



Trinity Quarterly

Issue No 1 March – May 2023

Diary for March		
Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. John Whittle
Sunday 12th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Kate Dickinson
Saturday 18th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre
Sunday 19th	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday Team led by Rebecca Washington
Sunday 26th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Allison Ffinch
Diary for April		
Sunday 2nd	10.30 am	Open Church led by Rosie Berry
Thursday 6th	3.00 pm	Maundy Service led by Rev. John Steele
Friday 7th	10.00 am 11.15 am	Good Friday Worship led by Sandra Robey followed by Walk of Witness
Sunday 9th	8.00 am	Easter Worship with Holy Communion led by Jackie Hall , followed by Easter Breakfast
Sunday 9th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Kate Dickinson
Saturday 15th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre
Sunday 16th	10.30 am	Team worship led by Mel Mitchell
Sunday 23rd	10.30 am	Team Worship led by Rosie Berry
Sunday 30th	10.45 am	No service at Trinity - joint service at Stevenage URC
Diary for May		
Sunday 7th	10.30 am	Café Worship – led by Chris, Kate and Mel
Sunday 14th	10.30 am	Open Church led by Camilla Straughn
Saturday 20th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at St Martin's Parish Centre
Sunday 21st	10.30 am	Morning Worship with HC led by Rev. Val Reid
Sunday 28th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Kate Dickinson
Youth Club Meetings at Trinity during term times – Friday evenings - School years 6 – 9		

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Minister: Position Vacant

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www.trinitychurchknebworth.org.uk

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NOTES FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to Trinity Quarterly, this is the quarterly publication which replaces the monthly Trinity Times.

The current editorial team members for Trinity Quarterly are:
Camilla Straughn, Maureen Bodden, Rosemary Rudkin and Tricia Easdale.

In producing our first edition we are grateful for the guidance of Gill Hughes and Graham Fothergill. Graham has generously given his time and patience in guiding our team through the process of creating Trinity Quarterly. Producing the first edition has been quite a learning curve for us and we have really appreciated his help. Also, a big thank you to those who have contributed to the first edition.

One of the advantages of working as a team is that we can support each other and share the work load.

Trinity Quarterly will be available as a printed copy, through church email and on the website.

In future, named copies of Trinity Quarterly, where requested, will be available in the usual church folder.

Those who have previously received Trinity Times by mail or hand delivery will now receive Trinity Quarterly four times a year.

Paper copies will be available in church to give to those new to church or visitors.

We encourage you to use the Trinity website instead of paper copies (if details of how to access the website i.e. log in details are required, a member of our team can give you the information or help you may require).

As a team we have been keen to avoid waste and cut unnecessary cost whilst ensuring that all are able to receive a copy. Therefore, if you feel you do not need a paper copy, please inform one of the Trinity Quarterly team.

The first edition of Trinity Quarterly covers March, April and May and the next edition will cover June, July and August. **We all need to be aware that changes to times and events are likely to occur.** Please check the website or church noticeboard. If you are aware of any such changes, kindly share the news with our team and others.

Please could we have contributions for publication of the next edition no later than 14th May, preferably well before.

Editorial Team

Our Thanks to Graham Fothergill

On behalf of the congregation at Trinity and Trinity Times readers We would like to pass on our grateful thanks to Graham for editing and producing Trinity Times for the last 12 years. It will be a hard act to follow.

Editorial Team

FAMILY NEWS

It has been my privilege to write this “column” for many years. I apologise for any errors of judgement in what I have written, and what I have not written, especially perhaps for the times when there was no news and I rambled on anyway!

As a new format of Trinity’s regular publication is launched, it feels like a very good moment to approach sharing news in a different way. Quite rightly, in these days of information being available to all who search the internet, without the consent of the person concerned we cannot publish identifiable personal information which is available on the public area of the website. For some years this has made it very challenging to know what and how to share news of others in the fellowship, and there have often been circumstances or events which people may have wanted included but were not – or those that should not have been, but were!

So, this is to encourage us each to be more proactive in offering what we are personally happy to share – joys, challenges, life events, thanks to others, requests for prayer, answers to prayer As a fellowship we are rightly interested in each other’s lives, but the choice for sharing personally or more publicly must be our own. We may feel like writing it ourself, or perhaps giving it over to the editorial team to gather into a short entry (so long as it is not on the publication deadline!). But let’s share our own news – we like to hear it, let’s be more prepared to add ours in! An example might be moving house. Sharing the details of address and phone number in Trinity Quarterly is not advisable, but giving a less detailed announcement of the change, and an invitation for people to ask for the detail (or to check it on the updated website Trinity Directory) would be helpful. (N.B. The directory is on the private area of the website, not available for public view. Please ask me if you are unable to print your own up to date personal copy).

