

TRINITY NEWS & VIEWS



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. *John 14 v27*

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A message from Rev. Jackie Case

Dear Friends

As I write this Easter message (March 19th), our nation is just beginning an indefinite period of extreme social distancing due to the spread of Coronavirus. All gatherings, including Sunday worship, have been suspended so it seems unlikely that we will be able to gather together in the usual way to joyously celebrate on Easter Sunday. This situation is unprecedented and challenging but as Christian people we still have a gospel to proclaim – a gospel of crucifixion suffering and of resurrection hope.

Departure from the usual Easter round has prompted me to think differently about the Easter story, and to reflect more on the experience of Jesus' followers: their highs and lows as they shared that last week of Jesus' earthly life, the uncertainty and unexpected developments, and the need to make sense of it all as the events unfolded.

As they had probably done in previous years, Jesus and his followers joined many other pilgrims heading to Jerusalem for the Passover festival, the annual celebration of their ancestors' liberation from slavery in Egypt. It was always a joyous event with palm waving and Psalm chanting on the approach to Jerusalem and the Temple, the centre of festive worship. On the Sunday they joined other pilgrims entering the city, and the disciples' hearts and minds would perhaps have been full of dreams of being part of the entourage of Jesus, the coming Messiah, destined to share in his greatness and power. But by Thursday the mood had changed. Over the bread and wine at what turned out to be their last meal together Jesus was saying unprecedented and shocking things. That night the shock and horror of his arrest in the garden, betrayed to the authorities by one of their own, filled them with such fear that, in their panic, they deserted him and fled into hiding, isolating themselves from the other pilgrims celebrating throughout the city.

In their isolation, imagine how the devastating news of Jesus' execution would have been received from those few brave enough to be there for his last few agonizing hours on the cross at Golgotha. Their fear and dejection deepened, compounded by the guilt of their desertion of him in the face of danger. By Saturday all must have been at rock bottom, unable to imagine a future other than the bleak loneliness of their bereavement and guilt. Even on Sunday morning the women, keeping going by seeking to do the best they could in the circumstances, did not expect anything other than the continuation of the grinding process of grief and the continuing pain of loss. I doubt that they had any appreciation of the beauty of a spring dawn, or the delicate, dew-moistened flowers springing up in the garden near the tomb. Ahead of them stretched the bleakness of a future life without the presence of Jesus among them, seemingly endless and joyless, blotting out the small blessings of the present moment. How many of us, forced at this time, to live indefinitely in comparative isolation from many of the people and things that enhance our lives and usually fill us with joy, may, in our darkest moments, feel a similar bleakness? But, friends, that's not the end of the story and it's not the end of ours! What it must have meant to the women and to Jesus' other followers when they received, and eventually came to believe, the news that Jesus had been raised from the dead. The overriding message of Easter for us, especially at this time, is that even when things seem at their worst, God is not only present with us but is working his eternal purposes out in ways that we can neither imagine nor predict. That is the true source of our Easter joy and our Easter hope. So let us celebrate Easter this year in whatever ways we can with the same joy and hope that we always do. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!



Every Blessing Jackie

Church Family News

Funerals - May light perpetual shine on them

24th February 2020 Basil Slyfield

We are sad to announce the death on 24th February of Pam McCallum.

We don't have details of Pam's funeral yet but will let you know when we have the information.

Please keep the families of Basil & Pam in your prayers



Charity of the month

The Charities we are supporting for the next two months are:-

April - S.O.S. Children's Villages

SOS Children's Villages offers a safe and nurturing family-like environment to almost 80,000 children and young people without parental support in more than 570 communities around the world. We also work to strengthen families through counselling, skills training and community development to ensure self-sufficiency and prevent the breakdown of family units.



**SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES**

In emergencies we are on the ground helping families cope with disaster, including the provision of child-friendly spaces, trauma counselling, family reunion, and access to communications technology to stay in contact with loved ones. We believe growing up in a family can improve the life outcomes of an individual. Our village communities provide a family like environment for vulnerable children and our family strengthening programmes work to keep families together and children safe.

May - Christian Aid

The focus for Christian Aid Week (10-16 May) is on Kenya, and how rural communities are trying to cope with climate change. Droughts are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis. The Kenyan Government declared a national drought emergency a year ago; with 2.7 million people without enough food, the drought is said to be the worst in decades. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week>

Because of the Covid-19 situation the annual door-to-door collection is not going ahead.

If church services resume there will be envelopes available in church that week,

in which you can leave your (gift-aided) donations.

