

# Trinity Quarterly

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## Diary for June

Sunday	2nd	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Revd Stan Chatikobo</b>
Sunday	9th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Frank Needham</b>
Saturday	15th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at <b>St Martin's Parish Centre</b>
Sunday	16th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Revd Stan Chatikobo</b>
Sunday	23rd	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Revd Zdzisiu Hendzel</b> with Holy Communion
Sunday	30th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Eddie Boon</b> followed by Bring and Share lunch and Discipleship Exploration

## Diary for July

Sunday	7th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Kate Dickinson</b>
Sunday	14th	10.30 am	Team Worship led by <b>Maureen Bodden</b> Followed by Church Family BBQ
Saturday	20th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at <b>St Martin's Parish Centre</b>
Sunday	21st	10.30 am	Open Church led by <b>Mel Mitchell</b>
Sunday	28th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Revd Stan Chatikobo</b> with Holy Communion

## Diary for August

Sunday	4th	10.30 am	Open Church led by <b>Rosie Berry</b>
Sunday	11th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Revd Stan Chatikobo</b> with Holy Communion
Saturday	17th	10.00 am	KFC Coffee Morning at <b>St Martin's Parish Centre</b>
Sunday	18th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Allison Ffinch</b>
Sunday	25th	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by <b>Kate Dickinson</b>

**Youth Club Meetings** at Trinity during term times – Friday evenings - School years 6 – 9

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## **NOTES FROM THE EDITORS**

Welcome to our Summer edition of Trinity Quarterly. I hope that at last we are able to sit outside and enjoy time in the garden or park with family and friends. Some of you will be looking forward to holidays and others will be anticipating new employment, having a break from school and the end of exams. The team hope all goes well whatever your situation. We remember those of our congregation who are staying in care homes and hospitals and hope they are also able to sit outside or go on an outing.

Trinity Church along with other churches in the area welcomes and have been looking forward to the arrival of our new minister Revd Stan Chatikobo. At the end of a very wet April there was a flurry of excited activity. A big thank you to Gill, Brian, Maureen, Peter, Kathy and others in preparing the Manse with essentials and for the work done in the garden. Thanks also to all those who donated furnishings.

The Revd Stan, his wife Victoria and their son Stan Junior arrived from Zimbabwe in the first week of May and have started to settle in to the manse. We send them our best wishes and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The Trinity Quarterly team would like to say thank you for the many lovely articles written by members of our congregation. I am wondering if there are others who think about their own experiences in life and would consider writing an article. Please let me or any of our team members know if you need some help in writing your memories down or putting it into print. I would be happy to discuss on the telephone or visit you at home.

Please send your articles for the September edition as soon as possible and before 1st August 2024

*Rosemary, on behalf of the Editorial Team  
Camilla, Maureen, Tricia and Rosemary*

## **INDUCTION SERVICE**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm, members and representatives of Trinity Church, Ashwell United Reformed Church and Walker and Sandon United Church gathered together at Trinity Church, Knebworth for the Induction Service of newly appointed Minister, Revd Stanslous Chatikobo. The presiding minister was The Revd George Watt, Moderator of Thames North Synod, URC and he was ably supported by Revd Zdzisiu Hendzel, Methodist Circuit Superintendent. The main participants at the service were Revd Paul Whittle (retired URC Moderator); Revd Jim Dalglish (Ashwell URC); Revd Tony Ruffell (Baldock URC); Steve Mason (Walkern and Sandon URC); Brian Hughes, Maureen Bodden and Rebecca Washington (all from Trinity Church). Representatives from various sectors of the community also played their part in welcoming our new Minister including Revd Kate Sharples (Churches together in Stevenage); Pastor Yinka Oduwole (Knebworth Family of Churches) and Colin Stringer (Knebworth Parish Council). The service was thought-provoking as Revd Stan told us his life history and call to service in a short personal statement and was also moving as the congregation affirmed their faith and Revd Stan was inducted. The director of music Victor De Paula presented us with some really uplifting sound via a musical ensemble consisting of Jim Dalglish (guitar), Chen (violin), Brian (clarinet), Victor (piano) and Caleb James (drums). The service was well attended and we all retired to the Church Hall after the service for a well-deserved tea, coffee, mouth-watering cakes and delicious biscuits donated by members and organised by Trinity social committee, a wonderful end to such an inspiring service.

*Camilla*



## LETTER FROM REVD STAN

### New kids on the block

It is the story of me and my family's relocation to the new environment, the new weather patterns, (often cold), the new culture and the formation of new relationships. It was a journey of mixed emotions of leaving the usual and coming to adapt to the unusual but fascinating. Change is difficult to adapt to but it is inevitable though and wishing and hoping for a great future.

Interestingly, our coming brought some suggestions of good weather that has allowed us some comfort and hope, but praying for such good summer weather to prevail. The welcome has been great with great smiles and we have experienced real love and support from all the brethren.

We are thankful to those who committed the whole process to prayer and also to those who committed themselves to various activities that created comfort for us even before we arrived. And for such, my family will always be grateful. It is a beginning of a journey where all of us have to start learning the antics of life. And my writing of this article is evidence of the first steps into the marriage where both the groom and the bride should learn to understand one another, but of course, remembering one core **VALUE OF MARRIAGE WHICH IS LOVE.**

In 1 Cor. 13:1-8 Paul writes a moving sermon that has always challenged me during my many years of ministry. I have always tried to mirror this word to my actions and life and I find myself being challenged every day.

