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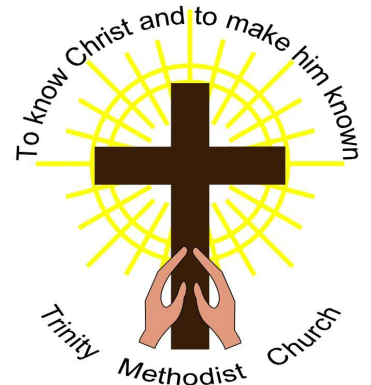
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We have Live Worship every Sunday at Trinity, Services are Zoomed too.

Our thanks to all our 'Zoom team' who enable those at home to Worship with us. We are very grateful for their continued help and expertise.

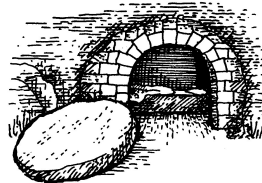
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Lord Jesus,
you came as
a humble servant
but were proclaimed
as King.
Even so, willingly you
became broken for us
and, through your death
and resurrection,
Love became
triumphant!



Trinity E-News – Deadline for the May 2022 Issue is Thursday 21 Apr 2022

Trinity E-News is also available on our Basingstoke & Reading Website.

I really look forward to receiving your lovely pieces, so do please keep them coming.

A Big Thankyou to everyone who has sent in pieces. Items can be emailed or posted.

Thank you again, Hazel, Ed

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- You say: It's impossible. **God says:** All things are possible, (Luke 18:27)
- You say: I'm not able. **God says:** I am able, (II Corinthians 9:8)



April 2022

Dear Friends,

It is really nice to see that spring is again bringing new life into the natural world, may it remind us of God's promise of a new life for us.

The unfolding situation in Ukraine continues to be very disturbing as we watch the horrific scenes of war playing out on our television screens. Millions of people are displaced, as their towns and cities are destroyed and many civilian lives are lost. Our hearts are broken for the people of Ukraine at this most tragic time. It is encouraging to hear of so many appeals for support for Ukraine both in the UK and around the world. Thank you to all our churches for your generosity and willingness to do whatever little you can to share in the support appeal for the people of Ukraine.

As we draw closer toward Holy Week and the celebration of Easter, we are keenly aware that many of our Ukrainian sisters and brothers (like so many others around the world), would have to undertake this most solemn journey within the context of war, displacement, and tragedy. The people of Ukraine have shown tremendous courage in the face of the most tragic circumstances and certainly, they would find means and ways of making the journey to the heart of Easter in ways that are helpful and meaningful for them. I attended the prayer session organized by the *Methodist World Council of Church* for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday, and I found it deeply moving. It was especially heart-warming to hear *Ukrainian voices* as they shared their own stories of faith and courage in the face of hostility and military aggression. We do not take for granted our relative freedom to be able to gather in person for Holy Week and Easter Services this year. We are grateful that medical science has made tremendous strides in the fight against Covid-19 but, we know that Covid-19 is still very much with us and there are many people around the world who are still severely impacted by its effects.

Increasingly, the world is becoming a more and more hostile place. First-century Palestine was no different when it comes to hostility, suffering,

and tragedy. Jesus faced dangerous hostility from birth to His death on the cross. God's people have always suffered for their distinctiveness and their belonging to the One True God. The Bible does not shy away from this fact. As we read the pages of Scripture, it is clear that suffering and tragedy were always a part of human existence. We may never be able to give a neat answer to the question of the senseless suffering in the world. Nevertheless, God's people have always testified to God's constant presence in the midst of suffering. This does not deny the horror and pain of suffering in the world in any way — but rather, it brings into sharp focus the unjust suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross. God did not immune Himself from suffering but, in Jesus Christ, God willingly bore our suffering so that we might have the chance to inherit His eternal life.

Psalm 73 gives a very human response to the oldest moral dilemma: "Why do bad things happen to good people?" or "Why do good things happen to bad people?" The Psalmist Asaph gives an almost fatal trial of faith, as he tries to make sense of the many troubles of a godly person in contrast to the prosperity of the wicked. The Psalmist wonders whether the demanding way of faith is actually worth it. The renewal of the Psalmist's faith came when he went to temple worship and he saw that his preoccupation with the prosperity of the wicked had diverted his attention from a fundamental truth: *God is with the godly leading us in the right path.*

The vexing problem of human suffering may be beyond our understanding of this side of heaven. But, since our hope is not only in this life — amid the perplexing issues we face daily, we can celebrate the true freedom offered to all people through the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A blessed and joyous Easter to you all.

