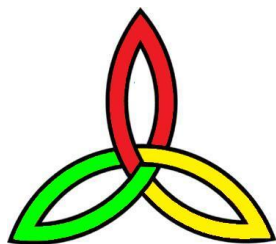


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| Diary for July | | |
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| Sunday 3rd | 10.30 am | Morning Worship led by Kate Dickinson |
| Monday 4th | 7.30 pm | Church Meeting |
| Sunday 10th | 10.30 am | Joint Service at St Paul's Methodist Church, Stevenage, led by Rev'd Malcolm Peacock, including Holy Communion |
| 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 |
| Sunday 24th | 10.30 am | Morning Worship led by Jennifer Rogers |
| Sunday 31st | 10.30 am | Open Church |
| Diary for August | | |
| Sunday 7th | 10.30 am | Team Worship led by Rosie Berry and Camilla Straughn |
| Sunday 14th | 10.30 am | Morning Worship (TBA) |
| Saturday 20th | 10.00 am | KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre |
| Sunday 21st | 10.30 am | Open Church |
| Youth Club Meetings 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

A slightly shorter Trinity Times this month, but let's hope that what is missing in terms of quantity is somewhat made up by its quality! Please remember, the church newsletter is something to which anyone can contribute. If you have something to say or report that you think will be of interest to church members and friends, please send it to the editor, by email, by post or by hand. If necessary, I can help you to put your thoughts into words.

Graham Fothergill

Morning Service – Sunday 10th July

There will be no Service at Trinity on 10th July, but the congregation is invited to join with St Paul's Methodist Church, Stevenage, for their Morning Worship at 10.30 am, led by Rev'd Malcolm Peacock. The Service will include Holy Communion.

Sadly, this will be their final Service before the church closes and so they will be pleased to welcome as many Trinity members and friends as possible.

PARISH NEWS ARTICLE

This is the text of the Trinity article that has been prepared by John Whittle for the July edition of the Knebworth Parish News. (*Ed.*)

Forgiving and Forgetting

During the days leading up to the Jubilee, the BBC played excerpts from the Queen's speeches which she had given over the past years. Of these, the one I found most moving and powerful was her address to the Northern Ireland Assembly, in which she spoke, in part, using the Irish language and then, most telling of all, shook hands with Gerry Adams, whilst Prince Charles did the same with Martin McGuinness. These actions were especially significant, when you recall it was the IRA who murdered her cousin Lord Mountbatten, a relative with whom Charles had had a very close relationship. They both showed great forgiveness, and a willingness to move on. I am sure neither the Queen nor Charles had forgotten the blowing up of their close relative and friend, but they did not allow hatred for the evil-doers to weld them to the past.

Forgetting may be impossible, but forgiveness is vital for the health of the one who is wronged, and for their wider contacts. For failure to forgive is like a pollutant that will mar the whole of life. But it is not easy and demands grace and a big heart.

Some weeks ago, the Rev'd Mark Copley, of Coventry Cathedral, preached at the Sunday Service on Radio 4. During the sermon he told of his grandfather, an RAF pilot during WW II, who was involved in the destruction of Dresden. Only once did he speak to his grandson about the raid, and then it was with tears in his eyes! Some time ago, Rev'd Copley was invited to preach at the Cathedral in Dresden and, in the taxi taking him from the airport in Germany, the driver asked Mark why have he had come to Dresden. With some trepidation Mark told his story. The driver pulled over, stopped the car, and said, "That was the night my mother died!" But he then leaned over and said, "But we can shake hands".

Remembered but forgiven.

My prayer would be that, in spite of the terrible horrors Ukrainians have suffered, just as the people of Dresden did, they may yet, by God's grace, be able to forgive, even though it will be impossible to forget the losses of loved ones and the pain suffered by the whole nation. Maybe, the kindnesses shown to them by you, may help provide the balm that will help heal the pain of the terrible losses they have suffered.

May God bless them and you.

Rev'd John Whittle, Member of Trinity Church

MISSION AND CHARITY NEWS

Anniversary Offering:

MSF - Medecins sans Frontieres - Doctors without borders



MSF is an international, medical and humanitarian organisation working in more than 70 countries around the world. Their medical teams work fast to save people's lives in conflict zones, natural disasters and epidemics. They go where they are needed most.

See the Mission board display at church in July, or go to their website to see the work they do - <https://msf.org.uk/home>

Lower ground floor,
Chancery Exchange
10 Furnival Street, London, EC4A 1AB

Tel. (0)207 404 6600

English Charity Reg. No. 1026588

Maureen Bodden

TRINITY SOCIAL EVENTS

As a result of their recent meeting, the Trinity Social Committee has come up with this interesting series of future events which they hope will be well supported by church members and friends:

Cream Tea - Friday, 5th August; 2.30 to 4.30 pm
Community Harvest Lunch – Sunday, 4th September; after the Morning Service
Community Lunch – Sunday, 2nd October: after the Morning Service
Film Afternoon – Friday, 28th October; 2.30 pm

KNEBWORTH FAMILY OF CHURCHES, INCORPORATING CHRISTIAN AID



Songs of Praise

On Sunday, 14th August, Knebworth Family of Churches will be holding their own version of “Songs of Praise” at St Mary’s Church, Old Knebworth. The popular hymns that we will be singing will be accompanied by the organ and possibly other local musicians.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the occasion. Send an email to gafothergill@gmail.com with your favourite hymn, together with a few words saying why it’s special to you. We will then decide which ones to include in the service – probably eight or nine in total – and let you know in advance if yours has been chosen.