Alternatively you are encouraged to donate on-line via:

<https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/>

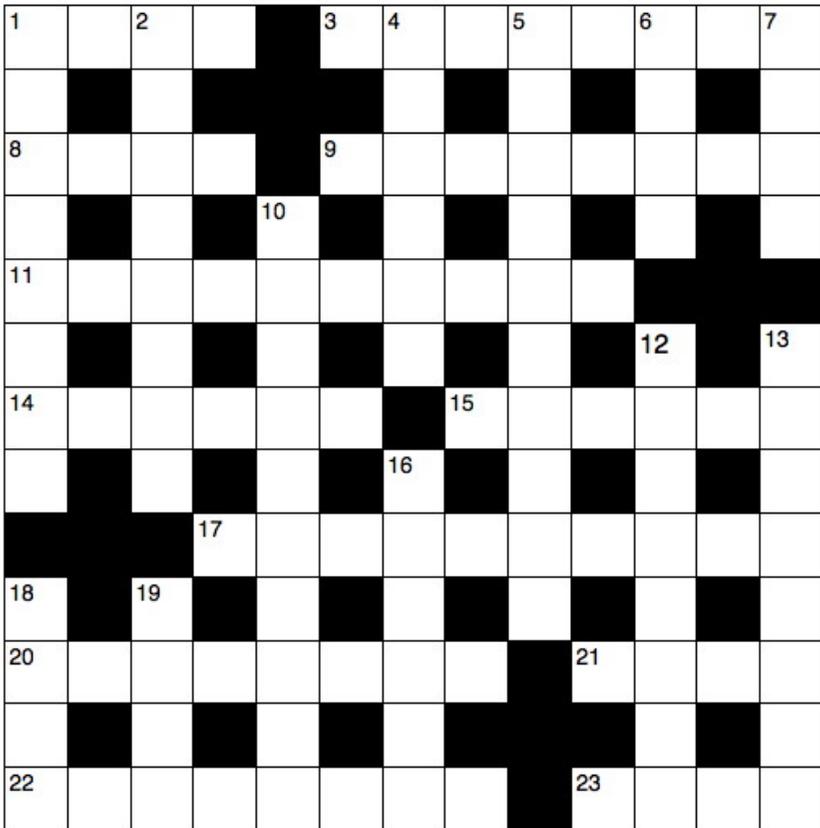
It would be nice if we as a church could match last year's grand total of £1000.

Henk Innemee (W762715)

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Know your Bible? *(All clues taken from NIV)*



Across

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the ____ walk' (Luke 7) (4)
- 3 'Not that I have already _____ all this' (Philippians 3) (8)
- 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26) (4)
- 9 Who was castigated for using dishonest scales? (Hosea 12) (8)
- 11 What God's commandments are not (1 John 5) (10)
- 14 Compared to other wild animals, the serpent was more what? (Genesis 3) (6)
- 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot _____ God' (Romans 8) (6)
- 17 Because Israel lacked this, their tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13) (10)
- 20 In his vision of two eagles and a vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17) (8)
- 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
- 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
- 23 In explaining that the one body has many parts, on what does St Paul say the eye is dependent? (1 Corinthians 12) (4)

Down

- 1 Lot was told to flee Sodom and not ____ ____ (Genesis 19) (4,4)
- 2 The Israelites said they would take this route (Numbers 20) (4,4)
- 4 The tax collector said "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" while he beat his what? (Luke 18) (6)
- 5 Isaiah tells Hezekiah that the zeal of the Lord Almighty will _____ his prophesy? (2 Kings 19) (10)
- 6 'The day of the Lord is ____ for all nations' (Obadiah) (4)
- 7 The fruit of the tree for which Jericho was renowned (Deuteronomy 34) (4)
- 10 One of the calamities that Moses tells the Israelites God will visit upon them (Deuteronomy 32) (10)
- 12 A type of Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
- 13 Tied up (2 Kings 7) (8)
- 16 One of two things that Stephen describes Moses as being powerful in when he addresses the Sanhedrin (Acts 7) (6)
- 18 Whose heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life? (1 Kings 15) (4)
- 19 Another word for 'tribe' (Deuteronomy 29) (4)

[Solution on page 22]

Inga's Story

Ingeborg, known to all as Inga, was born in Denmark in 1923. She had one brother and two sisters. Sadly her beloved mother contracted tuberculosis when Inga was a small child and she frequently recalled the anguish of not being able to see her because of the fear of infection. Inga's mother died and her father, unable to cope with 4 children, sent Inga to live on her maiden aunt's farm. It was not a particularly happy or affectionate setting for the rest of her childhood, but on the farm she worked hard with the animals and no doubt this is where she acquired the robust immune system which contributed to her long life.



When she grew up Inga left the farm and went to Copenhagen where she trained as a nurse. During WW2 she experienced daily life in Denmark living under the German Occupation. In 1948 she came to England to work as a children's nanny and met her husband Leslie. They were married in 1950 and had 2 sons, Niels John and Paul Erik. (It was an enormous loss when their son, Paul, died from an asthma attack in 1984. Their dear daughter-in-law, Helen, continued to remain close to them and has remained a great source of comfort to the family.) Niels recalls that Inga was very loving in her treatment of the family, but she was tough and determined, so she would not tolerate misbehaviour. Even though it was the custom in the 1950s for women, once married, to give up work and become full-time housewives, Inga was determined that she would continue to have her own income, so she did a variety of jobs over the years, including being a postwoman at Ripley. She worked as a civil servant in the central labs, and acted as factory nurse at James Walker in Woking.