So finally (to kick off the sharing) some of our personal news: By the time you read this, Brian and I expect to be in the early days of “empty nest” syndrome as it is sometimes described. We have not moved for over 40 years, but the household expands and contracts at times...and after many years of rattling around we have spent the last six months with a home full of four adults and an energetic three-year-old, overcrowded food cupboards and kitchen surfaces, and enough fridge-freezers to rival a corner shop! The first clue on entry was the overflowing shoe racks stretching the length of the hall. By March we anticipate that the youngest three will have returned to their own remodelled house, hopefully with all the belongings that came here too. Empty nest was not a major feature when we last experienced it some 20 years ago, but I suspect that the joys, laughter, experiences and challenges we retain from the last six months will mean that this one will serve as a very positive landmark in our lives. It was, of course, common in previous times to have these multi-generational household, and this has given us a real insight into some of what that may have been like. As I re-read the Parish News article written by the Oyetunde family I am reminded to give thanks for God’s love which I believe underpins both the family who have surrounded us and filled our house over the years, and the Church families who have been a support to us for as many years! Time to stop rambling and go and tidy the vacated cupboards!

Gill Hughes

MEMBER NEWS



For the last few months Stephen has been involved in rehearsals with my dad for the HATS (Henlow Amateur Dramatic Group) pantomime Robinson Crusoe. In their traditional family panto, as the lead role, Stephen sang 'A Whole New World' with the leading lady Polly and 'Go the Distance' from Hercules as his solo. He enjoyed the challenge of learning his lines, developing his role and stretching his vocal chords. After six shows spread over two weekends, he is exhausted but glad that all went well and has added to his list of fun stage performances. He is hoping to continue this as he begins his university studies in September.

Mel

Stephen and Dad

MY TWO VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEALS (from Kate)

Over Christmas, I was blessed to be able to take part in two Christmas meals. The first was on Christmas Day and this was the second year of Christmas Day at Trinity - an event for those on their own or those who would struggle to put a meal on the table.

We were blown away by the generosity of people and businesses.

Some of the volunteers from last year were able to come back for a second year and we recruited some new volunteers, including one of our chefs Jordan who at the time of writing this is doing very well in Junior Masterchef.

Although some guests could not attend due to illness, over 25 attended. They enjoyed a three-course Christmas dinner followed by coffee and After Eights. Every guest went home with a goodie bag filled with Christmas snacks as well as items such as blankets, gloves, hats and toiletries.

I would like to share this quote from one of our guests. He came last year and this year came to the service beforehand: "Thank you for a wonderful day. Really enjoyed the sermon, singing carols, hymns and the food. But especially the lovely ladies who furnished me with enough socks, gloves, blankets, antiperspirant, hats to last a frozen winter. Again, big thanks and God bless all involved"

The second Christmas meal was with members of One Truth Youth. This was the first time since 2019 that we had been able to enjoy our annual meal out. Unfortunately, we were without Gill, Chloe and Peter but it was the biggest gathering we have had for a while. It was kindly paid for by anonymous donations from church members which we were very grateful for. As you can imagine there was lots of chat as everyone caught up with each other, although once everyone got their food, there was silence!

I have been with OTY since the beginning and I cannot tell you how proud I am of all the members and all they are achieving. It was decided that due to the commitments that everyone currently has, that we will no longer meet on Sunday nights. The plan will be to meet in the holidays when Libby and Corletta are back from university and everyone else has less on. The members will also keep in touch with each other through their WhatsApp group.

The two meals were very different but one thing that they had in common was the chat and laughter that was shared.



Kate

Becky and Ian's Wedding on 26th November 2022

A date forever in my memory now, my wedding day. It all goes by in a blur but, on reflection it was a fabulous day spent with family and friends. Myself and Ian would like to thank you all for your generous gift and card received on the day, we are yet to decide where we will go away but hopefully in 2024 we will find a date where I haven't agreed to do some house sitting or pet sitting!



Our wedding was a civil ceremony at The Hotel Cromwell, with the rest of the day there also. Some of you may remember Kimberley, well they came out as Non-Binary in 2020 and have changed their name to Andy and so in the picture above it goes, Andy, Patricia (Mum), myself, Ian, Debs (my big Sister).

I couldn't invite all my family as there are so many! But we invited Ian's family pictured below. Ian's Dad, Derek, in the wheelchair. Next to Ian, Aunty Gill, Peter, Jacqui and Elliot. Next to me, Uncle Jack, Sarah, Jess and Iris. This was the first time I had met Ian's cousins and their families. Jess kept following me around and said I had the best princess dress!