House-to-House Collection

Christian Aid Week was 15th to 22nd May and, in the early part of the month, envelopes were delivered to every household in the village. On the envelope was a note asking you to return it - with your donation, of course - to the collection points in the Co-op or the Post Office; alternatively, you could donate online.

When the returned envelopes were opened, the substantial online donations were added and Gift Aid was included, the total raised during the week was in excess of £2000.

Thank you to all who donated to this very worthy cause.

Climate Change

On Monday, 6th June, as part of Knebworth Festival Week, the local Christian Aid Committee organised an evening meeting focussing on the very important issue of climate change and on the ways in which this is being tackled locally and further afield.

The speakers included Philip Evans, the local Christian Aid Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer, and Fabian Hiscock, a Schools and Parish Volunteer for the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD). They were followed by Lydia Somerville, a founder member of the Datchworth Climate Action Group and John Scott who spoke of his experience as a member of the One World Group at Our Lady's Church in Hitchin.

The audience of almost forty people were most appreciative of the presentations, which were then followed by a lively question and answer session.

Many thanks to our speakers, to Philip Evans who led the meeting and chaired the discussion, and to Kathy and her team for producing the tea, coffee and biscuits. We would like to think that this was just the first "dip in the water" and that the evening will have stimulated those present to think where Knebworth can now go with this initiative.

KFC Coffee Morning, Saturday 16th July, 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

There is much going on. Some of it we have control over. Some things we can make a difference. We are anticipating a long weekend as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is a remarkable achievement managed with great dignity and the service she has given to her country is obvious and apparent. Also apparent is the strength of her faith and the strength her faith gives her. It is fitting and right that we celebrate this milestone and I hope we will be able to do something to mark the occasion with others in our community - even if we are simply sharing in a street party.

We are still praying and having concerns for the people of Ukraine as war continues. This is something we feel powerless over but something we nevertheless have concerns over. When the shopping bill rises ever faster, when the cost of filling the car with fuel escalates, we are brought face to face with the consequences of the war in Ukraine. As we look at fuel bills in our homes growing so much, we are made aware of the choices that have an impact on us as we live with the consequences of the war being waged. We are aware of headlines being bandied around about poverty, people having to choose between food and warmth and the worry of winter. Even if we can afford the rise in prices for fuel, other things will be affected. Holidays, hobbies, relaxation, all of these will be affected. Our ability to give to the Church will be affected when the costs of running the church will increase. We struggled with Covid, is this going to be too much for some churches? But as prices rise and savings reduce, difficult choices need to be made. As Churches we will have to make serious and difficult choices as we face the impact all of society is facing.

What happens when we can't afford to heat our building, or insure our building or repair our building? If we can't do those things then we can't hire our building out, worship from home worked during lockdown, why can't it work now? If our building feels like a millstone, does it mean we are finished as a church? I hope we could resoundingly say no. The Spirit of God is an agent for change. When we listen to the Spirit of God - Pentecost would remind us that often we have no choice but to listen to the Spirit of God, we are changed and recreated as something new. Change and being new isn't always easy or even welcome, but God will take us there.

Coping with and responding to the challenges of the present age is hard but listening to the Spirit of God will show us the way we need to go and will give us the resource we need to respond. We don't ignore the difficulties and the problems; we allow them to inform our thinking. We can't pretend that things will be the same, we say this is where we are and we ask of God what are you showing us and what are you asking of us and, most of all, we ask what we can do to show your love to the world and what we can do to embody your love in the world. When we look to answer those questions, then we will discover the Spirit of God speaking to us, even meeting our need and helping us to be part of the making of the Kingdom of God.

Malcolm

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



THE CATHEDRAL AND
ABBAY CHURCH OF
SAINT ALBAN

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

Wednesday, 6th July at 11.00 am
Preacher: **The Very Reverend Jo Kelly-Moore**
Dean of St Albans

Wednesday, 3rd August at 11.00 am
Preacher: **The Reverend Rosemary Fletcher**
Methodist Minister

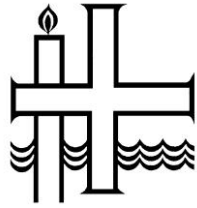
Free Church Ecumenical Chaplain: Reverend Simon Carver,
Email: simoncarver@btinternet.com

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Knebworth Family of Churches

invites any elderly person living in Knebworth
to come for a

HOLIDAY AT HOME DAY
ON
THURSDAY, 4TH AUGUST
AT
ST MARTIN'S PARISH CENTRE

Has everyone gone to the seaside except us?
Then let's get together for a day of special treats.
There will be lunch and afternoon tea provided, a range of
activities, friendship and an opportunity to relax and chat.
As you prepare to go home at the end of the day there will
be a short time of prayer, followed by a 'doggie bag' to
remind you of your **HOLIDAY AT HOME DAY**.

Please book your place by contacting Karen on 07899814159
or email karenlfturner@icloud.com

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