**“I may speak in the languages of humans and of angels. But if I do not have love, I am a loud gong or a clashing cymbal. I may have the gift to speak what God has revealed, and I may understand all mysteries and have all knowledge. I may even have enough faith to move mountains. But if I do not have love, I am nothing. I may give away all that I have**

**and give up my body to be burned. But if I do not have love, none of these things will help me. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not jealous. It does not sing its own praises. It is not arrogant. It is not rude. It does not think about itself. It is not irritable. It does not keep track of wrongs. It is not happy when injustice is done but is happy with the truth. Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up. Love never comes to an end”.**

God help us to be truly loving in this Marriage.

**AMEN.**

**Revd Stanslous Chatikobo  
Minister Trinity Knebworth**

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### Trinity Membership

In recent weeks we have again experienced the sadness of losing much valued members of our church fellowship. The last stages of the lives of both Margaret Whittle and Betty Edwards show profound examples of selfless love of husbands (and families) taking on increasing responsibilities in home life, to manage, support and care as the slow decline of dementia took its relentless toll on their lives. We give thanks for the lives of Margaret and Betty and for all they have each meant to the Trinity fellowship, and to individuals and other members of community in their long and faithful lives. We continue to hold John and Paul and both families in prayer as they continue the journey of grieving.

Margaret Whittle moved to Knebworth in 2007, joining Trinity Church, and when we moved from the St Albans/Welwyn to the North Herts circuit, then joining with John the local group of Supernumerary (retired) ministers. Margaret's quiet and gentle friendship and her life skills have been generously shared with us over those years through worship, through help and baking for social events and her hands on support of the KFC children's Good Egg Club holiday outreach. She was a faithful member of the vibrant Meeting Point group, encouraging and nurturing both faith and friendships over many years. At her funeral service, led by Rev Zdzisiu Hendzel, and with the privilege of Margaret's talented brother playing the organ, we learned more of the first chapters of Margaret's fruitful and varied life, shared for over 60 years with John. Their son, Timothy, paid tribute to her on behalf of the family with insights to earlier years and the importance of the generations of their family life, and grandson Mason shared a profound thought-provoking poem "What is dying".

Some friends in Trinity have known Betty Edwards for many years as part of the community in Knebworth where she and Paul spent most of their 70 years of married life. The message from the King has pride of place on Paul's window ledge in Wymondley Care home where he is now receiving care. Church has been an integral part of Betty and Paul's life and they have played an active role in the life of Trinity fellowship since its formation, often accompanied by Natalie too. Since her move to Jubilee Court last year she left a gap but we each have our memories of her at services, at the Station Pub lunches, at Trinity Two-step, and at many social events, including an informal small post-covid fellowship group at Hilary and Richard's home providing valuable reconnection of members. Even in her final months at Jubilee Court, where she was so well cared for, she never lost the welcoming smile that lit up her face for familiar visitors.

Both these friends and fellow members have been part of what the fellowship in Trinity has grown into since its formation in 1996, and they each made their own remembered impact. Some of us recall their arrival in the church and the joy of welcoming new people. Let us give thanks for the difference they made and for the ways we support each other in loss, and also for new people who have walked through our doors over recent years, each bringing something that helps to encourage our belief in the Christian witness we might go on being in the local and the wider community.

May our branches be well rooted in the vine as we share God's love and as we live through changes.

*Gill Hughes*

### **Eulogy for Margaret Whittle by son Timothy from service on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Margaret Rose was born to Beatrice and Jack Boydell in Warrington Hospital on October 14<sup>th</sup> 1934.

People often assumed that she was named after Princess Margaret Rose, an assumption to which she strongly objected, pointing out she was named after her grandmothers, one being Margaret, and yes, the other Rose. She was also quick to point out that she was born in Lancashire not Cheshire, as later boundary changes brought about. She refused to be seen as a Cheshire Cat!

At that time the family lived at Newton Hall Farm, a large Elizabethan-style farmhouse, built on the site of a much older house, which was said to have been visited by Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>. Sadly, in the 1960s this house was acquired by developers and pulled down.

While Margaret was still young *when, with young brother Stan*, the family moved to Sand Hob Farm in Lowton, an even older building than Newton Hall Farm, and it too was destined to be knocked down, and replaced by a modern house.

Margaret went to St Peter's Anglican Primary school, and then, having taken the eleven plus, she went onto Newton Grammar school, where both her brothers, Stanley and John, would later become students, and where John later became Head of Music.

After grammar school, Margaret went off to teachers training college at Bletchley Park, and this began a teaching career which would see her teaching in Hayton Liverpool. However, her mother died and Margaret took over running the house.

Her teaching career continued following her marriage and she taught in the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, St Kitts, and orthodox Jewish school in Leeds, and finally in Torquay. Her dedication was seen when in the year Ben was born, Mother taught to the end of the summer term, then on June 30<sup>th</sup> the baby was born and she was back teaching at the opening of the next term!