Inga's grandson, John, recalls how everyone was always welcome at his Grandma's house and has fond memories of all the different people who came to stay over the years. There was always a place to stay with them for anyone visiting the UK. Inga

loved to organise people: "When I die," she once said, "we're going to have a party!" Inga's caring nature and love of animals continued throughout her life. John remembers when his Grandma once found a hedgehog in the road. One of the neighbours suggested that it was blind or partially sighted, so he helped her to catch it and take it home, where she then set about building a house and a run for it in the garden, even giving it a name – Fred! Fred is one of the few names that she couldn't pronounce properly, so Thhhhread was how she would call him. He was fed on cat food, not the cheap stuff. This half-blind, confused creature used to dine on the finest quality cat food you could buy. Until Grandma went on holiday for a few days and Fred managed to escape on grandson, John's, watch. Inga always went to great lengths to make birthdays and Christmases special: on Christmas Eve Danish customs would be followed and then on Christmas Day, English roast with all the trimmings. John remembers: 'Around Christmas time we would have big family dinners normally with roast pork, red cabbage and Grandma's secret recipe of gravy. One of us would find an almond in the rice pudding which meant we had won some chocolate and occasionally in my older years I would pretend that I hadn't found it just to watch her panic a bit.'

In later years, with Leslie, her late husband, Inga undertook a number of voluntary jobs, including planning for the opening of Woking hospice and fundraising in their shop. She was a regular helper at the York Road project where she was a great asset because she was good at handling difficult people. She also did RSPCA house checks for prospective rehomers. Inga's interests were wide and varied and she valued adult education highly, writing a lot of poems and a personal biography. She and Leslie were also well travelled, including a number of trips to Denmark on the motorbike & sidecar and then, of course, their house was always welcoming visitors from abroad.

Inga remained very strong and active for many years. When she wasn't able to cycle any more she greeted the suggestion that she get a mobility scooter with scorn because they weren't fast enough. So she got an electric 3 wheeled bike instead. John says, " Her bike had 3 speeds: fast, faster and stopped." One day as he was driving into Woking she suddenly shot past at speed , overtaking the whole line of traffic he was in. Her dress was

pegged down with clothes pegs and there was a shower cap protecting her hair. Even after 5 hip operations Inga's arms remained very strong so that she could still use her zimmer frame to get about.

Inga also had great inner strength. When Leslie's spiritual questing settled on Buddhism, she joined him in practising daily morning and evening meditation, and characteristically they were also very willing to include friends in this daily opportunity to reflect and gain inner peace. This practice of meditation became very important to her, although she maintained a deep Christian faith all her life.

Inga was an active member of Trinity Methodist Church for many years, arriving by the above-mentioned bicycle or tricycle in all weathers, and when she could no longer go out, she was grateful to her friends from Trinity who continued to be regular visitors. She often told us snippets of her early life in Denmark and was happy to share family news. She was equally interested in our lives and families. Whilst her physical health diminished, she was always eager to communicate as best she could, and she was thankful too for the carers who looked after her.

So to finish, : Inga lived a long and full life, but it was certainly not an easy or trouble free existence. We might say that she exemplifies the saying: That which does not kill you makes you stronger. She was much loved and she will indeed be much missed by all who knew her.

Emily's Poem

As a supporter of the Camphill Village Trust, I was touched by a poem in their newsletter Family Life (Issue 71, Highlights 2019). With their permission I have copied the contribution below. Visit <https://bit.ly/emilypoem> to watch Emily recite her poem or visit camphillvillagetrust.org.uk for more information. Growing up with Down's Syndrome, Emily found it difficult to make friends. But she's found her voice now. 'I'm definitely not the girl I used to be,' she says proudly. 'I used to hide behind my mum. But now I want to be a public speaker and a poet.'

'Writing makes me feel really good,' says Emily. 'I grew up writing on my desk and drawing on the walls!' Nowadays, she has other ways to express herself. As well as writing poetry, she's studying drama and creates her own videos on her YouTube channel.

A lot of Emily's writing is based on the challenges she's faced. 'I wrote my first poem because I'd had enough. I needed to express myself. And it makes me feel good if I can write about my feelings.' The poem we've featured shows Emily's determination. 'I wrote this poem because society thinks differently about people with Down's Syndrome and I wanted to change their minds,' she says. 'People say that we don't have any abilities. But look at me, I write poems, I'm in supported living, I have friends and a boyfriend. I'm doing all these things I'm really proud of. I want to stand up for disability rights, and one way I can do that is through my poetry.'