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Loving God,
in the midst of life's vexing problems,
may we find wisdom and solace in your
presence,
and set our hope, not on uncertain
riches
but on the love that holds us to the end;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rev'd Audrey D Browne

Update from Liz

*(our youngster from the Ukraine,
now living in Spain)*

Hello Jennifer, my family were able to flee
and are now with me in Spain. I went to
get them from the Polish border and we
flew to Spain on the 8th March.

They are safe but traumatised, broken but
alive. Things will work out for all of us.

Thanks to you and the church for your
prayers and thoughts and all the support,
it has been amazing.

Love Liz

**3 April
The Boat
Race**



This month
begins with
one of the
world's oldest and most famous amateur
sporting events: **The Boat Race**.

First raced in 1829 by crews from Oxford
and Cambridge Universities, it is
considered the epitome of amateur sport,
and each year attracts more than 250,000
spectators to the banks of the Thames, as
well as many millions more on television.

The Boat Race is raced along what is
called the Championship Course, which is
over 4.25 miles of tidal Thames in West
London, between Putney and Mortlake.

This year will see the 167th Men's Boat
Race and the 76th Women's Boat Race.

**Joint Good Friday Service,
15 April at 10.30 am at
St Andrew's Church**

My Words, Your Words

Our words are so powerful,
They can be powerful and uplifting
Or powerful and destructive.

Words can build us up
Words can knock our confidence

Words bring a smile to our face
Words leave us in tears

Words can bring good news
Words can tear our world apart

Words fill us with enthusiasm
Words leave us in a state of apathy

Words can help create peace
Words can stir up trouble and lead to war

Words show respect
Words humiliate

Words may be full of truth
Words may be full of deceit and lies

Words can be kind
Words can be cruel
Then choose wisely how you use yours.

Jennifer Pitt

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talented
patient caring
boringrude charming
messyloud kindcruel pompous
understandingloving
bright bossy insincere
distant organisedthoughtless
gentle resourceful

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Sunday Worship at Trinity & the Basingstoke Churches

Below is the plan for Worship for April and May 2022 for our Basingstoke Churches. **Live Sunday Worship continues at Trinity each Sunday Morning with Services also Zoomed. Enquiries:**

please contact Diane Bath on: ☎: 01256 320429 or by **email at:** dianeath51@gmail.com Thank you.



Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for April to May 2022

(Basingstoke Churches – April)

Dates	3 April	10 April Palm Sunday	17 April Easter Sunday	24 April
Trinity 10.30 am	LA	Revd A Browne, S	Revd V Fisher	Revd A Webb & Mrs A Walker
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	Mrs J Hardcastle, Zoom	Mr T Bell, Zoom	Mrs S Whithorn, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd J Sumitra	Mr P Frank	Revd A Browne, S	Mr S Appiah
Oakridge 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr S Appiah	Revd J Sumitra	Mrs D Baugh
Old Basing	Mrs D Baugh	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S	Revd V Fisher
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs P Hoe, P	Mr P Frank	Revd A Browne

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for April to May 2022

(Basingstoke Churches – May)

Dates	1 May	8 May	15 May	22 May	29 May
Trinity 10.30 am	LA	Mr P Frank	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs A Rowe	Mr T Pitt & Mrs H Reed
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	Revd J Sumitra, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Mrs S Whithorn, Zoom	Revd J Dowding, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs S Whithorn	Mr S Turner	Revd A Browne	LA
Oakridge 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mrs J Hardcastle	Mr S Appiah	LA	Revd M Beukes
Old Basing	Mr T Bell	Mr S Appiah	Mrs D Baugh	Revd D Jenkins, S	LA
St Andrew's 10.30 am	LA	Revd S Skuce, S	Mr D Munns	Mrs L Hoe	Revd A Browne, S

A First:



A First – taking a friend on holiday flying for the first time, and he was extremely nervous about the flying bit.