The Boydell family, which traces its roots back to Norman times, were strong Primitive Methodists, and were heavily involved in the Lane Head Methodist Chapel, where Margaret taught in the Sunday School from a young age, and also sang in the choir and at musical performances where she often played a leading role.

She was also a member of a youth group, part of a world-wide Christian Organization, Christian Endeavour. Other members of this group included a future High Anglican Priest and his wife, a Salvation Army Bandsman and his wife, and a future Methodist Minister sitting not a million miles away from where we are now...

John and Margaret first got together on planks as they helped with the repointing of the Sunday School building, and avoiding the attentions of passing wasps. The proposal, such as it was, came during carol-singing, which really was entering into the spirit of the season!

The couple were married in Lane Head Methodist Church on July 18<sup>th</sup> 1959, where three of their four children were later to be baptized, before this church too was demolished, continuing the seeming pattern in Margaret's life.

Margaret particularly enjoyed cooking and baking, following her mother, who before her own marriage was apparently in service to employers who thought her given name of Beatrice was 'too posh a name for a cook', so decided to call her Betty instead, presumably after the not-at-all-posh teashop of the same name in Harrogate!

Some of mum's cakes were masterpieces – I can recall a football pitch one, for I think one of my



earlier birthdays – I’ve had a few more since – which was outstanding, only lacking the Subuteo figures, as these were sadly unavailable in the Caribbean, not somewhere with much of a footballing tradition.

Margaret also loved to knit, for her children and grandchildren, but could also turn her hand to creating things, using materials other than wool, which was an extremely useful skill in the Caribbean – I can remember pirate and Red Indian party outfits, plus an award-winning Easter parade outfit, complete with cane and top hat I wore in Montserrat. I’m sure there was a photo of this last one, which I’m sure I wore with panache. I can claim that, as the photo seems to have disappeared.

Margaret spent a good deal of her time with children, in addition to her teaching, and her final work with children, was with the Good Egg Club, held here in Trinity, an ecumenical venture, which she was very proud to be involved with.

Always self-effacing, Margaret never wanted to be in the limelight, preferring always to be in the kitchen helping to prepare food, washing up, or just generally making sure that everything was running smoothly. Despite this retiring nature, she supported Dad throughout his ministry, always on hand with a warm welcome and a cup of tea, or cold water in the case of the Caribbean, and at times would step out of her comfort zone to take on the role of presiding at Women’s Fellowship meetings, for which she was always characteristically well prepared.

This self-effacing nature also extended to this service today – ‘You can bury me in a cardboard box’ she said, ‘and don’t make a big fuss of it all KEEP IT SHORT’. Well, we haven’t quite gone as far as the cardboard box idea, but I have made this eulogy short, in keeping with mum’s wishes, and I should probably apologise to her for making the service as long as it has been! Don’t blame the children, blame Dad!

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

### STEPHEN’S BAPTISM, EASTER WEEKEND 2024

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Stephen made a commitment to his faith by being baptised and confirmed in York. He has found a supportive group of Christians at his local church near to where he is living at York University and they ran a baptism and confirmation course. We all gathered at the York Minster on Holy Saturday evening during the Easter vigil service. It was very moving and powerful as we sat in the dark and then each lit our own candle and the Minster slowly lit up. Our Trinity church family have helped support him in his Christian journey and he will say more about this in his article in the next edition of TQ. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

*Mel*



## CONTRIBUTION BY JOHN WHITTLE

### Have you ever thought-“What will happen to your unbelieving friends and family?”

Is the answer really for them to suffer eternal punishment simply because they did not believe? And what of those who never had the opportunity to hear the Gospel Message? Are not many, or all the above, seemingly good people, who display kindness, and generosity to all they meet; indeed, are they not as moral as many believers, remembering -*‘all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God’?*(ref.1)

Saved by faith-the foundation pillar of the Reformation-*‘not by works lest any should boast’*(ref.1a) However, we need to remember that genuine faith bears the fruits of good works, patience, self-control etc., all seen by St. Paul as fruits of the indwelling Holy Spirit (ref.2). So St. James writes that *faith without works is dead!* (ref.3)

Salvation by faith cannot apply to those who have no faith at all (though all of us live by some kind of faith, otherwise we would never step onto a bus or plane!)

So is Corporal Frazier right when he cries-**“We are all doomed!”** at least those without faith? Well there is another approach in Scripture which seems to tell a different story. So, for example, St. John in the book of Revelation speaks of a *‘Tree the leaves of which shall be for the healing of the nations.’* (ref.4). In the ‘Parable of the Sheep and the Goats’ Jesus is reported as having said -*‘When the Son of Man comes in His glory—before Him, will be gathered all nations’*(ref.5) The term ‘nations’ within the Bible refers to the Gentiles, those who are not Israelites. And who does Jesus say to *‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’?* (ref.6) To those who say ‘Lord Lord’? No! But to those who fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked etc. No mention about believing, or of assent to a creed, simply good deeds.