Disability Poem

**You call me a disability, why do you call me a disability?
It's like you are calling me a nobody or stupid or dumb**

I am no disability, I am just me.

Let's just separate disability, we have the Dis, we have the ability, it's like we don't have abilities, but you know what, we do have abilities we can do anything if we put our hearts to it, everyone has a heart, a heart to follow, we all have love, hope and believing in our dreams. Why do you step up to me and say we can't do that? You are hurting our feelings, we are all human, this is our world too, stop treating us like we are kids, stop treating us like we are stupid, stop treating us like we are a nobody, we live in this world together stop hating us of who we are, we can't change of who we are.

**I have a disability and I have accepted it,
This is who I am, deal with it.**

Henk Innemee

Year of the Mouse

A word of thanks to the Chinese Methodists for inviting our congregation to their Chinese New Year Celebrations on Sunday 26th January.

We joined in their service at 1.30pm in church and sang the hymns in either English or Chinese simultaneously, as joyfully as we possibly could. It worked!

Then we listened to Rev. Keith Beckingham's sermon translated into Chinese sentence by sentence.

After the service we went into the large hall for a feast of a Chinese lunch, all provided by the Chinese community.



Barbara Phillips

Circuit Mission Supper

About 100 people from all round the Circuit braved the weather to gather at Trinity on Saturday 29th February for the now annual Circuit Mission Supper. It always provides an excellent opportunity to catch up with friends from other churches. An innovation this year was to ask everyone to bring their own crockery and cutlery and we attempted (albeit with room for improvement) a greater focus on recycling the waste from the meal.

But to the main event! The guest speaker was Sam Monaghan, Chief Executive of Methodist Homes for the Aged

(MHA). Sam has been in this role for about two years, having spent the earlier part of his career working in children's social care. For that reason he told us that he had been far from certain that this was a role for him – but Julia had persuaded him otherwise!

Sam gave an inspiring and thought-provoking presentation. The crisis in adult social care is well documented but, despite political parties on all sides talking up their concerns during the general election campaign last year, Sam confessed that he did not as yet see any 'green shoots' of recovery. The statistics speak for themselves:

- One in ten older people (1.4 million individuals) do not have access to the support and care they are assessed to need
- Over the last ten years, under 'austerity', local authorities have had to make a 17% reduction to their social care budgets
- Daily there are 8% of social care jobs vacant – 122,000 roles
- 70% of people in care homes have dementia or severe memory problems
- By 2040 - 1.6 million people will have dementia, nearly double the 2020 figure.

Whilst the significant reductions in funding is a key factor, the other is the shifting demographic trend towards an ageing population. Between 1943 and 2020 average life expectancy has risen from 64 to 81. In 1943 9% of the population (3.4 million people) was over 65, but in 2020 that has risen to 18% (12 millions), and by 2040 is projected to rise further to 25% (18.3 millions). Currently 2% of the population (1.4 million people) is over 85 but by 2040 that is projected to rise to 4% (3 millions).

MHA was founded in 1943 by Rev Walter Hall and a group of Methodists in North London as an independent charity providing care, support and accommodation for older people in need. Sam reminded us that at that time there were, in particular, a number of women whose husbands had died in the First World War who were now elderly and lacking support, both because there was then no welfare state and

due to the constraints imposed by wartime. MHA's first home was opened in 1945 and it now has 90 care homes providing for over 4,000 residents, many of whom receive specialist dementia or nursing care.

The services offered have expanded over the years and there are now two additional and distinct types of accommodation: 70 Retirement Living schemes allow 3,000 older people to live independently with access to social and leisure facilities and care as and when required; and 11,100 people are living independently in their own homes under the care of one of 62 Live at Home community groups.

MHA is one of the largest charitable care providers in the UK. The scale of the operation sounds formidable: supporting over 18,500 older people nationwide, employing 7,500 staff, plus over 4,000 volunteers. We learned that each care home and most retirement living schemes have a chaplain, appointed independently. Inspired by the Methodist roots, the chaplains reflect the importance which MHA places on nurturing the mind, body and spirit of those they care for. The chaplains provide pastoral support and organise worship for those who wish to participate, or assist in allowing residents to maintain links with local faith communities. Another successful initiative has been the engagement of music therapists to assist in the care of residents with dementia.



We learned a great deal over the course of the evening about the significance of the work that MHA does and the quality of the care it provides. In all this we should be in absolutely no doubt about the relevance of the Christian ethos that underpins the organisation and its mission.

But of course, the work cannot continue without a regular stream of fund-raising and donations. As one of the very few not-for-profit care providers, the good news for donors is that every pound donated is invested directly in the services MHA provides. Each year Methodist Homes Sunday (14th June this year)

provides the opportunity for churches to celebrate the work of MHA and encourage support in all its forms. Do check out the MHA website for more information about the day. To coincide with this Sam and his colleagues are going to undertake a gruelling challenge of cycling 375 miles from Surrey to Leeds to raise money for MHS's work. If you would like to find out more about "Ride MHA" and how to donate go to <http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sam-monahan-mha>.

