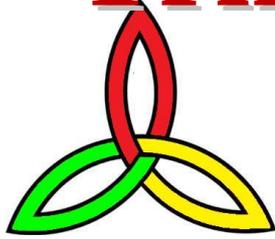


# Trinity Times



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<b>Diary for November</b>		
Tuesday 2nd	7.30 pm	Church Meeting
Sunday 7th	10.30 am	Open Church
Sunday 14th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Reverend Nick Young (Remembrance Sunday)
Saturday 20th	10.00am 3.00 pm	KFC Coffee Morning in St Martin's Parish Centre Afternoon Concert; "English Song Recital"
Sunday 21st	10.30 am	Open Church
Sunday 28th	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Advent Service led by Kate Dickinson Special Church Meeting
<b>Diary for December</b>		
Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Team-led Toy Service
Sunday 12th	10.30 am	Morning Worship (Preacher TBA)
<b>Youth Club Meetings</b> at Trinity during term times – Friday evenings - School years 6 – 9		

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### **Minister: Position vacant**

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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

You will see that within the Diary on the front cover is mention of a special Church Meeting on Sunday, 28th October. This is a follow-up Meeting to the one held on 29th July to continue to discuss Church leadership; an Agenda will be sent out in due course.

*Graham Fothergill*

## PARISH NEWS ARTICLE

This is the text of the Trinity article that has been prepared by Maureen Bodden for the November edition of the Knebworth Parish News. (Ed.)

### November



What does the month of November conjure up for you? The rhyme 'Remember, Remember, the 5th of November' reminds us of the events behind Bonfire night, when Guy Fawkes and fellow conspirators were thwarted in their attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605.

Fortunately this is now celebrated in a more peaceful manner around bonfires with fireworks to cheer us up at the onset of earlier and colder nights, although we should, maybe, choose to attend an organised event and be mindful of pets and babies who might be scared of the noise.

November is often thought of as a sombre month because it signals the start of winter. We may have mists and grey skies, but we can also have beautiful sunny days with wonderful autumn colours. In the past, people would spend the month storing up their harvest and preparing their food and homes in order to survive the winter. Nowadays, here in the UK, we are mostly blessed with supplies in the shops and heating in our homes, although we are aware that many, even in this country, are finding it difficult to make ends meet. The recent 'petrol panic' makes us realise how much is taken for granted. The Covid-19 pandemic has made us appreciate all those who work in the health and other service sectors. November is also a time to pause and remember. On the 11th November, Armistice Day, and on Remembrance Sunday, this year on the 14th, we commemorate the lives of those caught up in conflicts. It's also a time of year when we remember loved ones we have lost.

In Ecclesiastes 3 we read there is a time for everything under heaven. In verse 4 'A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;' November is a good time to remember others and share memories, but also to find ways to brighten up the dull days by helping others and bringing some light into the shorter days. Just a smile makes the world a brighter place.

Let's think of reasons to be cheerful, 1,2,3. For me those might be:

1. Jesus was sent into the world to bring light where there is darkness
2. The kindness of others, sometimes unexpected
3. Rainbows - a celebration of all life, a sign of hope, of God's love

How about you?

Maureen Bodden, Trinity Elder

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## **DINNER ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

*The Social Committee is inviting members of the church family and wider community to join them for Christmas dinner on Christmas Day if they would like some company and to celebrate this joyous occasion with others.*

*Guests are invited to arrive at 12.30 pm with the meal being served at 1 pm. There will be the option after to stay and chat to others and enjoy coffee and mince pies. Transport can be provided if necessary.*

*This offer is open to those on their own, as well as couples and families of all ages. There is no cost although donations would be appreciated.*

*Places are limited so, if you would like further details or to book, please contact me.*

*Thanks*

*Kate on behalf of the Social Committee*

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## **MISSION AND CHARITY NEWS**

This November the Mission Group has chosen to support the Garden House Hospice in Letchworth. We will be collecting donations for them at our November services and at the concert on 20th November (see details on Page 6).

If you can't make it to church and wish to donate, you can go online to [www.ghhospicecare.org.uk/support-us/donate](http://www.ghhospicecare.org.uk/support-us/donate) or call 01462 679540.



Garden House Hospice Care provides free specialist palliative care for patients, families and carers facing life-limiting illnesses from across North Hertfordshire, Stevenage and towns and villages in Central Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, serving a population of around 230,000 people.

Working with our medical team of highly experienced doctors and nurses, we have specialists in a wide range of roles including complementary physiotherapy, bereavement, occupational therapy, complementary therapy and spiritual care.