However, you may point out these words are addressed to ‘the righteous’, who did good things to ‘my brothers’(=family). Are not all Jesus’ brothers and sisters’ God’s family? The righteous, I suggest, are those, who like Jesus displayed compassion and were motivated by a loving concern for others. I come back to what I see as a key text in the first epistle of John- *‘Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.’* (ref.7) Earlier, in his letter John writes: *‘he (Christ) is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world’.* (ref.8)

So it would seem the only condition for non-believers inheriting the kingdom is that they have done good works. So one writer, in The Expository Times concludes thus-*‘And so those Christians today who have concern for their friends, who are moral people and helpful to others in need, can be reassured. Take heart from the ‘Parable of the sheep and goats’-they will not go unrewarded’.*

**You may then ask why be a Christian?** Answer, to experience the love of Christ and see the world through the optics of the Kingdom of God. George Wade Robinson summed it up well in his hymn: **‘Loved with everlasting love’** I have over run the length of this article, so refer you to 452 Mission Praise or YouTube!

**References:** 1) Romans 3 v.23 1a) Ephesians 2 v.8-10 2) Galatians 5 v.22f. 3) James 2 v.17 4) Revelation 22 v, 2) 5) Matthew 25 v.31-32 6) Matthew 25 v.34 7) 1 John 4 v.7 8) 1 John 2 v. 2

Revd John Whittle

## CONTRIBUTION BY SANDRA ROBEY

### Good Friday Witness

Church Friends came together with Bible readings, meditations, music, and prayers, to witness our Lord’s sacrifice for us all... We were able to use a worship focus to help guide some of the journey...

A bowl of water for the washing of the disciples’ feet, the red stones within it, signifying

the blood that would ultimately be shed...

the coin purse with silver coins, representing Judas' betrayal...with the cockerel that crowed three times when Peter denied knowing our Lord. A rosemary plant, for remembrance.

to the small stones laid around the foot of the cross, representing our own trials and burdens, all carried by our Lord and Saviour.....

a commemorative crucifix...decked with the crown of thorns....reminding us to bring all our troubles to Jesus, and place them again at the foot of the cross.

As we imagined ourselves at the foot of the cross, we were reminded again of the greatest gift of love bestowed on mankind. *"How marvellous, how wonderful, is the Saviour's love for me"*, the song writer's lyrics...Our role then? **To take this message out to the lost and lonely.**

A Minister friend very recently sat in the company of the Catholic Bishop from Gaza, who said. *"Gaza is hell on earth"*, but quickly added, *"but not quite hell, because Jesus is still there"*. The Good Friday story is not an easy one to witness through, but necessary for us to experience, before we can receive the joy of Easter Sunday, and all that follows.

We cannot and should not sanitise the Good Friday experience, to make it comfortable, we need to revisit, be challenged, and reminded of that great sacrificial love, over and over again. Likewise, we cannot dodge the news surrounding Gaza and other war torn countries and pretend it is not happening.

After our gathering, Knebworth Church Friends carried the cross around the village...more valuable outreach...thus symbolising that **together, we are stronger**. Thanks for the coming together and for all who took part.

Sandra



## CONTRIBUTION BY JACKIE HALL

### Good Friday Methodist Circuit walk

29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 After a truly profound and thought-provoking service by Sandra and Becky a sunny but windy walk of witness around Knebworth with some lovely waves from motorists as we walked cross on shoulder stopping at various points around the village for readings hymns and prayers before ending back at Trinity for a cup of tea and a hot cross bun many thanks to those who made it happen. Then for once Steven and I didn't have to quickly munch our lunch as we joined queues of bank holiday traffic on the motorway as the circuit Good Friday Walk was starting at Trinity. So, after a peaceful packed lunch in the vestry, we were raring to go. The Trinity walkers comprising of the Halls and the Mitchells would again forsake an afternoon nap or any other activity to put best foot forward in Hertfordshire's green and pleasant land. We would and did cross roads, thank you stewards. We went down streets, crossed fields, walked hills both



up and down. We looked at maps and followed apps went through woods, very pretty, and even crossed the aptly named water jump. We mulched through mud at least I hope it was mud !! and came to our half way point, The John Clement centre in Codicote, phew, time for a cup of tea and a comfort stop before turning round and not actually going back the way we came. Despite some queries as to the right way. The route plotters don't like sending us in a straight line, they prefer to add in twiddly bits for our exercise and make the route prettier and longer. We do thank them for ensuring our step count that day is good.

Suddenly we found ourselves back where we started and claimed our mini egg as we signed back in. Then there was catering, oh wonderful catering! ready with tea or coffee and a feast of sandwiches, cakes, crisps and fruit. A chance to sit down and chat with friends and even have a second cup of tea.

Proud that having gone up hill and down dale, we had done some good with our small efforts to make the world a better place. Just in case you are interested the Trinity walkers raised a magnificent £270.00 which in today's financial crisis hit world we are very proud. We would like to thank all our wonderful sponsors. If you can please start saving for next year's walk. We will polish off our boots and be ready and willing to again put best foot forward on the Methodist Circuit Good Friday Walk. If anyone wants to join us you would be more than welcome. Many thanks and good wishes from the Trinity walkers.