(Over £900 was raised at the Mission Supper)

David Lander



Dance for Parkinson's

Dance for Parkinson's classes have started at Trinity every Wednesday 1:30-2:20pm (term time) and then time for tea and coffee. Led by professional dance teacher Kate from Inclusive Intergenerational Dance (IID), who specialises in dance for health within Surrey, with specific training in Dance for Parkinson's. Dance has proven benefits for people living with Parkinson's and classes are becoming increasingly popular. Parkinson's is a progressive neurological movement disorder which can affect initiation of movement, balance, walking and general quality of life. Dance is a stimulating mental activity connecting body and mind, with a basis in rhythm. Dance for people living with Parkinson's can promote the emotional, physical and social engagement through the use, telling stories, sparking aesthetic imagination, development grace and flow of movement. Classes are also open to carers and family members, creating opportunities to build communities. Participants in a dance for Parkinson's class have the opportunity to leave Parkinson's at the door and find joy in dancing. More information on dates can be found on the Trinity Notice board in the corridor. New members are welcome to a free taster class, classes are then £6 per session. Any further enquiries please contact Kate at iidconsortium@gmail.com or 07984791402.

Help for People with Dementia

Have you come across the BBC Reminiscence Archive called RemArc? This online archive provides access to a selection of content from the BBC Archives, designed to support reminiscence therapy.

<https://remarc.bbcrewind.co.uk/index.html#>

The principle of reminiscence therapy is to assist people who have dementia to interact and converse in a natural way by stimulating their long-term memory with material from the past. It is often the case that long-term memory can still function when the person's working (short-term) memory is degraded. Tapping into long-term memory can make it possible once again for them to enjoy interacting with others, through their stories.

A number of resources have been developed for people with dementia, based on photographs, photo books, boxes of objects and materials and interactive computer applications. The BBC wants to contribute to this growing set of supports for people with dementia and their carers by drawing on the enormous fund of photos, videos, and sound clips in its archives. It could be used with individuals, or in care homes.

For more information about dementia, please visit
The Alzheimer's Society or Alzheimer's Scotland or
bbc.co.uk/dementia



Praying Together

There are several sections to the Prayer suggestions for this month. First there are versions of Psalm 2 to read and think about. Then the prayer guides and the words from the Graham Kendrick song The Servant King. Then comes some information and a prayer on refugees in Syria. This is about a totally different topic but it comes from the Wey Valley Circuit website and I felt it was something we should be thinking and praying about. Last I wanted to pray for those affected by this outbreak of the coronavirus and I found a prayer for the world on the Methodist Church website.

Psalm 2 God's Chosen King

- 1** Why do the nations plan rebellion? Why do people make their useless plots?
- 2** Their kings revolt, their rulers plot together against the LORD and against the king he chose.
- 3** "Let us free ourselves from their rule," they say;"let us throw off their control."
- 4** From his throne in heaven the Lord laughs and mocks their feeble plans.
- 5** Then he warns them in anger and terrifies them with his fury.
- 6** "On Zion, my sacred hill," he says, "I have installed my king."
- 7** "I will announce," says the king, "what the LORD has declared. He said to me: 'You are my son; today I have become your father.
- 8** Ask, and I will give you all the nations; the whole earth will be yours.
- 9** You will break them with an iron rod; you will shatter them in pieces like a clay pot.'"
- 10** Now listen to this warning, you kings; learn this lesson, you rulers of the world:
- 11** Serve the LORD with fear; tremble
- 12** and bow down to him; or else his anger will be quickly aroused, and you will suddenly die. Happy are all who go to him for protection.

Good News Bible Psalm 2

1-6 Why the big noise, nations?
Why the mean plots, peoples?
Earth-leaders push for position,
Demagogues and delegates meet for summit talks,
The God-deniers, the Messiah-deifiers:
“Let’s get free of God!
Cast loose from Messiah!”
Heaven-throned God breaks out laughing.
At first he’s amused at their presumption;
Then he gets good and angry.
Furiously, he shuts them up:
“Don’t you know there’s a King in Zion? A coronation banquet
Is spread for him on the holy summit.”
7-9 Let me tell you what God said next.
He said, “You’re my son,
And today is your birthday.
What do you want? Name it:
Nations as a present? continents as a prize?
You can command them all to dance for you,
Or throw them out with tomorrow’s trash.”
10-12 So, rebel-kings, use your heads;
Upstart-judges, learn your lesson:
Worship God in adoring embrace,
Celebrate in trembling awe. Kiss Messiah!
Your very lives are in danger, you know;
His anger is about to explode,
But if you make a run for God—you won’t regret it!

