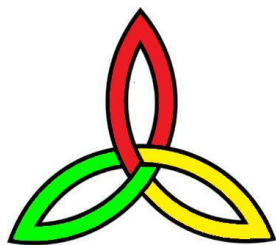


# Trinity Times



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<b>Diary for April</b>		
Sunday 3rd	10.30 am	Team Worship led by Maureen Bodden
Sunday 10th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Christine Warren (Palm Sunday)
Thursday 14th	7.00 pm	Agape Service led by Kate Dickinson and Rebecca Amy, which will include food
Friday 15th	10.00 am 11.15 am	Good Friday Worship led by Rebecca Amy KFC Walk of Witness, starting from St Thomas More
Saturday 16th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Christian Aid Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre Afternoon Tea and Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 17th	8.00 am 10.30 am	Early Morning Easter Sunday Worship led by Jackie Hall, including Service of Holy Communion, followed by breakfast Morning Worship led by Kate Dickinson, including Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Hazel Beadle
<b>Diary for May</b>		
Sunday 1st	10.30 am	Team Worship led by Rebecca Amy
Sunday 8th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Kate Dickinson, including Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Rev'd John Whittle
<b>Youth Club Meetings</b> at Trinity during term times – Friday evenings - School years 6 – 9		

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**Minister: Rev'd Dr JunSoo Park, to be inducted in September 2022**

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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Here's hoping for some fine weather ahead, especially for the Easter weekend. As you will see in the next few pages, there are a number of outside events and activities that will be all the better for a bit of sunshine. As well as the Knebworth Family of Churches Walk of Witness and the Methodist Circuit Charity Walk, both on Good Friday, there is then the afternoon tea and Easter egg hunt at Trinity the next day. And on any nice day during the month you can wander round the village trying to solve the clues in the "Knebworth Knowledge" quiz. Something for everyone!

*Graham Fothergill*

## FAMILY NEWS

There is always a sadness in losing one of our membership, and the peaceful death of Martha Mower at the end of February is no exception. When John Whittle led her funeral service in Trinity her family gave us an amazing opportunity to reflect on the whole of her faith-full life. (Elsewhere you can read the account written by Martha herself, which her son shared with us.) I share a little here of what we learned of her life. Her 95 years started in Germany, baptised into the Lutheran Church to which her mother had converted. At the age of 12 she had to leave her mother and come on the Kindertransport to London. Martha spent the next chapter in the loving care of a foster mother in a village in Ayrshire, becoming a nurse (Nurse Rose) who cared for vulnerable children, abandoned by society. She met and married Ron Mower in 1948 (we even saw a cine film of the day!), bringing her to England where they soon became a secure and loving family with three sons, Paul, John and Andrew. Martha and Ron moved to Old Knebworth in the late 1990s to be near to family, and Martha became part of the New Close fellowship, including Meeting Point. She and Ron had 56 happy years together before he died in 2004 and her sons shared the responsibilities of ensuring that she could remain in the home she moved to, across the road from Trinity and round the corner from eldest son, Paul. They paid tribute to the team of live-in carers who enabled this to continue through many years as dementia took away Martha's memory and her understanding of the world. Knowing Martha mostly in this final chapter meant that to hear the account she wrote some 25 years ago and read by Paul gave us a real insight to her whole story. All that we learned from her words and those of Paul and Andrew (as John sadly died four years ago) reflected a picture including profoundly painful experiences, but mixed with a life that helped love, fun and laughter to be shared and to grow not only in her own family, but with all whom she encountered throughout her life. As John Whittle reminded us, the story has extra poignancy at this time of world history in 2022, and the family request for any donations to go to DEC Ukraine appeal was particularly appropriate. We often learn more about their lives after friends have died, but I have never experienced that so movingly. It felt like a story to share more widely among Martha's fellow members.

To bring us back to 2022 in the life of Trinity Church, we have much to be grateful for. When I last wrote this column, we were on the threshold of meeting JunSoo and his family and could not speculate on the outcome. On the day everyone appeared and pulled together to make it a fruitful experience of worship and conversation. It was a joy to see so many of us there – with the balance of ages truly reflecting the nine decades we represent between us. As we begin to work with the other churches in the pastorate on welcoming the Park family, I pray it will bring an energy in coming months to finding new ways to share and strengthen our Trinity leadership so that we can continue our mission in the community in partnership with JunSoo and the churches of both our denominations.