## CONTRIBUTION BY JACKIE HALL

### Easter Day 2024

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and at stupid o'clock the clocks went forward Really? why and who thinks it funny for that to happen on Easter day!! My sympathies to any who were involved in any sunrise services, getting to church at 7 a.m. felt strange but at least the roads were clear. Steven and I now have a well-practiced routine of table laying etc. Very soon it was time for the 8 a.m. communion service, folk gathered and we greeted each other with cries of Happy Easter. Some of us may have checked the mini chocolate eggs hadn't gone bad overnight, it's a very important job and someone has to do it. The service started with cries of "He is risen" and cheerfully we continued helped by the brilliant Easter Garden expertly made by Hilary, many thanks Hilary. Our final hymn Low in the grave proving very popular.

Then into the big hall where Steven was waiting to direct us to lots of yummy food and had the tea and coffee at the ready, making sure that having fed the soul the body certainly wouldn't go hungry. There were healthy options of fruit cereal and toast, but also treats like croissants and of course the usual Halls Trinity Easter breakfast special bacon sausage black pudding hash browns mushrooms baked beans eggs. Mm makes me feel hungry just thinking about it. My thanks to Steven for all his brilliant hard work in the Kitchen. The washing up was quickly done thanks to a band of volunteers.

Then onto our 10.30 family communion service, the lights went out and Super Elder Becky and I walked in carrying a lamp there were shouts of "the darkness didn't overcome the light, he is risen" and Happy Easter and the service started with the realisation that pretty though the cross

was it didn't tell the Easter story. A quick search of the church by the young folk soon put that right and the pictures were quickly attached to the cross. We had readings reflections a drama from Stevenage URC, in all 11 people contributed to the service. Many thanks to you all. We sang prayed had a very short sermonette Hey it was Easter I am a preacher staying silent really wasn't going to happen. We had feedback from the young folk, shared communion together and our final hymn 'Thine be the glory' in which Victor as requested upped the volume and everything else. We all sang in double forte or fortissimo or as my mind went blank. Just as I asked, we gave it some welly with the promise of tea / coffee and chocolate or a lie down in a darkened room. We certainly raised the roof it gave me goosebumps but also a real sense of pride and joy that despite all that's going on at the moment at that place, at that time, we could come together and raise our voices in joy and praise to the Lord. We shouted loud and proud Christ was risen he most certainly was and if we woke a few neighbours up then all I can say to them is Happy Easter

My thanks to all who helped with all the Easter services and everything that took place at Trinity over the Easter weekend sharing time together made it very special.

*Jackie*



## **TRINITY SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **ARTICLE FROM MEL MITCHELL**

#### **Bible for All.**

Our next sessions of conversation over a Bible passage will be after church on 9<sup>th</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> July. We would really love to grow in faith and knowledge of the Bible together so please come along if you can. It's a very informal, interactive activity and we use some great resources. Where we feel comfortable to, we share opinions and life experiences. If you'd like to, please bring your lunch so we can eat before we start the session but there will always be spare tins of soup if you forget yours. If you are wondering what sort of things we discuss we have put some notes up from a couple of sessions on the noticeboard in the large hall next to the coffee hatch. Please take a look.

#### **Sanctuary additions.**

In order to broaden the range of needs we cater for during Sunday worship we will be introducing a sensory/neurodivergent friendly corner to the sanctuary over the coming weeks. If anyone is able to donate any fidget toys or noise cancelling headphones that would be appreciated, which

we will add to a box of quiet toys and books by the organ with a rug and some cushions. Please feel free to explore this area, whatever your requirements and share any more suggestions for making everyone feel welcome in a service.

We also put a clear plastic folder with paper and pens on the hymn trolley a few weeks ago for anyone that likes to keep their hands busy during worship to draw or write their thoughts. Please help yourself. Thank you.

### **Knebworth Fun Day- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the large recreation ground.**

As part of the Knebworth festival this year we thought it would be great if Trinity could have a stall at the fun day and show our presence in our community. I will be putting a prayer tent up (our large 4man tent- if anyone is available at about 11am to help me put it up I would appreciate it) and we will have boxes for prayer requests and a small craft activity- paper doves- for anyone that wishes to participate. The stalls part of the event runs from 12-4pm (after that the music will continue on the stage till 8pm). I will be at the prayer tent for the afternoon and would love to see any familiar Trinity faces. If you're able to pop down for a bit and join me in sharing God's love with our community that would be fantastic. Thank you.

**The Knebworth youth group** that meet at our church on a Friday night will also be running some activities and selling cold drinks on their stall so would appreciate visits, too. Mel (07940272497, mel\_lander@hotmail.com).

### **ARTICLE FROM REBECCA WASHINGTON**



Eddie Boon - United Reformed Church Thames North Synod Discipleship Enabler  
Eddie Boon works to encourage 'Whole life Christian Discipleship'. The Thames North Synod is one of 13 Synods that make up the United Reformed Church. With the River Thames as the southern boundary, the 124 local churches of Thames North Synod serve communities in Greater London, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Essex. Eddie holds a Masters in Applied Theology (Christian Leadership). He is also a Certified Appreciative Inquiry Practitioner with the International Academy for Appreciative Inquiry (IAAI) and holds a Certificate in Christian Mentoring (Moorlands)

Eddie will be leading worship at 10.30 on the 30<sup>th</sup> June at Trinity Church Knebworth, followed by a bring and share lunch at 2pm we will begin our time of exploration together on the Heartbeat of discipleship. All are welcome to all or some of the day.