Let's start back, he was a work colleague of my husbands and both retired. Ray went off and ran a guest house in North Wales for many years. We used to visit yearly to see them, and he is a brilliant artist, painting wonderful pictures.

Now, I have always just sketched and never attempted painting since at school. We had been trying to get him to come abroad to see the wonderful sights Greece has to offer. Finally he said – *'if you sit in the afternoons and learn to paint with me I will come'*.

Well the first flight planned to Rhodes was interesting to say the least, he was petrified, bless him, sat between his wife and myself, holding our hands or should I say squeezing the life out of our hands, we had to beg him to hold on to the arms of the seat once we reached flying height.

Needless to say, he has been coming with us every year since, although not keen on the flight, thank goodness for ipads. We keep him happy with films etc on them. But his farthest flight has been to Cyprus, he won't attempt further.

But he loves Greece, he has also been to Maderia with us, we have done many islands now, and next year we're hoping to take him to Portugal.

Jenny Leighton

Recycle Your Old Spectacles

You can Recycle your old spectacles at Leighton's Opticians, Basingstoke, in liaison with the Basingstoke Lions Club.



SOME DATES for April, May & June

- **Joint Good Friday Service, 15 April at 10.30 am at St Andrew's Church**
- **JAM: Sundays 3 April, 1 May & 5 June, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, at Trinity, page 8.**
- **Trinity Circle's: next meeting is on Tuesday 12 April at 7.30 pm in the Trinity Lounge, page 8.**
- **Saturday & Sunday 7 & 8 May – 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend with Stephen & Marlene Skuce at St Andrew's Church.**

The Northern Housegroup

The Northern Housegroup are looking for new members and would welcome new members to join them.

They meet on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm**, either in the lounge or at someone's home.

If you would like to know more about the Northern Housegroup, you can speak to either: **Sonia Jones, Edna Rawlins or Hilary Reed.**

Prayer by Fay Aird

When God says to Pray,
He really means it.

To Pray is the most commonly mentioned command in the Scripture.

It is mentioned more than *'Love your Neighbour'*, more than *'go to church'*, more than anything else.

God calls us to Pray.

We should be people of great Prayer.

We should be able to Pray more !

Pray Continually and
Live in a Spirit of Prayer!

Lord, help us to be more like you in this way, to make Prayer a priority in our daily lives.

Meeting of Trinity Church Council on 17 March 2022

Rev'd Audrey Browne chaired the meeting, which was held in the Church Sanctuary.

Diane thanked the stewards – Edna, Jenny, Katrina for all their help. Diane also thanked Pauline and Barbara – who are always willing to stand in and help when asked. The meeting thanked Diane for all her involvement, keeping everyone working together as a team.

The Worship Group is continuing to work to the Plan. A number of Local Arrangements are planned, with a pre-recorded sermon. While we are without a minister, we may have to have more Local Arrangement services.

Jennifer and David W have offered to host a Zoom service on a Sunday afternoon or evening, but this is not yet finalised.

House Groups: The Northern Housegroup continues to meet and at the moment does not have a leader but the Northern Housegroup members run it between them. They would like to encourage some new members. Heather's Winklebury group continues to meet monthly.

Jesus and Me (JAM) – JAM meets at Trinity Church on the first Sunday in the month, during the afternoon. Numbers fluctuate, with the number of families varying from three to six. The helpers are Jennifer, Yvonne, Ann and Hilary. The first part of the afternoon is spent doing fun crafts linked to the bible story theme. Some of this work is often displayed in the entrance hall to our Church, for the congregation to see.

The second part of the afternoon is spent in the Church with a relevant Bible story, songs, and some prayers. Refreshments are wrapped snacks and bottled drinks. In April the team intend to serve a hot meal to the families. If it is successful, this may be included on a regular basis. The team have lots of fresh ideas and things they would like to try but they don't always have the time or organisation to carry them through.

Jennifer had considered re-starting the Craft Fellowship, but due to the increase in Covid numbers she has decided to take a more cautious approach.

Coffee Morning: Sue had originally offered to lead this initiative, but her general fitness now means she is no longer able to lead this outreach. A few ideas were put forward for further consideration.