Meanwhile, at the recent church meeting we agreed that specific Covid measures for mask wearing, distancing etc during services would now become personal choice. It was recognised that those choices would vary, and it is still important to care for each other in recognising those with vulnerabilities. It was also agreed to reinstate refreshments after service. I am currently aware of several people locally and within the fellowship who have “the virus”, and others who have good reasons to shield from it, but we live in trust that we will learn and adjust to ways to safely manage our community life again.

*Gill Hughes*

### MARTHA MATILDE JOHANNA ROSENZWEIG – HER MEMOIR

I was born on the 5th of March 1927, in the village of Altleiningen, Germany. I lived with my brother Paul, who is seven years older than I, with my mother Klara and my grandfather Heinrich in a small house. Mother had converted to Christianity, and Paul and I were baptised and attended the Lutheran Church in Altleiningen.

My early childhood was happy, but with the coming of the Nazi race laws, we were classified as Jews, the only such family in Altleiningen. At that age I did not appreciate the significance of this, but from that time onwards I recognised that children, who had been my close friends, no longer wanted to play with me, leaving me isolated. We became the butt of any local antisemitism, and the victims of every local bully.

My school teacher, for whom I felt a great affection, married and moved away. She was replaced by a man who actually wore his brown shirt uniform in the classroom, and took obvious delight in humiliating me, in front of the other children, every day.

I remember feeling permanently frightened, particularly when the Hitler youth demonstrated outside our door, and when stones were thrown through windows, and even larger ones through our roof.

On the evening of Kristallnacht, 9th November 1938, the police came to arrest Paul. He was taken to be imprisoned in Dachau concentration camp. Next morning when I went to school, the teacher ordered me to leave and not come back, the pleasure that he derived from this was obvious in his face. He could not have known that hearing that I need not go back to that hateful place was the happiest moment I could remember in that period of my life.

Grandfather was heartbroken to lose Paul and I cannot remember his getting up from his bed again. He died about six weeks later and he is buried in the Jewish cemetery in Mannheim. Mother and I were left alone in that wreck of a house until Paul was released in late February 1939. He was able to make contact with Pastor Hermann Maas of Heidelberg who, working with Christian charities in England, arranged for Paul and I to leave Germany. He regretted that he could not at that time do anything for our mother.

The time came for me to leave my mother. Paul was to follow me two weeks later, to work on a Lincolnshire farm and, when the war came, to join the British Army.

Mother was to leave Altleiningen in September 1939 to seek work in Mannheim. She was arrested there in October 1940 and deported, along with other Jews, to France. She was held prisoner by the Vichy regime until 1942 when she was re-deported to Auschwitz, where she is assumed to have been killed within hours of arriving on the 14th<sup>h</sup> August 1942.

In June 1939 I bade my mother a tearful farewell, and Paul took me by train to Frankfurt. There he had to leave me, and I joined a large party of other Jewish children, being looked after by a group of ladies. My memories of the journey are unclear. We travelled by train to Bremen and subsequently boarded "The Europa" to sail to England. I spent the voyage in a cabin being very sick. I recall thinking that the stewards were very kind.

On 14th June 1939 we landed at Southampton from where we went by train to London. I was separated from the other children, and taken by two young ladies, whom I took to be German, to spend the night at their flat. Next day they put me on a train to Scotland. I think they explained my background to two older ladies travelling in the same compartment, but I had no way of communicating with them.



When eventually the train reached Kilmarnock, I was met by Mr and Mrs Hamilton of Alloway. I believe they were prominent in an organisation called the Scottish Council for Refugees. They took me in their car to Minishant, an Ayrshire village about the same size as Altleiningen, to the cottage of Mrs Robertson who was to become my foster mother, my beloved Auntie Annie. She was a widow who had lost her only son in an accident the previous year. I think it the greatest good fortune of my life to have met her. She gave me much love. I shared her bed and felt warm and safe.

There was nobody who spoke or understood a word of German, but everyone was kind to me. All the village wanted to play with me, I was a novelty. It was largely from them that I learnt my English, including words that a shocked Auntie Annie told me I must never repeat. I attended the village school and later the Maybole Academy. In three years, I had come to speak perfect English (with an Ayrshire accent), and had lost my German.

At fifteen I left school and for three years was nanny and maid-of-all-work in the house of a minister in Ayr. For two years following that I was a nurse in a residential nursery at Irvine looking after young, mainly illegitimate, children. In 1947 I met and married an Englishman. We have had a good marriage now approaching its 50th anniversary and blessed with three fine sons and four grandsons. Life, once so unpromising, has been kind to me.

