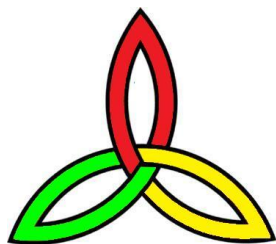


# Trinity Times

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<b>Diary for August</b>		
Thursday 4th	10.30 am	"Holiday at Home" at St Martin's Parish Centre
Friday 5th	2.30 pm	Cream Tea
Sunday 7th	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Team Worship led by Rosie Berry and Camilla Straughn Farewell Service for Malcolm and Sarah Peacock at Letchworth Central Methodist Church
Sunday 14th	10.30 am 6.00 pm	Morning Worship led by Kate Dickinson, including Holy Communion KFC "Songs of Praise" at St Mary's Church, Old Knebworth
Saturday 20th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre
Sunday 21st	10.30 am	Open Church
Sunday 28th	10.45 am	Joint Morning Worship at Stevenage URC at Cutty's Lane led by Kate Dickinson
<b>Diary for September</b>		
Sunday 4th	10.30 am	Morning Worship (TBA)
Sunday 11th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Morning Worship (TBA) Community Harvest Lunch
Saturday 17th	10.00 am 3.00 pm	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre Induction Service for Rev'd JunSoo Park
<b>Youth Club Meetings</b> 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

After that couple of days of intense heat, the weather seems to have settled down to what we should expect at this part of the year – well timed for the start of the school summer holidays – and hopefully it will continue for a few weeks. Time to get out the sunhats, fire up the barbecue and make the most of it!

*Graham Fothergill*

### Morning Service – Sunday 28th August

There will be no Service at Trinity on 28th August, instead we will be joining with Stevenage URC at Cutty's Lane for their Morning Worship. The Service will commence at 10.45 am and will be led by Kate Dickinson.

### FAMILY NEWS

In the spirit of encouraging connection and conversation I have decided to make all the news this month anonymous – perhaps a bit like that ice-breaker, sometimes used at a gathering, where everyone has to find out who it is that “missed their train because the Queen was going to Sandringham that day from Kings Cross” ... or whatever!

There will be at least one member of our fellowship referred to in most of the following... and who knows how many? Let's try to reconnect through seeing what we can sensitively discover, without breaking any boundaries of personal intrusion. Unlike Christian Aid Quizzes there will be no offered prize, the conversations we might have will be the reward.

- Who has moved to a new home this summer?
- Who is planning a wedding?
- Who enjoyed the unprecedented heat in July?
- Who has a “milestone” birthday in September?
- Who has just retired from their job?
- Who has had a family visit from afar?
- Who has been to Switzerland during August?
- Who has returned to the area and Trinity from across a border?
- Who has a new grandchild born during June?
- Who has visited Scotland in July or August?
- Who has plans for a job in a college next year?
- Who has had plans rearranged due to covid this summer?
- Who is off to Brighton from September?
- Who has recently joined a Trinity Bible study group?
- Who went to Taizé this summer?
- Who went to “Lemmings” this summer?
- Who is the newly appointed Circuit Meeting Rep for Trinity?
- Who celebrated the “big four O” this summer?
- Who is (still) waiting for planned surgery?
- Who needs our support and prayers as they wait for exam results?
- Who needs our support and prayers for their health and wellbeing?

*Gill Hughes*

## PARISH NEWS ARTICLE

This is the text of the Trinity article that has been prepared by Rosie Berry for the August edition of the Knebworth Parish News. (*Ed.*)

Her name is Rhoda; she is just six years old and lives in a village in Malawi. How do I know this? I am her sponsor through World Vision, a Christian-based charity working throughout the world in many projects. Changing lives for good in some of the world's hardest places, helping whole communities grow healthier and stronger; equipping them with tools and knowledge to protect from Covid-19 and climate change. This is done by restoring landscapes, diversifying income and practising safe hygiene.

They help children thrive by improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene, which prevent the spread of diseases such as cholera, Covid-19, diarrhoea and other diseases. When children don't have to walk miles to fetch dirty water, they can play, learn and thrive like children should.

World Vision is there for disasters' youngest survivors, providing shelter, sanitation and psychosocial support - a space where they can play safely. Child marriage has been prevented and more children enabled to stay in school.

