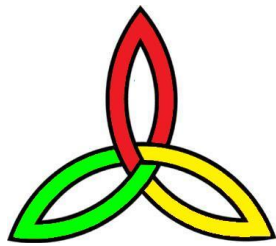


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Diary for June		
Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Pentecost Service led by Mel Mitchell, including Service of Holy Communion led by Kate Dickinson
	12.30 pm	Church Barbecue
Monday 6th	7.30 pm	Christian Aid's "Knebworth Initiative on Climate Emergency" at the Village Hall
Sunday 12th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Rev'd John Whittle
Saturday 18th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre
Sunday 19th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Jackie Hall
Sunday 26th	10.30 am	Open Church
Diary for July		
Sunday 3rd	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Kate Dickinson
Monday 4th	7.30 pm	Church Meeting
Sunday 10th	10.30 am	Morning Worship (TBA)
Saturday 16th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre
Sunday 17th	10.30 am	Team Worship led by Maureen Bodden
Youth Club Meetings at Trinity during term times – Friday evenings - School years 6 – 9		

Trinity Times is the newsletter of Trinity Church, Park Lane, Knebworth, Herts, SG3 6PD

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

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Busy times ahead – the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations, then followed more or less immediately by an interestingly mixed week of events for the Knebworth Festival. Whatever your interests or inclinations, I’m sure there will be something for all to enjoy but, most importantly – stay safe!

Graham Fothergill

FAMILY NEWS

I write this in the approach to Ascension Day, and as Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee celebrations are on the horizon. Within churches and community in general there is a growing desire to find ways to be together to mark these occasions, but tempered by the realities of Covid-19 still having its impact on plans, and by the need for willing committed people to take responsibility to make plans and arrangements for events to take place.

We have had the joy of new faces in church with us on Sundays, including another visit from friends at St Paul’s. We also have the sadness of recognising that changes of health and other circumstances mean that some of our loyal members cannot join with us as often as they would want to, and for some it is no longer possible. I hope and believe that the work Graham does to draw together this monthly publication goes some way to maintaining connections. Perhaps we can discover more ways to support and build on this communication.

A special mention this month for several among our One Truth Youth group who are focussing on end-of-year exams, on GCSE, A-levels and university courses. Also, for those who hope to work or study in new places in the autumn. We pray for them through these weeks, and we are grateful for all the ways they continue to contribute to the life of our fellowship. Some of this has been evident in the support they offer to the younger children who attend, and in outreach with seasonal messages from the group to more isolated older members.

Nothing “just happens” in organisations – and church is no exception. Let us give thanks to and for each other and for all the seemingly unnoticed ways members of our fellowship contribute to the witness we are called to be of God’s love for all the world.

Gill Hughes

PARISH NEWS ARTICLE

This is the text of the Trinity article that has been prepared by Kathy Cole for the June edition of the Knebworth Parish News. (*Ed.*)

Make Do and Mend

A saying we all know well.

Make do with what you have. Look in the fridge and see what you can use to make a meal. If you have a tear in your clothes or a button missing, find a needle and thread!

Many folk are under extreme financial pressure at present, with costs of food and fuel rising. Churches and community groups are providing help with food banks and advice.

At Trinity, since pandemic restrictions have eased and also because we do not have a minister in post, for quite a few of the services we have used our own members and resources.

We have been supported by the Methodist Circuit, but on the occasions where they could not supply a preacher, we have held a variety of services. We are fortunate to have Worship Leaders and local preachers among our number and they have been a great support and source of knowledge.

Our musicians have been amazing, we ask for a tune and they play it!

We look forward to welcoming our new minister, Rev. JunSoo Park and his family in September. In the meantime we will carry on by the grace of God.

Kathy Cole, one of the Church Elders.

MISSION AND CHARITY NEWS

Charity of the Month

The charity of the month for June is Garden House Hospice Care in Letchworth, which the Mission Group decided last year to add to the schedule of charities that we support in Trinity.



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 Cambridgeshire and Central Bedfordshire, serving a population of around 230,000 people.