Trinity Circle is meeting once a month, on the second Tuesday at 7.30pm. As part of outreach, the Committee decided to make this an open evening to include men and also other people from outside our church. So far this has been well attended and the new format works well. Meeting dates are published in the Trinity News. The AGM is in May and further new initiatives are expected then. The group will continue meeting through the summer, but not in January and February.

Margaret Hayes reported on Safeguarding. Advanced level training is planned for 14 May. Details will be sent to Jennifer. The training will be face-to-face for participants, but with topic delivery by Zoom. The Basic course has to be completed before doing the Advanced course. A Foundation module will be delivered on 26 March at Oakridge.

David gave us his last Treasurer's Report before he moves house next month: Generally both income and expenditure are in line with the budget. The last Church Council was told that Synod in August had warned of a shortfall in the reserves for the Pension Scheme, and each church was to be asked for a contribution. A recommendation was

Church Council Meeting, 17.03.22 cont'd

made that Trinity should offer £6,000.00 towards this shortfall, and the CC meeting unanimously agreed to this.

We shall need to find a replacement treasurer, but in the meantime David and a group of volunteers will work to ensure that our financial matters continue to run smoothly. We have to thank David for his major contribution to our Church for many years, and wish him well for the future.

Dates for Diaries

- 15 April: Good Friday Service – Joint service with St Andrew’s at 10.30 am at St Andrew’s Church
- Mid June – Mid July: Bible Month
- Sunday 26 June: Annual Church Meeting after the morning service
- Thursday 7 July: Church Council meeting at 2.00 pm

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**LENT REFLECTIONS based on
JOHN’S GOSPEL
Oakridge Methodist Church
Sunday Afternoons, 3.30 pm**



- 3 April – Betrayal, Denial, Forgiveness by Rev. David Jenkins
- 10 April – The hour has come and the Glory of Christ led by Dr. Stephen Appiah

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**LENT REFLECTIONS on
JOHN’S GOSPEL
Old Basing Methodist Church
Thursdays, 2.30 pm
All Led by: REV. DAVID JENKINS**

7 April Betrayal, Denial, Forgiveness

- 90 years ago, on 23 April 1932 the Royal Shakespeare Theatre opened in Stratford-upon-Avon, replacing the one that burnt down in 1926.
- 65 years ago, on 24 April 1957 the first episode of the British astronomy series *The Sky at Night* was broadcast on BBC TV. It became the world’s longest-running TV series with the same presenter (Patrick Moore) until his death in December 2012. The series then continued with new presenters.
- 50 years ago, on 11 April 1972 the first episode of the radio comedy panel game show ‘I’m Sorry I Haven’t a Clue’ was broadcast on BBC Radio 4. It is still running.

#smalltalk with Revd David Shaw:

Wesley Methodist Church YouTube channel has a series of small videos (46 as of counting) presented by Revd David Shaw which are between 3 – 4 minutes long. The latest two are about Prayer and Christian Aid. These can be found here and are highly recommended.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWw6jNpYWu4z52t760p7UJg/videos>

- 30 years ago, on 23 April 1992 the world’s largest McDonald’s fast-food restaurant opened in Beijing, China.

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is only on during working hours) or email at:
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Churches Prepare Platinum Jubilee plans

Churches, Christian Charities & Youth Organisations are
working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum
Jubilee over the four-day Bank Holiday from 2 to 5 June.

A new website has been created –

www.theplatinumjubilee.com

to provide ideas and resources for communities to
celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

'JAM' meets next from
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

on the following Sundays:

3 April; 1 May & 5 June



Children & Families meet in
the Lounge, usually on the
1st Sunday of the month,
to hear stories of Jesus,
craft, singing and tea.

Some of what we do on a
Sunday afternoon is often
displayed in the foyer area at
Church for all of us to see.

All are very welcome.

Do come along and join us.

TRINITY CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be on:

**Tuesday 12 April at
7.30 pm for**

**'An Easter Reflection'
with Margaret Hayes and
Members**

We look forward to welcoming
you all to Trinity Circle. We
usually meet in the lounge and
start at 7.30 pm.