Last year, a five-year project in Zimbabwe completed, having successfully:

- Equipped 123,000 children with literacy, numeracy, financial and life skills
- Trained teachers, adult mentors and girl peer leaders in 300+ schools
- Given bicycles to students so they could travel to school safely
- Set up Community Learning Circles in lockdown when schools had to close
- Established 298 Child Protection Committees to help identify and report abuse

This is just a snapshot of World Vision's work. For the full Impact Report go to:

<https://www.worldvision.org.uk/about/publications/impact-report/>

World Vision, hope and a future for all children.

*Rosie Berry, an Elder at Trinity*

## **MISSION AND CHARITY NEWS**

### **August Outreach Charity**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- 1) BRITISH FARMERS PRODUCE 61% OF THE NATION'S FOOD?
- 2) FOOD AND FARMING PROVIDES JOBS TO OVER 4 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UK?
- 3) THE FOOD AND FARMING INDUSTRY IN THE UK IS WORTH £120 BILLION TO THE ECONOMY?
- 4) FARMERS LOOK AFTER 71% OF BRITAIN'S LANDSCAPE?

#### **WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES IN 2022 TO THE FARMING COMMUNITY?**

- 1) COVID-19 AND INCREASED ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- 2) MARKET UNCERTAINTY AND PRICE FLUCTUATIONS
- 3) BOVINE TB AND BIRD FLU
- 4) DANGEROUS WORKING CONDITIONS
- 5) STRESS AND POOR MENTAL HEALTH LEADING TO A HIGH RATE OF SUICIDES AMONGST THIS COMMUNITY
- 6) CHANGING AGRICULTURAL POLICY FOLLOWING OUR EXIT FROM THE EU

#### **WHO IS THERE TO WALK ALONGSIDE FARMERS FACING THE ABOVE PROBLEMS?**

FCN - THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK - A CHARITY THAT SUPPORTS THE FARMING COMMUNITY THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

#### **HOW?**

**Via the FCN Helpline, open every day of the year from 7.00 am to 11.00 pm**

40 volunteers ensure there is a listening ear and who are able to call on local FCN branches such as Hertfordshire. Here cases are passed to volunteers who contact the client and seek to offer support from their own training and experience.

Herts FCN Group is co-ordinated by Brian Burgess, who has very wide farming contacts across the county, and visits farmers as a Help and Safety Officer. Peter Roberts, a supposed retired farmer, but who is frequently called in to assist on the family farm. Wendy Waygood, widow of Roger, who was a founder member of the group, and whose sons carry on the farm at Alderley. Gill Thwaites, a woman of many parts, who is involved in the County Suicide Prevention Team, and has been involved in a House of Lords investigation into isolation and loneliness in the countryside.

The group has recently been involved in cases of injuries sustained on the farm, of mental illness leading to threats of suicide and many cases of non-payments from the Rural Payments Agency, which can lead to serious financial problems for the farmers involved.

On behalf of the Herts FCN Group, I solicit your prayers and support.

*John Whittle*

### **Codicote Food Bank**

Codicote Food Bank was set up during the pandemic and still operates from Codicote but it supports the wider villages including Knebworth, Woolmer Green, Welwyn, Whitwell and Kimpton which are often not easily accessible or covered by the larger town-based foodbanks.

Our local Co-op and butchers both have donation bins that are collected each week by a local volunteer. These are critical and if you can make a regular donation it is much appreciated. Staple items such as cereal, pasta and tinned items are always welcome.

Although relatively small, the foodbank has a large and committed group of volunteers, including Duke of Edinburgh students completing their volunteering.

We operate a walk-in service on a Wednesday evening from 6-7pm at the old Burgess shop on Codicote High Street. You don't need to share details other than the size of your family so we can provide you with some store cupboard staples. For those who find it difficult to make it, we do offer delivery.

We are always happy to talk to new volunteers. Message us via social media.

You can follow us on Facebook or instagram @codicotefoodbank

*Kerry Bryant, Codicote Food Bank*

## TRINITY SOCIAL EVENTS

The Trinity Social Committee hopes that the following interesting series of future events will be well supported by church members and friends:

Cream Tea - Friday, 5th August; 2.30 to 4.30 pm

Community Harvest Lunch – Sunday, 11th 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

Knebworth Family of Churches will be holding their own version of “Songs of Praise” at St Mary’s Church, Old Knebworth on Sunday, 14th August at **6.00 pm**. Please note the amended starting time, it was mentioned in last month’s Trinity Times as being at 4.00 pm.