If you get the URC daily devotions Eddie Boon wrote from the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for two weeks on Evangelism.

If you wish to attend, please let Rebecca Washington know via [becca78radders@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:becca78radders@yahoo.co.uk) or 07908288037 thank you.

## KNEBORTH PARISH NEWS ARTICLE

ARTICLE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE PARISH NEWS BY TRICIA EASDALE:

### WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE



A boy a long time ago leaned against the railing of a bridge and watched the current of the river below. A log, a bit of driftwood, a twig floated past. Again, the surface of the river was smooth. But always, as it had for a hundred, perhaps a thousand, perhaps even a million years, the water slipped by under the bridge. Sometimes the current went more swiftly and again quite slowly, but always the river flowed under the bridge.

Watching the river that day, the boy made a discovery. It was not the discovery of a material thing, something he might put his hand upon. He could not even see it, he had discovered an idea. Quite suddenly, and yet quietly, he knew that everything in his life would someday pass under the bridge and be gone like the water.

The boy came to like those words WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE. All his life thereafter the idea served him well and carried him through. Although there were days and ways that were dark and not easy, always when he made a mistake that couldn't be helped, or lose something that could never come again, the boy, now a man, said "its water under the bridge" and he didn't worry unduly about his mistakes after that and he certainly didn't let them get him down, because It was WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE.

It is far better for the water that flows under the bridge to be filled with love and forgiveness therefore TODAY:

Mend a quarrel. Search out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in a word or deed.

Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate, be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little more. Listen. Apologise if you were wrong. Try to understand. Deserve confidence. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again.

*Tricia*

### **FINANCE NEWS: Trinity's Finances -in the red?**

ARTICLE BY MAUREEN ON BEHALF OF ALAN.

At our last church meeting, Alan Burrell reported on the current financial situation, repeating what had been said at the previous meeting, that Trinity's **yearly regular outgoings are £10,000 in excess of its regular income**. If this continues for a few more years we will need to plan to close before our money totally runs out.

This situation will not improve unless there is a plan of action to increase income and make savings. The scope for the latter is limited, as the costs for running the building are high. We



could appeal for an increase in giving, but splitting £10,000 between a maximum of 50 regular givers would mean **£200 extra giving per person per year**, so approximately **£4 a week on top of what you normally give for church giving**, apart from charity giving. Obviously not everyone is going to be able to do that, but we are asking people to consider what having your church is worth to you. Not everyone is fully aware of the enormous costs involved in keeping the building and our activities going, despite the fact that most of the background work being done is on a voluntary basis.

Any fund-raising ideas you have are welcome, but that also requires time and input.

The church meeting has accepted a proposal from The Trinity Quarterly team, to ask people who receive the TQ to make a voluntary donation of 50 pence or £1 to help cover the printing costs. This will only be four times a year, and we hope you consider the TQ worth it. This issue will be the first one when we will put out a box for that when we hand out the newsletter.

A regular standing order is also a good way to help the church.

The bank details are:

Trinity Church Knebworth

Sort Code: 20-41-12 Account. No. 30558699.

When sending one-off payments by bank transfer there is the opportunity to include a brief reference that will appear on the church's bank statement. There is no need to include the name associated with the senders account as that will appear anyway. So, the reference might be 'Offering', 'Donation'.

However, you are giving, please don't forget to 'Gift Aid' it if you are tax payer, as the church gets 25% on top of the amount you give.

If you have any questions, you can email [finance@trinitychurchknebworth.org.uk](mailto:finance@trinitychurchknebworth.org.uk) which is received by Alan and Chris or to speak to them in person or by 'phone.

Alan: 01438 216209, Mobile: 07709913506

## **CONTRIBUTION BY TRICIA**

### **Below is a letter from Our Father:-**

Continued from last Quarter

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles.	Corinthians 1: 3-4
When you are broken-hearted, I am close to you.	Psalms 34: 18
As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart.	Isaiah 40:11
One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes.	Revelation 21: 3-4
And I will take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth.	Revelation 21: 3-4
I am your Father, and I love you even as I have my son, Jesus.	John 17:23
For in Jesus my love for you is revealed,	John 17:26
He is the exact representation of my being.	Hebrews 1-3
And to tell you that I am not counting your sins.	2 Corinthians 5: 18-19

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled.	2 Corinthians 5: 18-19
His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you.	1 John 4-10
I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love.	Romans 8: 11-12
If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me.	1 John 2-23
And nothing will ever separate you from my love again.	Romans 8: 38-39
Love	
Your Father, Almighty God.	

**MISSION AND CHARITY NEWS**  
**by Maureen on behalf of the Mission Group**

These are the charities we are supporting at Trinity in the next 3 months, through our charity offering at services, coffee money donations, or directly if you can't make it to church:

**June**



*Come to the **tea afternoon at Trinity on 22nd June** starting at 2pm to meet the people from the hospice talking about their new Community project.*

**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 Central Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, serving a population of around 230,000 people. <http://www.ghhospicecare.org.uk/support-us/donate> or call 01462 679540

**July**

**Anniversary Appeal - Trinity Disaster Response Fund**

This was a new initiative taken last year to build up a fund for the church to respond to disasters as they occur. We used money from this fund to help with the Moroccan Earthquake Fund, and the Libyan flood appeal. The fund is mostly depleted and needs building up. You can donate in the charity bowl put out at services in July, or through coffee money or direct donations to the church designated for the Fund.