Sonia

Time to Sow



We are almost there. The time for sowing approaches. Spring is on its way. It is time to sort out the seeds. In Sunday school, many years ago, some of us learnt this verse;

*'Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noon tide, and the dewy eve,
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.'*

(Knowles Shaw, 1834-1878)

I have several packets of seeds. Seemingly 'dead', without instructions for sowing. Leaving them in the packets, is not an option, if I want to see what they can produce. At first glance they appear lifeless, but I know, as Jesus said, in the parable of the Sower (*Matthew 13*) given the right conditions, they can produce colour and beauty.

Some of them have been given to me, as a memory of a life I have known. Given from families, at a funeral Service, they have special poignancy, suggesting as they do, that life is reborn. For the Christian this has to be true.

In the Sunday school verse, we sow in the morning, at the beginning of our lives. In the noon tide, when we are out there in the world, and in the eve, when our sowing is just as important.

To help the growth, in kindness, in love, in care, we need to tend the plants every day.

Perhaps have a chat with them? Tell them how well they are doing.

We all like praise, and it does work,

This applies to people too, by stripping out everything that chokes, and simply showing the same care, our Father God has for us.

So, let's have another look at those seed packets, and expect a harvest. God is true to his word; the harvest will surely come. (*Genesis Chap 8 v. 22*)

God bless you.

Margaret Garland



30 years ago, on 27 April 1992 Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of the House of Commons.

Steve and Angela Smith have 2 Thornless blackberry bushes to give away to a good home! Do get in touch.



LAST DAY TO RECYCLE YOUR CRISP WRAPPERS WITH US

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL



Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Prayers March to May 2022

Learning and Caring

As far as we are able, with God's help:

We will **care for ourselves** and **those around us**.

We will **learn more** about our faith.

We will **practise** hospitality and generosity.

May we be a blessing within and beyond God's Church, for the transformation of the world.

(from Methodist Way of Life)

Going before me,
You lead me on
Full of surprises,
You help me see
New possibilities, new facets of me.

Leading me gently,
You show me the way
Challenge my certainties
And make me see
A glimpse of your purpose, what I could be.

Showing us yourself,
As we seek to obey
You draw us to you
And help us see
Our part in your mission, what we could be.

As we seek you further
You lead us on
As we travel together
You make us see
To learn, we must be still and be.

Easter Prayer 2022

Dear Almighty,
All-powerful
Father God,

You brought light and
hope out of darkness
and despair.

You brought life out of
death when you raised
Jesus that first
Easter Day.

Thank you that the
tomb is forever empty
and that Jesus is
forever alive!

No matter what is going
on, no matter how little
we understand,
help us to hold on to
the Easter truth –
Jesus is risen! He is
alive today and in Him
we can put our trust,
completely and
confidently.

Because of Jesus,
death is defeated.
Because of Jesus, the
best is yet to be.
Love wins! Hallelujah!
We praise you, Lord, in
Jesus name, Amen.

**by Daphne Kitching
Parish Pump**

Hope by Fay Aird

What do we need most today? Do we need just a word of hope?
That's what we all need and that's what the Word of God does that
nothing and no one else can. The Word of God says to us that there is
No Hopeless situation, No Hopeless illness, No Hopeless marriage. If
there were hopeless situations, then God would have given up long ago.

Our Hope is the Anchor for the Soul. 'Where's our hope?' It is the
confident hope of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
And all of us can look forward to the Lights that call us to eternity.
And we take hope.

Hospitable God, when we have made the Church a closed place, where only those who know the unwritten rules are welcome: forgive us and enlarge our hearts.

When we have made our minds a closed place, where only those who think as we do are welcome: forgive us and enlarge our hearts.

When we have made our hearts a closed place, where only those who love as we do are welcome: forgive us and enlarge our hearts.

Thank you for loving us as we are and for calling us to grow into the image of your Son, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary, British Methodist Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer.

Gracious God,
I praise you
For your goodness and loving kindness
Which you pour out upon me
As I offer the cup of my life to you.
May I allow your love to overflow
To bless the lives of others
With generosity and hospitality
And compassionate care.
In Jesus' name, I pray.
Amen



- No amount of good deeds can make us good persons. We must be good before we can do good – *Chester A Pennington*
- The easiest way to tell the difference between young plants and weeds is to pull up everything. If they come up again, they're weeds – *Anon*

CFL cont'd.....

begun to consider a move.