Psalm 2 is considered to be a royal Psalm. It is a psalm about the royal line of Israel and the celebration of God’s blessing on the line of David. This psalm might have been used at the coronation of a King of Judah. However, as we look at Psalm 2 and think about Jesus it can be seen that Jesus is the son of God and rules as part of the Trinity with God and the Holy Spirit over heaven and earth so, the psalm can be seen as a way to celebrate the reign of Jesus.

Prayer Guide

- Pray longing for the Kingdom of God to come. Pray in anticipation longing for Jesus' return. Pray that God's "kingdom would come and his will be done".
- Read psalm 2 and think about words that jump out for you and use those in a prayer to God
- Read the words of The Servant King -
- Ask God to help you serve Jesus with awe and joy, love and a wish to serve the Servant King.

Heavenly Father, thank You that in Your grace You have hold on us from the beginning to the end and have promised that we are safe and secure in Your gracious arms and held in your hands. Nothing can separate us from your love.

Lord there are many individuals, leaders and nations that are raging against You and conspiring against the Lord Jesus Christ, and the world seems to be spiraling out of control. Thank You that Your Word stands fast for ever and that the day is coming when Christ will rule this earth with equity and justice.

Help us to put our trust and love in You, loving Father God. Blessed is the Lord our God, for His mercy and grace endures for ever and ever, AMEN.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"

The Servant King

From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live
This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will but Yours, ' He said
Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered
So, let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

*Source: [Musixmatch](#) Songwriters: Graham Kendrick The Servant King lyrics ©
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Syria information and Prayer for refugees from the Wey Valley Circuit website

On March 15th it will be 9 years since the start of the war in Syria. Around half the population of Syria has either been internally displaced (6 million) or fled the country (5million) (UN figures).

Around 900,000 people have taken refuge in Idlib in the north west of Syria. They have been pounded by bombing and airstrikes, resulting in untold injuries, deaths and devastation. Today (March 4th 2020) a ceasefire between Turkey and Russia has been agreed offering some respite to the thousands of refugees living in the open, or in makeshift camps. But without adequate shelter, little food and no fuel for fires, they are in desperate straits. Already children have died because of the freezing winter cold. (Sunday Times Feb 16th). No one knows how long the ceasefire will hold.

Turkey has encouraged some of its 3.6million Syrian refugees to try to cross the border into Greece but Greek authorities have denied entry, causing many refugees to be stranded without food or shelter.

Please pray for safety and shelter for refugees in these desperate situations.

PRAYER

Lord of all. We lift to you refugees and migrants around the world,
asking that by the power of your Holy Spirit, you inspire leaders of nations
to act compassionately to end the suffering of those in desperate need..

We pray for a lasting peace in Syria, for political gains to be set aside and humanitarian considerations to be given priority.

We pray for hope and strength for fathers who are struggling to provide for the most basic needs of their families, for courage for mothers who have to watch their children go hungry and for comfort for small children and babies who are feeling the cold. Loving God, you care for us and for all, especially those in need. Inspire us to reflect your abundant love back to those in need, guiding us in prayer, action and generous giving, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Praying for our sisters and brothers around the world

Remember that the Methodist Church is wider than Britain We are learning from our sisters and brothers around the world and we are all dealing with a difficult and uncertain situation and we need to hold it all before God, particularly those in all badly affected areas.

Revd Paul Wood, Interim Director of the Ministries Team, said: "As we deal with the practicalities of protecting people from coronavirus we continue to remember Our Calling to care for the other whilst always being mindful that is that our call is always to respond to the good news in Jesus. We are a people of hope we need to declare and model good news in these difficult times."

Head of Mission, Jude Levermore said: "Our Calling is to respond in love and service to the needs of our communities. The aim of this advice is to help us do this even while the extent of the issue is still unclear. We are grateful to our sisters and brothers around the world who hold us in prayer as we hold them. We should not

be afraid "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." [2 Timothy 1:7](#).

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.

For those people who are worried about attending worship.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for the other

For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.

Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that

Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.

Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen

Ann Dawson

Crossword solution	
Across	Down
1 Lame	1 Look back
3 Obtained	2 Main road
8 Omit	4 Breast
9 Merchant	5 Accomplish
11 Burdensome	6 Near
14 Crafty	7 Date
15 Please	10 Pestilence
17 Blacksmith	12 Basilica
20 Splendid	13 Tethered
21 Tier	16 Action
22 Singeing	18 Asa's
23 Hand	19 Clan

Basil Slyfield

Basil was born on 1st August 1932 in Walton Road Woking. Apart from 2 years National Service and 2 or 3 years in Guildford, he spent all his life in Woking. He had 2 sisters, Sylvia and Beryl both who have predeceased him. Beryl was also born on the 1st August.