**August**

**Medecins sans Frontieres UK – Doctors without Borders UK**

**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.

Go to their website to see the work they do - <https://msf.org.uk/home>

To make a donation go to: <http://www.msf.org.uk/make-a-donation>

## **DATES FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE (and KFC Coffee Mornings)**

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Fund raising tea for the Letchworth Garden City Hospice Starting at 2.00pm at Trinity Church. All are welcome.

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Our annual Church family BBQ, takes place after the Church service. Everyone is welcome. Please add your Name to the list which will be on the table in the hall shortly

### **Away Day**

This has been postponed at present, we will keep you updated when we have more information.

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

The ever-popular Strawberry Tea Afternoon.

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Quiz Night - Details to follow in the next edition of Trinity Quarterly.

## **All Welcome**

at the

### **Knebworth Family of Churches Monthly Coffee Mornings.**

We look forward to seeing you at St Martin's Parish Centre on the following **Saturdays** between 10.00am and 12.00 noon:



**15<sup>th</sup> June**

**20<sup>th</sup> July**

**17<sup>th</sup> August**

## **KFC Monthly Coffee Morning – Appeal for help**

These coffee mornings have successfully been running now for 12 years and are very popular but recently we have become aware of the need to increase our team of two. We are very grateful for the help received in the past but would like to put this on a more formal basis.

Help is mostly needed with setting up the tables and chairs in readiness for the morning ahead. Anne is still happy to do this but there may be times when she is unable to. In the past we have been lucky to have had help with putting everything away but we can't rely on this in the future.

**Setting out the tables etc. need only take half an hour once a month, or less. (9.00 am – 9.30 am.). Putting them away less than half an hour (11.55 am -12.15pm.), and can be done by different people.**

Similarly, during the year there will be times when we will be short of help in the kitchen, serving tea/coffee, cake etc.

**Kitchen helpers 9.00 am – 12.15 am.** If you feel you could support us by being part of a team, please speak to either Anne Purvis or myself.

Thank you *Sue Burrell*

## KNEBWORTH FAMILY OF CHURCHES, INCORPORATING CHRISTIAN AID



**Christian Aid Week** Thanks to volunteers from across the Churches most of the village homes will have received a CAW envelope. Recipients have a choice of how to respond -via the buckets in the Cop or the Post Office, or they can gift on line and it will be credited to the Knebworth Christian Aid Committee, around £200 had been donated this way so far.

Normally, we hold a Christian Aid Service to begin the week, however, this year the following Sunday was Pentecost with a United Service. KFC at its annual meeting requested we plan for a 'Bring and Share Meal' at which the video produced for CAW could be shown and some prayers used from the CAW prepared order of service. As it turned out very few turned up for the meal, though those who did shared a very fine lunch with fellowship shared.

The Pentecost Service, which also marked the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity used an order of service prepared by the churches of the West African nation of Burkina Faso and printed by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. It was interesting that present at our service were Revd. Stanslous Chatikobo, the new URC minister at Trinity, who is from Zimbabwe, Pastor Yinka Oduwole, Chair of KFC, and Pastor Andrew from the Passion for Christ Church, who I believe is also from Nigeria. Canon Daniel Cronin from St. Thomas Church took part, and the service was led by the Rev. Charles King. Other representatives of the member churches took part in the readings and prayers. The worship was greatly enriched by the singing of the Eden Consort. The theme of the service was 'Outreach to the stranger' based on a reading from Genesis in which Abraham offers food to strangers, and the reading of the story of the Good Samaritan who showed care to one he could have seen as an enemy. Pastor Oduwole in the address sought to encourage us to reach out in love to the wider community as he told of a conversation with his tax-driver to whom he told the parable. The offering amounted to £67 (including a donation via St Martin's card-reader).

**Stop press ; Over £2000 was raised in Knebworth for CA during the Christian Aid Week.**

Continuing the Ecumenical theme -Churches Together in Hertfordshire held their AGM at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Following a short business meeting at which it was announced that a new Ecumenical Facilitator has been appointed - the Revd. Dawn Savage, a Baptist Minister whose appointment includes Bedfordshire as well as Hertfordshire. That is good news because the post has been vacant for some time following the elevation of Doral Hayes to the role of Principal Officer for Ecumenical Development and Relations Churches Together in England.

Doral then gave the keynote address during which she informed her audience that Churches in Britain and Ireland now has 54 members and includes Orthodox congregations and over half its members are from the Pentecostal congregations. However, many church members do not see Ecumenism as central to the life of the church but rather as an 'add on'. We need to learn to think, act and love ecumenically and not just join in one off projects together.

CtiE has four working groups- a) Living with Diversity b) New housing areas c) Climate justice and peace d) Evangelism and Mission. The biggest challenge within and between congregations is the whole question of Human Sexuality.