If you would like to read their Spring Newsletter, click on:

https://issuu.com/hashtagdigitalmedia/docs/1264_ghh_openhouse_spring_2022_hr_no_crops

Here is a message to us from the Hospice;

If you are considering fundraising for Garden House hospice Care, then firstly: thank you. As a charity, we are only able to offer our services because of generous people like you.

It costs us £5 million a year to run our Hospice, and we need to raise £7,500 every day.

It's a lot of money, but together, with the support of people like you, we WILL be there for the people who need us today, tomorrow and in the future.

If you cannot attend church, but wish to make a donation, you can do so by going to the website <http://www.ghhospicecare.org.uk/supportus/donate> or call 01462 679540.

Maureen Bodden

Methodist Circuit Good Friday Walk

On Good Friday the Trinity walkers, otherwise known as the Mitchells and the Halls, took part in the Methodist Circuit Good Friday Walk.

We started out at Christchurch Hitchin, then walked towards Pirton via various parts of the Icknield Way - bridle paths, fields etc - until we came to Pirton where there was the chance to relieve, rest and refresh; which was welcome as it was actually sunny!



Then back to Christchurch via Oughtonhead Common – through more fields and along various paths - until arriving back to a very welcome cuppa and a snack, with a choice of healthy (ie fruit) or unhealthy (chocolate, crisps, cake) being available. I make no comment on our choices but we had all done a quite long walk in the hot sun and this was after we had done the Walk of Witness around Knebworth earlier in the day. Altogether we raised over £250; so many thanks to all who sponsored us, and yes, it was great fun.

Jackie Hall

KNEBWORTH FAMILY OF CHURCHES, INCORPORATING CHRISTIAN AID



KNICE - **K**nebworth **I**nitiative on **C**limate **E**mergency

As part of Festival Week, the Knebworth Christian Aid Committee, under the auspices of KFC, is organising an evening meeting in Knebworth Village Hall on **Monday, 6th June**, at which there will be presentations devoted to the ever-threatening issue of climate change. The presenters will be from the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), from Christian Aid and from two local groups, and the evening will conclude with a question and answer session.

Light refreshments will be available from 7.00 pm and the meeting will start at 7.30 pm.

If you would like to know more about climate change and what **you** can do about it – this is your opportunity!

Christian Aid Week

During Christian Aid week – 15th to 22nd May – envelopes were delivered to every house in Knebworth with a request for residents to make a donation to the charity and then return the envelope to either of two collection points in the village. There was also opportunity to donate online.

The total collected, together with donations given at the Christian Aid Service at Trinity Church on 15th May, will be reported in the July Issue of Trinity Times.

Many thanks for all your support to this worthy cause.

Christian Aid Quiz

This year's Christian Aid Quiz which, as in previous years, has been prepared by Colin Stringer, is entitled **A CRAFTY QUIZ**. The first 50 questions are the names of vessels, either from history or from fiction; the second 50 relate to the other type of 'craft' (e.g. weaving).

As always, the clues are cryptic in nature and the *Word* document containing the questions can be downloaded by clicking on the following link:

www.parascosa.com/CAQuiz.htm

Thank you for supporting Christian Aid in this way.

KFC Coffee Morning, Saturday 18th June, 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.

Graham Fothergill
Secretary: The Knebworth Family of Churches

METHODIST NEWS

Message from Rev'd Malcolm Peacock

Certainty and uncertainty. Two sides of the same coin or opposite ends of a spectrum. We live in uncertain times and that is reflected by the Church season too. The time between Easter and Pentecost in the life of the early church was a time of uncertainty underpinned by something else. It was the day of Pentecost that transformed the early church; that helped change the uncertainty to certainty. The something else is the journey of faith in Jesus who will bring new life.

The resurrection of Jesus was unexpected. The early accounts of the appearance in the garden, the appearance of Thomas, the road to Emmaus account all underline how uncertain the early disciples were about the resurrection of Jesus. The accounts of meeting behind closed and locked doors simply underlines the sense of uncertainty. It is only the day of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, that marks the transition from uncertainty to certainty and the powerful realisation of faith.