Martha Mower  
15th November 1997

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### **Rev'd Dr JunSoo Park**

JunSoo, together with his wife Bora and children Daniel, Timothy and Esther, visited us here in Knebworth and friends at Baldock URC on 27th February. A joint meeting of the pastorate (Knebworth, Walkern, Baldock and Ashwell) took place on the following Tuesday, which resulted in JunSoo being invited to be our minister, and he gladly accepted.

JunSoo was ordained into the Presbyterian church of Korea in 2011, his ministerial focus being among the disabled and university students. In 2017 he moved to Scotland to further his studies into Christian ethics and practical theology at the University of Edinburgh, during which time he served as assistant minister at St Michael's Parish Church of Scotland in Linlithgow.

He comes to us from St Andrew's Balham & Tooting URC and, together with his family, will take up residence in the Knebworth manse towards the end of August and commence his ministry with us on 1st September. This will be followed by a joint induction service at Trinity on 17th September.

This is an exciting new beginning for us in Knebworth and the other churches in the North Herts URC Group that he will be serving, and we thank God for hearing our prayers, and JunSoo for responding to the call.

*From our Vacancy Committee Representatives, Brian Hughes and Kate Dickinson.*

### **PARISH NEWS ARTICLE**

This is the text of the Trinity article that has been prepared by Jackie Hall for the April edition of the Knebworth Parish News. (*Ed.*)

Happy Easter! Last year we were in the middle of a pandemic; strict restrictions as to what we might do and who and where we might meet. This year, wow, Easterathon! Family to spoil, YES. Easter egg hunt already sorted and planned - though I may need to buy some more Easter eggs due to over enthusiastic testing of Easter eggs. Freedom, yay and yes! I will yell 'Christ is risen' at the top of my voice with NO, repeat NO, mask; sorry in advance, neighbours.

Last year at Trinity it was me and Brian on the tech desk and, yes, there were a couple of chocolate eggs as well, but all online. This year we have both services and breakfast. All who have lasted the Lent Fast can indulge with pleasure and joy, not only that Christ is risen but that we have treats in store for the body as well; but with this freedom comes choices.

On Saturday I had promised to deliver something to a friend. In the days of restrictions, I would have popped it in the post, but with freedom I had many options. I could leave it to another day, deliver by car - expensive but quick - deliver by bike, slower but cheaper (good choice) or walk, slowest of all but much more fun; so headphones on, music on. Best foot forward I went, I saw flowers - God's creation and all God's beauty. Well, I do live in a garden city after all; and singing, only slightly out of tune, "In an English country garden", I walked on, not always recognising all the flowers but appreciating them all the same. Memo to self: more attention to "Gardeners' World". I walked on through rain and shine, pausing to buy a coffee on the way back. Yes, I do know how lucky I am that I can do that. But it was nice and, yes, it did take a while, but it was fun. I was smug at having smashed my 10,000 steps, proud to have broken my record for walking that distance and humbled that I was so fortunate that I could walk in freedom and safety when others are not so lucky.

As we celebrate Easter, let's appreciate the beauty of God's world in all its forms and give whatever support we can to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Happy Easter Christ is Risen.

Peace and goodwill to all.

Jackie Hall, Trinity Church

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## **Easter Sunday Morning Breakfast**

It's BACK! The Easter breakfast after the 8.00 am Service. It will include cereals, fruit juice, fruit, bacon, eggs, sausages, croissants and, of course, pain au chocolat - plus much, much more.

Please sign the sheet in the church foyer, or let me know. Just to give us a clue as to how many to cater for. But if you decide on the day, that's OK as well - there will be plenty. Or if you prefer to grab and go, just let us know and we can have your bacon butty or sausage sarnie at the ready!

Stay safe

*Jackie and Steven Hall*

## **MISSION AND CHARITY NEWS**

### **Easter Offering and Charity of the Month**

The Charity of the Month for April, together with the Easter offering, is **The Methodist Church World Mission Fund** which supports projects and individuals around the world in the following programmes administered through Global Relationships:

***Nationals in Mission Appointments (NMAs):***

*These appointments encourage and support local people in key mission projects in their own countries. Salaries are paid by the Fund for World Mission and enable new work to be developed.*

***Mission Partners:***

*Mission Partners are initially trained in this country and invited to serve for periods of at least one year by partner churches in the Caribbean, South & Central America, Africa, The Pacific, Asia and Europe.*

