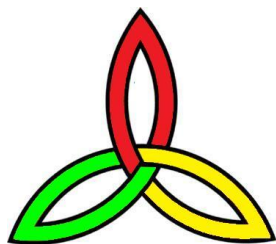


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Diary for September		
Sunday 4th	10.30 am	Team Worship led by Mel Mitchell
Sunday 11th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Harvest Communion led by Kate Dickinson Community Harvest Lunch
Saturday 17th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre
Sunday 18th	10.30 am	Morning Worship (TBA)
Sunday 25th	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Open Church Knebworth Family of Churches AGM, at St Thomas More
Diary for October		
Sunday 2nd	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Morning Worship led by Rev'd Dr JunSoo Park Community Lunch
Sunday 9th	10.30 am	Open Church
Saturday 15th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre
Sunday 16th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Rev'd John Steele, including Service of Holy Communion
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 due course

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

As we approach the autumn, the community and church activities will get into swing again. Unfortunately, we have just been advised by the Synod Moderator that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the induction service due to take place on Saturday, 17th September, has had to be postponed. We hope to provide an update in the near future.

Graham Fothergill

PARISH NEWS ARTICLE

This is the text of the Trinity article that has been prepared by Rebecca Amy for the September edition of the Knebworth Parish News. (*Ed.*)

Well, what a scorcher of a summer so far and harvest has happened around the countryside, only golden stubble remains. This is the earliest Harvest time has occurred in my lifetime and, as a church, we would normally have Harvest in September/October. So, whilst we enjoy the sunshine, we also need to be aware we have not had any significant rain for weeks and so farmers who are growing crops that need that rain maybe struggling. Trinity Church supports The Farming Community Network (FCN), who help families in farming, and I would say this year they may well have to help more than ever due to rising energy costs, fuel and food and with what might be a poor harvest for them. If you want to see what the FCN is about then you can visit the website [Farming Community Network - Farming Community Network \(fcn.org.uk\)](http://farmingcommunitynetwork.org.uk) So I stop and think as I walk through the fields around our village and pray that the farmers can make ends meet this year.

I would like to end this article with a prayer taken from the FCN resources page

Merciful Father..... We pray for farmers, their families and communities and all who depend on them and for all who are worried about tomorrow and facing difficulties today. Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer
For agricultural chaplains, rural churches, The Farming Community Network and their partner charities, for the communities in which they work and the people to whom they minister. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer
For retailers and suppliers and for all involved in the processing and transporting of food. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

For urban communities far removed from food production, for children and young people with little knowledge of where their food comes from. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

For those who go hungry and those who endeavour to feed them, for relief agencies and aid workers giving help and healing to those in need. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

For restraint and fairness in the use of economic power, for discernment and a long view in farm policy and decision, for justice in world trade. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

For ourselves that we may eat with joy and with care, for land and livestock and love for those who care for them. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

For the ability to appreciate your generosity and a readiness to recognise our dependency on each other and on you. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Amen

Rebecca Amy
Trinity Church Elder

MISSION AND CHARITY NEWS

September Outreach Charity

Haven First

As is our custom in Trinity, we are supporting the work of Haven First at Harvest time. The charity has been supporting homeless people in the local community for more than 30 years, starting as a winter night shelter. In 2015 the work moved into a purpose-built hostel, where clients are provided with an en-suite bedroom and three meals a day. There is access to counselling, training programmes and administrative support, all helping to prepare for independent living. An outreach support worker seeks to find the right help for rough sleepers. The charity's mission is to provide a secure future for all clients.

Gifts for the charity will be collected at our Harvest Service on September 11th, and Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

Please refer to the wish list on the notice board. In addition to the usual non-perishable food items (please no pasta, cornflakes or Weetabix) there is a request for cutlery and dinner plates and plastic beakers, amongst other items.

Thankyou

Hilary – on behalf of the Mission Group.

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:

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



Holiday at Home

Our first Holiday at Home seems to have been enjoyed by quite a lot of people! The Knebworth Family of Churches entertained approximately 30 guests for the day. It began with a very humorous talk from Richard Syms and then a time for chatting and relaxing.

A fish and chip lunch was served at 12:30 pm followed by an afternoon of optional activities. Choices included paddling in a cool pool, decorating bookmarks to creating fruit kebabs. The Community Choir arrived and sang a wonderful selection of songs.

Afternoon tea had delicious cakes on offer and then Reverend Charles King concluded the day with a quiet time and prayers. Our guests then wended their way home carrying a 'doggy bag' to remind them of their 'Holiday at Home' at St Martin's Parish Centre.

We look forward to welcoming you back next August!

Sincere thanks to all the helpers who made the day such a success and to the Community & Wellbeing team for Hertfordshire County Council for their support in helping fund this event.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and all good wishes, Karen

KFC Annual General Meeting

As mentioned last month, the Knebworth Family of Churches Annual General Meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 25th September. However, we have now had to move from the original venue of Trinity Church and the AGM will now be held in the hall adjacent to St Thomas More Church in London Road.

If you would like to attend the AGM, please let me know (gafothergill@gmail.com or 01438 813371) so that we can get a reasonable estimate of numbers for catering purposes – yes, the Meeting will be followed by light refreshments. Also, please let me know if you would like an advance copy of the Agenda.

KFC Coffee Morning; Saturday, 17th September

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday, 17th September, from 10.00 am to 12 noon at St Martin's Parish Centre. Come along for a drink and some cake and a chat, and 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

This will be the last Newsletter I write for the Circuit, we will be moving to South Wales on August 8th. It seems strange to me for consultations to be happening without me. Yet despite my feeling of strangeness, I am happy that I am seeing the Church at work in a very clear way.

Methodism, like all denominations, has some aspects that are good and others that can feel a cause of frustration. One of the strengths, and perhaps also a frustration, is the importance of conferring and consulting to discern the will of God. It isn't one or two people who alone know what the will of God, the whole of the membership is involved in consultation and from the views of the whole the will of God and the direction that the Spirit of God is taking the Church. In the current soundings being taken about staffing of the Circuit for September 2023 it is good to see everyone being invited to reflect and contribute to the conversations.

We know that not every opinion can become the way we do things - what we can do though is make sure that every opinion is heard, the overall view to be seen and in that the will of God discerned as we pray and reflect on the views we hear.

I am confident that as a Circuit we will discern where God is leading, and we will be shown the most effective way in which we can engage with building the Kingdom of God.

I also feel strange about leaving a place without someone coming in after me. Again, I reflect that the Church is not about one person or two people, it is a body which works best when everyone exercises their talents and gifts for the glory of God. So often we get anxious when we see a crisis only for God to bring a solution that not only resolves the crisis but also makes for something much richer. I am sure that the arrangements put in place for the coming year will bring blessing and those who are taking extra responsibility will find blessing. It is living in the faith we have in God that will make the difference.

In conclusion I will reflect on the many wonderful people I have met, and for the many wonderful people who I remember. I have been enriched and blessed in my time in the circuit and I am pleased to be able to carry those blessings with me as we travel to a new place. I hope that God will continue to reveal his will, bring encouragement and challenge and that there will be a growing excitement as the Spirit of God is seen to be at work in his Church.

Malcolm

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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, 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,
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