And so by 3.30pm we were
Mr & Mrs Washington!



Becky and Ian with friends from Trinity.

Thank you once again for all your
support, your friendship and fellowship.
Becky and Ian Washington

MISSION AND CHARITY NEWS

These are the charities we are supporting at Trinity in the next three months:

March: The Living Room - Breaking the cycle of addiction. A charity supporting adults in Hertfordshire.

www.livingroomherts.org enquiries@livingroomherts.org Tel. 0300 365 0304

April: The Methodist Church World Mission Fund

Our Easter Offering

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/support-our-work/about-our-funds/world-mission-fund/>

May: Christian Aid - The official relief and development agency of 41 Christian churches in the United Kingdom and Ireland, working to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

Calendar of Mission Outreach Projects and amounts collected in 2022

Month	Outreach Project	Services/events	Amount
January	Samaritans		£127.50
February	Bridge Builders		£74.80
March	The Living Room		£42.40
April	Methodist Church World Mission Fund	<i>Easter Offering</i>	£61.00
May	Christian Aid	<i>Christian Aid service</i>	£123.28
June	Garden House Hospice		£88.50
July	Médicins sans Frontières	<i>Anniversary offering</i>	£64.05
August	Farming Community Network		£143.00
September	Haven First	<i>Harvest service with food collection</i>	£158.75
October	Commitment for Life	<i>Annual URC offering</i>	£87.60
November	All We Can		£134.79
December	Action for Children (Gifts to Toy Shed, Christmas cards)	<i>Toy service, Carol service, Christmas lunch</i>	£172.00

TRINITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE KNEBWORTH PARISH NEWS FOR MARCH

God never promises exception. He does promise companionship, which is better. He does not promise to deliver us from pain, sorrow, or economic disaster but he does assure us that He will help us through. He says "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you. These are the words of Jesus.

We can rejoice, when we run into problems and trials,
for we know that they help us develop endurance.
And endurance develops strength of character,
and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.
And this hope will not lead to disappointment.
For we know how dearly God loves us,
because he has given us the Holy Spirit
to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5: 3-5

KNEBORTH FAMILY OF CHURCHES, INCORPORATING CHRISTIAN AID



KFC Coffee Morning, Saturday 18th March, 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 - and there will be the usual selection of cakes. This will be the last time in the foreseeable future that you will be able to do some shopping at the Traidcraft stall because, unfortunately, that business is being terminated and, at this stage, we are unaware of an obvious replacement or alternative.

Christian Aid Frugal Lunch

This year, the annual Christian Aid Frugal Lunch – soup, cheese etc - will be held on Sunday, 12th March at 12.30 in St Martin's Parish Centre. Please sign up on the list in the foyer; this will help to give some idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Christian Aid Week

This year, Christian Aid Week is 14th to 20th May. As last year, envelopes will be delivered to all households in the area, with collection points around the village for their return. The Christian Aid Service will be at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 14th May, at St Thomas More Church.

Lent Study Groups

Kristin Coldwell and John Whittle are offering a Lent Course prepared by Church Action on Poverty, entitled '**Untold Stories' Bible studies on the Gospel of Matthew**. The course is designed to help us look afresh at scripture, viewing Jesus' teachings and miracles through the eyes of characters on the margins of the story. The hope being we will find fresh perspectives on scripture, challenging us to put our faith into action.

The material can be downloaded at www.church-poverty.org.uk/bible. However, if you are not able to download or print, we can supply you with copies. There will be one group meeting at Hilary and Richard Dyster's home (8 St Martin's Road) at 2.30 pm on Thursdays and another via Zoom in an evening. If you are interested in joining one of the groups, contact either Kristin at kristinccoldwell@gmail.com or John at johnwhittle104@gmail.com or 01438 813517.

Good Friday Walk of Witness, 7th April

This year the Walk will start from Trinity Church at 11.15 am. We will proceed through the village, stopping at two or three locations on the way and finishing at St Thomas More Church for light refreshments. Please feel free to join us at any point on the Walk.