***Fund for Mission in Europe***

***Scholarship and Leadership Training (SALT) Programme:***

*This programme funds men and women to study advanced or post-graduate courses in a cross-cultural setting.*

***Annual Grants for World Church Partners:***

*These are annual grants given to partner churches enabling the partner church to decide its own priorities for the work of the Kingdom.*

***General or Solidarity Grants:***

*These grants are to a partner who is facing particularly difficult circumstances or an emergency situation.*

There will be gift aid envelopes in church during April, but if you can't be in church please donate if you can online via Just Giving, [World Mission Fund \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://WorldMissionFund(methodist.org.uk)) or send cheques (making them payable to 'Methodist Church World Mission Fund') to:

**Methodist Church World Mission Fund**

Methodist Church House  
25 Marylebone Road  
London NW1 5JR

*Maureen Bodden on behalf of the Mission Group*

### **Good Friday Sponsored Walk**

The North Herts Methodist Circuit sponsored walk is back to its usual form this year, from Christchurch Hitchin to Pirton and back via the pretty way. All in aid of Phase Hitchin and Herts Welcomes Refugees, both very good causes.

Jackie and Steven Hall and Mel and family will be walking on Good Friday, 15th April. If you are willing and able to sponsor either or both families, many thanks; please get in touch with them, every little helps. They will be walking whatever the weather, though admittedly sunshine is more fun!

*Jackie Hall*

## Some Dates from the Social Committee

**Agape Meal:** Maundy Thursday, 14th April, at 7.30 pm. Those helping will need to arrive about 6.00 pm and the tables will be set out in a horseshoe. Soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served before a short service which will be led by Kate and Becky. The invite is going out to the Churches that we will be working with from August, as well as to St Paul's and Cutty's Lane URC.

**Easter Saturday:** 16th April, afternoon tea plus an Easter Egg hunt, between 2.30 and 4.30 pm. There will be no charge, but there will be a donation plate. People will need to book, there will be a maximum of 30 places. Lifts will be offered.

**Community Lunches:** These will start on Sunday, May 15th, after the morning service and will be advertised at Easter. Transport will be offered.

**Jubilee Weekend:** A barbecue will be held on Sunday, 5th June.

*Kate Dickinson*

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## KNEBWORTH FAMILY OF CHURCHES



### Good Friday Walk of Witness

We are pleased to announce that, after a two-year absence because of Covid restrictions, this year Knebworth Family of Churches will be able to hold their traditional Walk of Witness on Good Friday, 15th April.

The Walk will start from St Thomas More Church at 11.15 am and continue, with stops on the way - one of which will be at St Martin's Green - until we reach Trinity Church where we will be able to partake of drinks and refreshments (hot cross buns, I hope!). At each stopping point, there will be a Bible reading, a hymn and a prayer.

Please try to join us on all or part of the Walk.

### Easter Praise

Unfortunately, mainly because of other services and events in our churches on the day, we have reluctantly decided that it will not be practicable to hold a service of Easter Praise at St Mary's Church, in Knebworth Park, on Easter Sunday.

However, we are hopeful that we may be able to have a "Songs of Praise" at St Mary's on a summer Sunday evening later in the year, perhaps July or August.



## **KFC Coffee Morning, Saturday 16th April, 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 will also be able to do some shopping at the Traidcraft stall. The money raised from donations at our coffee mornings supports various charities, both local and further afield.

## **Ukrainian Refugee Appeal**

The following is an extract from Reverend Charles King's forthcoming Parish News article on behalf of St Martin's and St Mary's. Charles feels that this is an issue which should be supported by the whole of the local community, and possibly overseen by Knebworth Family of Churches.

"And as I write this, the war in Ukraine has been going on for three weeks. Through the pictures and stories on the news, we grapple with the reality of unimaginable horror via the pictures and stories we see. Millions of Ukrainians have been fleeing the fighting, and are seeking sanctuary beyond their country's borders. As we together discover how best to support those in this situation, it was wonderful to hear how many offers of interest had been registered with the government's 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. It's clear, though, that however we provide support it will be a collective effort, with the whole community, whether it be things like accommodation, help with transport, healthcare, contact with Ukrainian speakers. At St Martin's and St Mary's we are forming a group to gather in offers of hospitality in Knebworth and locally. If you would like to be part of this, then please drop me a line ([revcharlesking@gmail.com](mailto:revcharlesking@gmail.com))."

