE THAT'S IMPORTANT

a	w	a	y	r	u	n	d	n	e	p
m	h	t	r	a	j	e	s	c	e	o
b	r	o	t	h	e	r	l	e	a	h
l	m	l	m	r	a	c	h	e	l	w
a	a	n	g	e	l	s	o	h	r	a
c	r	a	y	g	o	d	n	e	s	g
k	r	w	r	y	u	i	h	i	e	e
j	y	o	s	i	s	t	e	r	v	s
a	s	r	r	u	a	m	o	v	e	d
c	b	k	o	f	l	o	c	k	n	l
j	a	c	o	b	l	a	b	a	n	e

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed

- Sheep
- Jealous
- Run
- Jacob
- God
- Brother
- Rachel
- Cousin
- Angels
- Years
- Marry
- Agreed
- Seven
- Sister
- Laban
- Father
- Leah
- Away
- Flock
- Wages
- Work
- Home
- Black
- Moved