Graham Fothergill - Secretary: The Knebworth Family of Churches

METHODIST CIRCUIT (article taken from February Circuit newsletter)

Message from Rev Graham Claydon-Knights - LOVED AND IMPORTANT

22nd February is Ash Wednesday. It marks the beginning of the Christian observation of Lent, a time of fasting for some, of repentance for others, and for the taking on of challenges. Some people will abstain from chocolate, or social media or something else that they think might be distracting them from following Jesus. Others will be challenging themselves by committing to be creative every day, or read something out of their comfort zone. Some campaigns will challenge people to live without their car or plastic or another thing that's hurting the planet. To me, that last challenge is getting nearer to what's important about faith. It shows that there's more than a random reason for our world's existence. We don't have to deny science and history to believe that our planet is loved by God, and that it's important to look after it and the people and life that inhabit it. In fact both science and history testify that some radical repentance is in order. I'm unsure what I will do differently for those six weeks from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week, but hopefully I'll understand something more about this place we all share, and of my place in it.

URC NEWS

The United Reformed Church (URC) is delighted to announce a new date for its 50th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration.

The service will now take place on Saturday, 15 April 2023 at Methodist Central Hall Westminster, and the Open Church House event at 86 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9RT, will also take place on the same date from 10am-12pm.

Tickets

If you have a ticket and are able to come to the event, please do nothing – your tickets are still valid. Please bring them on the day. If you would like more tickets, please visit <https://bit.ly/urc50> and amend your order.

If you are no longer able to attend, please visit <https://bit.ly/urc50> and select “Cancel Order”. This will free up your tickets for others. Alternatively, please email 50@urc.org.uk and we can cancel the order for you.

Anniversary Choir

If you would like to sing in the Anniversary Choir, you can find out more details and the dates of the rehearsals by visiting bit.ly/URCchoir50.

Stewards and enquiries

If you are able to volunteer as a Steward at the service, please email 50@urc.org.uk, which is also the email address for any enquiries relating to the new date.

This item has been reprinted from the February 2023 issue of the URC News (Ed)

GOOD FRIDAY POEM

(submitted by Tricia)

The sky is dark – The clouds are low
I'm kneeling at the feet of the one I know,
I hear His groans of unbearable pain,
Unable to look at His face again,
I'm so ashamed, it's because of me,
That He is suffering in agony on the tree.
How can I look into His face, full of love,
sorrow and amazing grace,
but then I hear a whisper near
It's my name, and Lord its oh, so clear
And then I look into His eyes
It's getting dark, and black the skies,
but your love is shining through
You say, my child, this is for you.

Come on and celebrate!

You are invited to a musical celebration on Saturday, 22nd July, 2023, when the four people in the photo below will be saying “thank you” to Trinity as they continue to celebrate 10 years together as **The Eden Consort**.

Apart from being allowed to use Trinity for rehearsals, this last decade of music making has seen the quartet regularly appear in all four Knebworth churches for recitals as well as in support of the differing liturgies, not forgetting a sprinkling of private events – weddings and christenings included.



This photo was taken on the 10th Anniversary of the date when the group first appeared in public. They sang at St Thomas More as part of the Knebworth Family of Churches service for Epiphany on 8th January 2023; the first time “in public” together was for the same event in the same church on 6th January 2013.

In addition to being regularly joined by equally enthusiastic musical friends, in particular Andrew Lewis, who has been a much-valued accompanist, the quartet has been fortunate enough to spread its wings with recitals and involvement in church events not just locally in and around the A1(M) corridor but elsewhere, from Cullompton in Devon to Ringstead in Norfolk.

The group comprises Christina Raven, Rebecca Goldby, Robin Aley and Peter Bodden.

It’s a date then, yes? Come on and celebrate! 22nd July 2023 in Trinity Church.

PS If you cannot wait until then, the group will be performing “**Easter Voices**” in All Saint’s Church, Datchworth on Sunday, 23rd April. This is an original work composed and arranged by Christina and Robin.

For all up-to-date information go to www.edenconsort.org

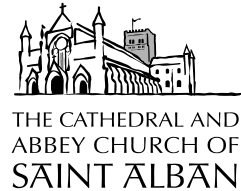
A prayer for Easter Sunday

This Joyous Time of Year

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

— *Author Unknown*



**You are invited to attend the
Free Church Services
in the Lady Chapel
on the first Wednesday of each month**

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

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Please send items for the June to August issue of Trinity Quarterly to a member of the Editorial Team by Sunday, 14th May.

Remember this is your magazine, so please send your news or articles (for example Coronation activities) and any suggestions for different features that you would like to share.

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or contact Camilla Straughn or Rosemary Rudkin via the church website directory



**Join us for a frugal lunch in support
of the DEC Earthquake Appeal.**

Christian Aid Frugal Lunch for DEC
Earthquake Appeal

Sunday 12th March

St. Martin's Parish Centre, Knebworth

12:00 for 12:30

Join us for soup, bread and cheese to
support our neighbours in Turkey and
north Syria this Lent.

Lunch is free, but donations are welcome.