The uncertainty we are living in is different to the uncertainty of that first Easter. As I write, the war between Ukraine and Russia continues, with Russia making threats about NATO countries supplying arms to Ukraine and threatening World War Three. We are facing uncertainty over energy prices, knowing that they are going to go up. We face uncertainty over some food supplies. Where do we see certainty? For those first disciples, the day of Pentecost transformed their uncertainty by confirming the activity and presence of God. I am not sure that the uncertainty we face can be taken away. What I am sure about is the reality that our faith in God offers a sense of certainty and stability that allows us to find encouragement and hope in whatever situation we find ourselves.

The gift of faith doesn't make us blind to difficulties or uncertainties. The gift of faith gives us an anchor to help us cope with difficulties and uncertainties. It seems clear now that, as a Circuit, we have to cope with being a minister short for the coming connexional year. This is one of many uncertainties and challenges we have to cope with. Yet even as I reflect on the difficulties that we may encounter, I am mindful that so often God reveals new things and new ways of being when we encounter what feels like a crisis. I hope that we will hear God speak to us in different ways. I hope that some will hear God calling to explore being a Circuit Steward. We may feel that we could never do what others do, but the reality is God equips us in our journey of discipleship. The same comment holds for those who feel the urge to explore leading worship or as a local preacher. We may feel that something needs to be done and our seeing a need may well be God nudging us to do something. We may feel it is only a one-off, or for a short time as we respond to a crisis. Sometimes God calls us to do something for a short time, sometimes it is for a longer time. What God always wants is for us to be his disciples, and I hope we will take the chances we can to be the people God wants us to be.

Malcolm

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

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



**THE CATHEDRAL AND
ABBEY CHURCH OF
SAINT ALBAN**

Wednesday, 1st June at 11.00 am

Preacher: Reverend Simon Carver

**Senior Minister, Dagnall Street Baptist Church and Free Church
Chaplain, St Albans Cathedral**

Free Church Ecumenical Chaplain: Reverend Simon Carver,
Email: simoncarver@btinternet.com

JUBILEE TEA PARTY



**Sunday
12 June, 3pm**



St Martin's Green
(Parish Centre if wet)

RSVP to knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com
or phone/text 07932 911540

***Please send items for the July issue of Trinity Times to Graham Fothergill
by Thursday, 23rd June:***

E-mail gafothergill@gmail.com

Telephone 01438 813371

or drop them in at 7 Stockens Dell, Knebworth



Update from Knebworth Response Team, helping support Ukrainian guests :

- **Arrival of Ukrainian families:** At the time of writing, we know of 8 families in Knebworth/Woolmer Green. By the time you read this, it's likely to be more as there are still hosts/guests in various stages of the process.
- **Helpers /Volunteers** - We have on file details of help from about 40 individuals as well as Church and local community groups with offers such as lifts, meals, reading support, practical support for hosts to prepare their homes to host their guests etc, baby and toddler equipment, bedding, social events, visa applications, and technical support with laptops and mobiles etc.
- **Knebworth Response Team** - We have a small team "behind the scenes" to help coordinate things and match the requests for help with those folks that have offered the help.
- **Information document for Hosts and Guests** - An information document was prepared and circulated to hosts. It will be updated regularly. A huge thankyou to the many of you that have sent information and contributed sections, in particular the new section on the school application process as agreed by HCC. It is on the Group's Facebook page, but if that isn't your thing, please email knebworthCR@gmail.com for a copy.
- **Mutual Support** - Two gatherings have taken place where hosts and guests were able to meet together for informal support. We are sure there will be more.

We hope this update is helpful as we continue to try to match help with needs. Please feel free to email us with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Please do use the Knebworth response team email address for the best way to contact us on KnebworthCR@gmail.com

Thank you very much to all the hosts, to all the volunteers, to all the community for all the kind help and support everyone is providing to our Ukrainian guests.