Doral then spoke of attempts being made to involve the under 35s in the work of CtiE. Towards this goal there is the Bill Snelson Fund which makes grants available to those between the ages of 18-35 to travel abroad and experience the ecumenical scene in different cultures.

Finally, it worth noting that now we have an Ecumenical Facilitator member churches need to make sure they pay the dues of £15/church.

*Revd John Whittle*



## ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICES IN THE LADY CHAPEL

A **Free Church** service is celebrated monthly on a **Wednesday** of each month at **11am** with our Free Church chaplain and other ministers, and with a congregation from all denominations across St Albans.

### June 5th

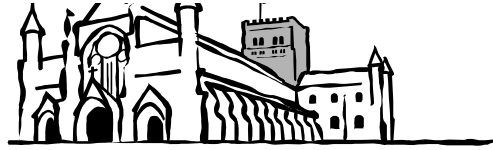
Maggie Dodd  
St Albans Anna Chaplain.

### July 3rd

The Revd Vanessa Jefferson  
Precentor, St Albans Cathedral

### August 7th

The Revd Mary Moody  
Regional Minister Central Baptist Association.



## THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF SAINT ALBAN

Free Church Ecumenical Chaplain:  
Reverend Simon Carver,  
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## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TRICIA EASDALE



### ENJOY THESE SUMMER ANTICS

1. 5 ants + 5 ants = Tenants
2. To bring an ant from another country into your country = Important
3. Ant that goes to school = Brilliant
4. Ant that is looking for a job = Applicant
5. A spy ant = Informant
6. A very little ant = Infant
7. An ant that uses a gun = Militant
8. An ant that is a specialist = Consultant
9. A proud ant = Arrogant
10. An ant that is cruel and oppressive = Tyrant
11. An ant that is friendly and lovely = Coolant
12. An ant that has changed from evil to good deeds = Repentant
13. An ant that accumulated so much food in summer for use in winter = Abundant
14. An ant that isn't willing = Reluctant
15. An ant that keeps financial account = Accountant
16. An ant that occupies a flat = Occupant
17. A huge ant = Giant
18. An ant that is important = Significant
19. An ant that has big legs = Elephant
20. A sarcastic ant = Mordant
21. An extremely fast ant = Instant
22. A noisy ant = Rant
23. An ant that doesn't keep moving = Constant
24. A dirty ant = Pollutant
25. An ant that annoys = Irritant
26. An ant that lacks knowledge = Ignorant
27. An ant that can take anything without complaining = Tolerant
28. An ant that wastes resources = Extravagant
29. A very careful ant = Vigilant
30. An ant that maintains good odour = Deodorant

31. An ant that finds it hard to move = adamant
  32. An ant that refused to move = Redundant
  33. An ant that is into business = Merchant
  34. A Political ant = Aspirant
  35. An ant that sues someone to court= Complainant
  36. A happy ant = Jubilant
  37. An ant that is patient - tolerant
  38. An ant that does not cooperate - recalcitrant
  39. An ant that doesn't agree easily - reluctant
  40. An ant that runs away from school unjustified -Truant
- by Moses Gomes

Why not come up with your own Antics

### **A Word of Comfort**

When you have let yourself down, and undone every last thread of the Tapestry you so lovingly wove, where may you turn to find comfort?

When you have cast the long shadow of judgement over a place you believed to be love what wisdom can light the darkness?

When serenity seems a long-lost myth, when truths, ideals are compromised by the feelings of bitterness, anger, or pain there is nowhere to turn – But to God – Who is always there for you.

*Anon*

### **The Refuge**

I raised my heart above the clouds, above the sea and rested there in unseen realms, all earthly cares left way below.

For all our worrying, doubting, fretting there is a salve, a blessed retreat, just above the level of the lowered eye of desolation.

Look up in faith, with trust in all that is unseen, and know the place of hopefulness – where souls let go of grounded woes, and fly, supported by the very breath of God.

*Anon*

***Please send items for the **September** issue of Trinity Quarterly to a member of the Editorial Team by Friday **2<sup>nd</sup> August** at the latest:***

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## Summer Wordsearch

The wordsearch below has been put together by Colin Stringer and the theme is SUMMER. All that you have to do is to find, somewhere in the grid, each of the words to the right of the grid. As you will see, each of these is in some way related to summer, although some in a way that is more cryptic than others.

The words can appear in any orientation:

N → S   S → N   N → W   W → E   NW → SE   SE → NW   NE → SW   SW → NE

Some words appear more than once and the number of iterations is given. Good Luck!

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P	U	D	D	I	N	G	M	L	C	A	H	E	A	T	CREAM SUN
S	M	D	S	U	N	R	S	W	A	E	C	A	N	S	DECKCHAIR SWIMSUIT
B	E	E	R	S	L	D	U	E	M	L	K	K	A	Z	BEACH BIKINI
S	U	R	F	O	I	D	I	A	P	L	C	N	B	M	SANDCASTLE ICECREAM
R	Y	X	O	L	L	B	T	A	I	B	E	A	C	H	TAN CAMPING
A	A	P	S	S	O	I	O	K	N	G	D	W	O	M	TENT HOLIDAY
F	D	Q	G	T	C	K	D	H	G	S	G	N	O	S	MOSQUITO HEAT
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4 pm, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at  
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Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre

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