We offer:

- Inpatient Care
- Hospice at Home Service
- Hawthorne Centre
- Family Support Service

*Maureen Bodden*

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## **KNEBWORTH FAMILY OF CHURCHES & CHRISTIAN AID**



### **Remembrance Sunday 2021, 14th November**

Unfortunately, and contrary to information already published in the Knebworth Parish News, the planned British Legion Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Old Knebworth on Sunday, 14th November, has had to be cancelled.

The reason for the cancellation is that the local police are unable to provide the necessary road blocks and traffic control within the vicinity of the War Memorial. It would appear that on 14th November, members of Hertfordshire Police will be deployed to Birmingham because the Extinction Rebellion faction is planning a large protest meeting in that city on that day (or over that weekend) and additional police support is required.

Road blocks and other traffic control measures are essential in ensuring the safety of the two hundred or so residents (including a large number of children) who normally attend the Remembrance Service and so there is now no way that this year's event can take place.

### **KFC Coffee Morning: Saturday 20th November, 10.00 am – 12 noon**

You will be very welcome to drop in to **St Martin's Parish Centre** for a drink and a chat. There will be the usual selection of cakes and you'll also be able to do some shopping at the Traidcraft stall.

Donations made at our Coffee Mornings are used to support various charities. Many thanks to everyone for your continuing support.

### **Christian Aid**

We are pleased to be able to report that the Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday, 16th October, raised £375.54; considering the weather that morning and the continuing threat of Covid, that was felt to be a good result. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Kathy Cole's Big Brekkie on 2nd October produced a total of £100 which was sent to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal, via Christian Aid.

*Graham Fothergill*  
*Secretary: The Knebworth Family of Churches*

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**You are invited to attend the  
Free Church Services  
in the Lady Chapel on:**

**Wednesday, 3rd November at 11.00 am**

Preacher: **Rev'd John Hardaker**

Minister of Trinity, Homewood Road and Greenwood URCs

**Wednesday, 1st December at 11.00 am**

Preacher: **Rev'd Graham Clarke**

Minister of Marshalwick Baptist Free Church



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Free Church Ecumenical Chaplain: Reverend Simon Carver,  
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## *English Song Recital*

*including music by C.V. Stanford, Noel Coward,  
not forgetting Flanders & Swann.*

*Hal Fowler, baritone*

*&*

*Derek Harrison, piano*



*Trinity Church, Knebworth, SG3 6PD*

*3pm Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021*

*Admission is free. There will be a retiring collection on behalf of the  
Garden House Hospice. Tea, coffee and cake will be served afterwards*

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## Hal Fowler and Derek Harrison



Hal Fowler began singing in his local Parish Church then the National Youth Choir of GB, followed by a highly distinguished career in Music Theatre. His many lead roles in musicals took him across the West End as a Principal at the National Theatre.



Derek Harrison is a singer though perhaps better known as a conductor of choirs of all sizes (including Knebworth Community Chorus) across a wide repertoire. He holds an FRCO diploma and is an experienced accompanist.

Hal and Derek have, in recent years, discovered a mutual love of the English Song repertoire. With Hal's great stage experience and wonderful voice their approach is to communicate the essence of the words and music.

*Peter Bodden*

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### **METHODIST NEWS**

#### **Message from Rev'd Malcolm Peacock**

We are going to visit my daughter on the Isle of Man. She has just moved house and now has a large garden to care for. We thought that as a housewarming present, we would get something garden-related. We went to a garden centre and couldn't find any secateurs, so the manager was asked where they could be found, 'downstairs', he said and went off to get the secateurs. When he came back, the same was asked about children's gardening implements, 'downstairs', he said and went off to get the child's spade. The reason we couldn't find them ourselves was the realisation that the Garden Centre doesn't do gardens in October, it does Christmas.

Christmas is important to the Garden Centre - they make lots of money. I was left wondering about how important we in the Church see Christmas. I really struggle with the commercialisation of Christmas. The story of a poor family, a homeless family, a family who had to flee from their homeland to Egypt isn't really about making money. It is a very contemporary story as poverty and deprivation, homelessness and migrants are making the news for us today.

Yet Christmas isn't really about the difficult trimmings of the story. The story of Christmas is about the gift of hope into the world. It is a story of risk. It is the story of transforming love. It is the story of God showing us a different way. It is God bringing gifts. God bringing light into darkness. It is good news, that reminds us that we all are important, we all have a place that matters and a celebration that love matters more than anything. These things again are not really about making money, but I can see why they should be celebrated and I can see why they are celebrated. As God has given us such a wonderful gift, of hope and new life and know why I want to give gifts to those who I love. God has given so much to the whole world, I can understand why I should want to help those whose need is great. I can understand why something so life-changing, even world-changing, is marked in a significant way.

Yes, I find commercialisation wearisome, but Christmas is worth celebrating. The presence of God in the midst of all is something that is all wonder and beyond price.

*Malcolm*

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