As a child he contracted Typhoid Fever and after an operation at Ottershaw Isolation Hospital by the Queen's surgeon he fully recovered. The surgeon must have been a very nice person as he used to take Basil out for rides in his Rolls Royce.

He loved to tell the tale of when he was out in the grounds of the hospital in a wheelchair, he was really enjoying a dog fight over Vickers Aircraft Factory. He had been forgotten in the panic and he was disappointed when the staff rushed him back indoors to safety.

Two days before his 14th birthday Basil began work at Hugh Butcher Limited, The Broadway, Woking. A family firm selling furniture which also offered removals, furniture restoration and upholstery. He remained there until he reached Managing Director and retired at 60.

He served his National Service in Canterbury and came home at weekends to see his girlfriend Eileen. It was while he was filling in the application form he discovered his name was Stanley, Basil was his second name!

On his 21st birthday he married Eileen in Shotley, Suffolk and he gained two lovely sisters-in-law. The newly weds set up home above the shop in Woking. They had 2 children, Roger, who sadly died just before his 18th birthday and a daughter Christine. Eileen died in February 1988.

I met Basil the same year at a meeting of Christian Association of Single Parents "Clasp". I was able to support him as I had been widowed 4 years before. Thinking he

needed a holiday I gave him the details of a singles holiday I was going to in the September at Brunel Manor Torquay. I had been there the year before and enjoyed it so much I was off for another week.

A few days later he rang me to tell me he was booking up to go too and offered me a lift. I thought we would go our own ways when we got there but this did not happen. We spent a lot of time together and the day after we got home he came round with a bottle of cider that had "accidentally" been left in his car when he took out my luggage!

After 4 years we married on Valentine's Day at All Souls' Sutton Green. My daughters, then aged 12 and 16, and I moved into his bungalow in Westfield.

In 1999 he became a grandad to Nathan and then 5 times more when my grandchildren arrived.

On retiring he took up his love of art, joining Brookwood, Woking and Byfleet Art Groups. He loved exhibiting and the buzz of a sale. He joined Ken Ray's group and went on painting holidays. He also gained his one and only A level, Art at 65, and learned to swim.

St Mark's Church Westfield, needed 2 more rooms for its youth work and Basil instigated the lowering of the church ceiling and building 2 rooms in the loft space above.

We had many holidays together and he went abroad for the first time with me. Bas supported numerous charities and often when watching television would shout: 'Quick, get a pen I want to donate to that.'

We want to thank everyone who has been so supportive at this time, it is much appreciated.

So Bas, you were a kind, gentle person, who liked to get on with things. The past 18 months have been so hard for you, we will all miss you, and the family and I thank you for everything.

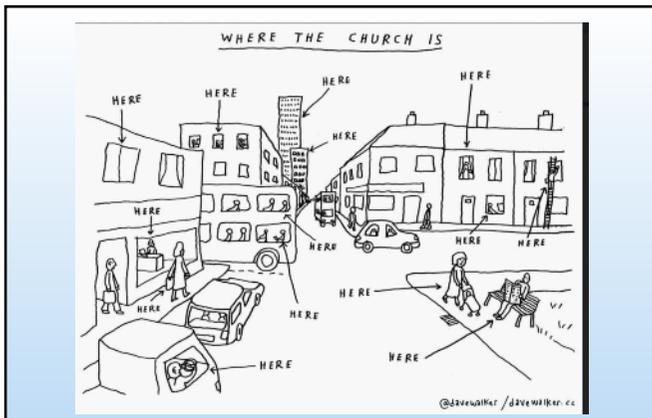
Rest in Peace.

A Joyful Life

After a very trying few years, I decided to get this tattoo as a reminder of the goodness of God. This tattoo says Joy in the shape of a cross. This is because Jesus died on a cross for me personally so that I may live a joyful life free from fear, slavery, and worry. The reason joy is so different to happiness is it means that even when I am overwhelmed and the waters get too deep or the waves of stress come crashing down; I remain rooted in the one who made me. It means that, I KNOW that Jesus has given me freedom and everlasting life. It's a deep contentment which is present even in the toughest times that I have experienced. God never promises an easy life without pain and suffering, but he does promise to be a stronghold through it all. When things feel too tough I KNOW that Jesus died and rose again to be a living God so I never have to walk alone...and neither do you. What can be more joyful than that?

Psalm 94:19: When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy. Psalm 18:16-17: He reaches down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

Elizabeth Kozlowska



Woking's ROC

On Thursday 12th March at 7pm 185 people started to gather at Trinity. Debra Green OBE had arrived from ROC's Manchester HQ and all preparations were complete. Events started with a song – performed by Sarah Goddard (Christchurch CAP) accompanied by Graham K-S. Following a few housekeeping matters, proceedings were formally started with David Munro (Police & Crime Commissioner) and our Mayor Beryl Hunwicks saying a few words. Then down to business.