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

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## **CHRISTIAN AID**



The Christian Aid Frugal Lunch held at Trinity Church on Sunday, 13th March, raised a total of £229 which will be donated to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

### **Christian Aid Week, 15th to 23rd May**

House-to-house collections for Christian Aid will follow the practice of last year. We will be delivering envelopes during the early part of May, there will be a note on them asking you to return them - with your donation, of course - to the collection points, probably at the Co-op or the Post Office. Alternatively, we hope to set up an online donation process. Full details of these arrangements will appear in the May issue of the Parish News. Whichever method you choose, we hope that you will give generously.

The Christian Aid Service this year will be held on **Sunday, 15th May**, at Trinity Church. There will be further details of this in next month's Parish News.

## **Knebworth “Walking Quiz”**

In order to raise funds for Christian Aid, Colin Stringer has again kindly produced what is essentially a village treasure hunt, entitled “Knebworth Knowledge”, with clues to be solved whilst walking around the village, such as the number of a telephone pole or the manufacturer of a manhole cover.

Entry forms and the list of clues can be downloaded from:

<http://www.parascosa.com/KnebworthKnowledgeQuiz.htm>

or you can collect a paper version from Knebworth Post Office or Village News (Station Road).

The quiz will run throughout April. The entry fee is a minimum donation of £2.00 and there is a £20 gift voucher for the winner.

*Graham Fothergill, on behalf of the Knebworth Christian Aid Committee*

## **METHODIST NEWS**

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

As I write we live in strange times. There is hope as we look at new life - snowdrops, daffodils, buds on trees, there is hope as the dark of winter is in retreat. Yet there are other things which are casting shadows over us; some will have an impact on us directly but we have no direct influence over, others will affect us and we will be able to make a difference.

Russia has invaded Ukraine. The fear of wider war looms large and, with nuclear weapons in the arsenals of contending sides, the deathly impact of global warming falls into insignificance. Already energy prices are more than many can pay, the promise of many hundreds of families becoming homeless because they can't afford rent and energy is a looming reality. For many of us there will be choices between what we eat and keeping warm, and luxuries will be trimmed back. All of us have to face these choices and feel powerless and impotent and, if I am honest, angry that some businesses and companies are making billions of pounds worth of profits on the back of it.

I think also of the impact on churches, already for many churches the costs of energy to keep an old building warm and useable is making the use of reserves inevitable and causing many stewards and treasurers heartache and stress because they fear the ending of their church on their watch. Weave into this the impact of Covid on offerings and lettings income and we are faced with difficult choices.

As I write, there has still not been a match made with the Circuit for a new minister. We have to remain in the stationing process at least until March 28<sup>th</sup>, we have moved the Circuit Meeting to April so that we can make a decision as a Circuit about what we would like to do, remain in stationing or make other arrangements as far as we are able for a year.

As individuals and as a nation we have troubles and issues that seem too much to manage; as Churches we face pressures, what do we do?

We are at the start of Lent, beginning to focus and prepare to celebrate Easter; the darkness of Good Friday and the wonder of the resurrection. This resurrection of Jesus is something unlooked for, unexpected and unimaginable, yet in the darkest of times God brought hope and light. I do not wish to engage in wishful thinking and want a God with a magic wand to do the equivalent of win the lottery for us. I am convinced though that God has not finished with his Church and that there is both hope and a future for us. I am also convinced though that we will only know the future God is planning for us when we learn to wait on God and ask what we have to learn as we live through times of crisis. We need to wait on God and reclaim our heritage as a people of faith. The early Church had no people and no buildings and little money. The people of Israel were slaves in Egypt. The Spirit of God, speaking in the burning bush sent Moses; the Spirit of God at Pentecost empowered all and new things happened. We need to wait on God and make that a priority and we will catch a vision of what God intends for his Church. From the dark of Good Friday, God made the resurrection a pathway of new life, new hope and transformation. God is showing us the way, we need to stop and listen.

*Malcolm*

*{The above item was reproduced from the March 2022 edition of the North Herts Circuit Newsletter}*

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

**Wednesday, 6th April at 11.00 am**  
Preacher: **Reverend Andrew Clark**  
Senior Minister, Hertford Baptist Church

**Wednesday, 4th May at 11.00 am**  
Preacher: **Reverend Stephen Copson**  
Regional Minister, Central Baptist Association



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ABBAY CHURCH OF  
**SAINT ALBAN**

Free Church Ecumenical Chaplain: Reverend Simon Carver,  
Email: [simoncarver@btinternet.com](mailto:simoncarver@btinternet.com)

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***Telephone 01438 813371***

***or drop them in at 7 Stockens Dell, Knebworth***

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