Interspersed with the hymns will be Bible readings and possibly a piece of relevant poetry. All are welcome to join us and then to stay on and partake of light refreshments afterwards.

### Climate Change

Following the successful meeting on climate change in early June, held as part of Knebworth Festival week, the local Christian Aid Committee recently met with interested groups and individuals to discuss how to move forward with the impetus that was quite apparent at that June meeting. The main outcome of that meeting, held via Zoom, was the formation of the Knebworth Environmental Group (KEG) which plans to meet regularly to promote issues of concern within the Knebworth community and further afield.

The Group will maintain a close relationship with the Knebworth Christian Aid Committee which itself is overseen by Knebworth Family of Churches.

### KFC Annual General Meeting

After a two year gap – essentially because of Covid – we have every intention that Knebworth Family of Churches will hold an Annual General Meeting this year. It is planned to be at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 25th September, at Trinity Church. There will be further details in the September issue of Trinity Times.

## **KFC Coffee Morning, Saturday 20th August, 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 at our coffee mornings supports various charities, both local and further afield. During the past year we have made donations to Age UK, Bridge Builders, Action for Children and the Vincent de Paul Society. Please come along and help us to support these worthy causes.

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

## **METHODIST NEWS**

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

In Ecclesiastes we are told there is time for everything under heaven, this is the time of year when many Methodist ministers, including myself, are moving on to different places. Always there are mixed feelings when moving on. There is sadness at leaving friends and churches. There is sadness and frustrations at leaving some things unfinished, part of the frustration is knowing that in leaving, pressure will be placed on the Circuit because there is no replacement for me. There is also a sense of anticipation and excitement at going to a new place.

I remember well about the anxiety I had going to my first appointment. We were going to live and work in the Caribbean. I had never flown, and I had never left the United Kingdom before we went, and I was anxious. On arrival we were met by my new Superintendent and told we were going to celebrate his son's birthday and his son had chosen the restaurant. We ended up going to Kentucky Fried Chicken. It tasted like every KFC I have ever had. I realised that if KFC was the same the world over then our God, who is unchanging, will be the same wherever we are.

The certainty of the presence of God and the unchanging nature of God brings reassurance and comfort in all situations. I know that the God who is God of love, compassion and mercy who knows the needs of his people and who unfailingly meets the needs of his people will be present here when I leave and waiting for me when I arrive in a new place. The consistency of that experience over many years simply deepens faith and trust in our God.

Things change, situations change and sometimes change feels hard. Change can make us feel uncomfortable and anxious - the certainty of our relationship with God and the certainty of God's unchanging love for his people allow us to face change with reassurance and comfort. The reality of change isn't taken away, but our capacity to cope with change is enhanced.

As I leave the Circuit, I know the sense of uncertainty that many will have and the wish that things might be different. I also know that God and his love for us are unchanging. I know too that God will lead us into different ways of being and even different ways of doing. That is the reality of life. Sometimes we wonder if there is hope and a future for the church as we know it, part of me wonders that too, but a bigger part of me is sure that the Church of God will never stop or fade away. It may transform, like a caterpillar to a butterfly, but it will remain as God's presence in God's world bringing the challenge of his kingdom, and I am privileged to have spent ten years here doing his work and I know I have the challenge of going on to do his work somewhere else.

God is good, all the time God is good.

*Malcolm*

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

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



THE CATHEDRAL AND  
ABBEY CHURCH OF  
SAINT ALBAN

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

**Wednesday, 21st September at 11.00 am**  
Preacher: **The Reverend Lisa Kerry**  
Regional Minister Team Leader, Central Baptist Association

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





***HOLIDAY AT HOME***

***AUGUST 4TH 2022***

***10:30 - 5:00***

***St MARTIN'S PARISH CENTRE***

***FREE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS***

**Come and join us**

**Activities**

**Coffee, lunch and afternoon tea**

**A day of fun and friendship**

**Contact: Karen Turner Tel 07899814159**

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