First task was to write all the good things happening in Woking on Post-it notes and stick them on a large poster – and to surrounding walls. Debra then proceeded to interview various



local notables. Ian Nicholson & Rosemary Johnson told us about the community work run by Woking FC. Ray Morgan reminded us of the need for affordable housing – a need of 300/year. We were then invited to share our own needs by pegging luggage labels on a 'wishing line' – yellow labels were filled in with needs, green labels with offers of help. There were 160 and 120 of these respectively – an impressive sight and valuable database going forward.

More interviews followed. Brett Freeman, principal of Woking College, spoke passionately about the need to give students a sense of belonging to a community, and reminded us of the poor mental health of many students with many 10's of students being 'watched'. Insp. Andy Greaves, Surrey Police Woking Commander, reminded us of policing concerns including so called 'county lines' issues and the targeting of vulnerable young females. Dr Caroline Baker, CEO of NW Surrey Integrated Care Services then spoke about issues challenging GP's, including new initiatives to use volunteers to help with some of the social issues that GP's often end up dealing with. This led us into the main heart of the evening – round table discussions about local issues that were of concern to guests. Issues were first identified, and then suggestions tabled as to how these could be resolved. In total 150 issues were raised, the top three issues being Youth (21), Loneliness & Isolation (20) and Mental Health (17). All other issues were in single figures.



Each of the 23 tables was asked to select it's priority issue and present it to the gathering. Debra and her husband Frank did a double act of interviewing the table reps, and somehow managed to get all reporting back done in less than half an hour. It was fascinating to hear what had been discussed, particularly some

of the solutions proposed.

ROC always aim to finish on time, and managed it. There was some minor feedback and gathering of personal details, including people indicating whether they were happy to be included in the next stage, the Action Group(s). 75 people have indicated they would – a commendable number.

Where do we go from here? If it wasn't for COVID-19 we'd be starting to plan the Action Group. Clearly face to face meetings are not currently possible. Plans are being discussed for a digital meeting, but we need to think carefully about how that will work with 75 people. Over the next few weeks I will be considering the elements which can plug into our Foundry Project. For a while now I have felt that loneliness and isolation is an area we can focus on, and as the preliminary results have indicated, it is an area of widely accepted need. Just how the COVID-19 crisis will re-write that issue remains to be seen.

Finally I want to end by thanking all those who contributed to making the event a success – Debra Green emailed us to say it was one of the best organised events they'd had. I won't name individuals, but my estimate is that there were about 30 people from Trinity involved in one way or another, be it table hosting, praying, moving furniture, making staging, parking, serving tea & coffee or cooking. To all of you, a huge thank you from myself and also on behalf of the steering group.

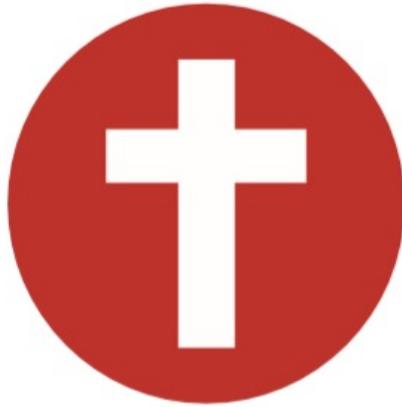


Hugh Bowerman

Christian Aid Plant Sale

Due to current circumstances, it is very unlikely that our Plant Sale in aid of Christian Aid will take place in May.





“The best of
all is, **God**
is with us”

Attributed to John Wesley

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What's on at Trinity

Prayer Group	Friday (weekly) 9.45am	Ann. W 770400
Y Group	Monday (1st & 3rd) 8pm	Allison, 725439
Coffee & Chat	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Margot. W 762059
Bible Study Fellowship	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Sarah Jo, W 892067
Wednesday House Group	Weds (fortnightly) 8pm	Ruth, 07772 305106 Sam, W 835521
Bible Study	Friday (monthly) 10.30am	Peggy, W 763605
Phoenix	Friday (fortnightly) 8pm	Joyce, 722457
Quest Group	Sat (monthly) 9.30am	John, W 762059
Family Club	Friday (weekly) 5pm	Sue Waddington 01932 859636
Junior Church	Sunday 10.30am	Sue Waddington 01932 859636
Messy Church	3rd Sunday 10am	Sue Waddington 01932 859636
Trinity Toddlers	9.30am	Kim Wilson 07791 763241

Please note that none of these activities are taking place at the moment as the church is closed due to the corona virus

A note to contributors

It is our practice to publish each edition of TNV on the Trinity website. It is an important source of information about church life at Trinity and something we want to share with others. At the same time we recognise that some contributors may be uncomfortable for their personal details to appear on the internet in this way. We will be happy to omit names and any other personal details in any future issue if requested to do so.

From the Editor

Thanks to all who have helped with the preparation and distribution of this issue of TNV in these unprecedented times. The next issue will be edited by David Lander.

Jean Normington

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