CFL would be grateful if you have any contacts or are able to help them in any way to find new premises. The requirement is for premises with:

- A flat entrance to facilitate loading and unloading
- Floor area of 100 sqm
- Utilities to enable fridges and other equipment to be operated
- Car parking Ideally a town central location and rent free!

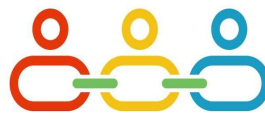
Please will you join the managers in **praying** for a swift and practical resolution to this new need. If you have any leads or suggestions of possible venues then please email:

Penny Dilley:
contact@bcfd.org.uk

Thank you, Penny Dilley
taken from: OneChurch Basingstoke

Community Food Link

For the last two years the **Community Food Link** has been operating out of the Den at the URC premises in London Street. However, now that all pandemic restrictions have been lifted, the Den is returning to its previous use **which means CFL have been asked to vacate the Den by 31August.**



TAKING A BITE OUT OF HUNGER

CFL are grateful to URC for allowing them to use the Den for the past two years. However the amount of food now coming into and out of the building means they had already **cont'd.....**

A prayer as we Dwell in the Word

Loving God,
 Although our destination is not yet clear,
 May we trust in your graceful promises;
 Though we are uncertain of ourselves,
 May we be rooted in your loving regard;
 Though our attention is inclined to wander,
 May we hear the things you are saying;
 Though we often neglect your influence,
 May we be convicted of your power to change,
 In Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Amen.

Dwelling in the Word text: Hebrews 13: 1-9a (NIV)

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

'Never will I leave you;
 never will I forsake you.'

⁶ So we say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
 What can mere mortals do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

⁹ Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace.

CIRCUIT NOTICE – Creating Safer Space Advanced Module – Saturday 14 May 2022:

Until now we have been reliant on online training for this essential module. Now, we offer face-to-face training on **Saturday 14 May 2022, from 9 am -1.30 pm**. The two proposed venues are:

- Oakridge – Vivian Road, Basingstoke RG21 5QB
- Caversham Heights – 74 Highmoor Rd, Caversham RG4 7BG

The Advanced Module is required training for all:

- Safeguarding Officers
- Worship Leaders

cont'd..... 

- *You say:* I can't forgive myself.
God says: I FORGIVE YOU. (1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
- *You say:* I feel all alone.
God says: I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)
- *You say:* I can't go on.
God says: My grace is sufficient. (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

CIRCUIT NOTICE (cont'd)

- Those leading work with children, young people or vulnerable adults
- Local Preachers
- Presbyters or Deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry, including Supernumerary Ministers.

Please do all you can to attend –

The course will enable participants to consolidate and develop previous safeguarding learning, build confidence in knowing what to do when confronted with a safeguarding issue, and provide some theological background to safeguarding.

Your attendance will better equip the Church to respond well to different Groups within the Church Community, and be confident in promoting good practice in the Church and community. Please book by contacting **Peter Frank** on: ☎: 07407 281986 **or:** resources@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk

Gracious and loving God, thank you for staying close to us in all that we have experienced in recent times.

As your holy people, we ask you to strengthen us with wisdom and understanding as we look forward to the new opportunities you will share with us.

Encourage us to offer rich hospitality: to recognise the individual, welcome the stranger and offer a community of love to all.

Amen.

Andrew de Ville, Southampton District Chair



God of compassion

whose loving care reaches out to everything you have made, we give you thanks for those whose daily work is to care for others.

We pray for all those working in health and care settings, especially those on who the pandemic has taken a heavy toll.

We ask for renewal, refreshment and rest for those who are worn out.

We ask for a just wage for those staff who care for the most vulnerable.

We ask for wisdom for those in management and policy roles, that they may exercise compassion and justice in all their decisions.

We pray for those, often unnoticed, who care for vulnerable and disabled family members.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Spend some time thinking and praying about the shape of your life currently in all its variety; the life-giving and the challenging. How full is your stress bucket at the moment?

Write down what a full life would look like for you. How close is it to how you live now? Is it realistic or would you be exhausted if you lived like that? Where is your Sabbath within it?

Pray Through May for our Town

*"seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and **pray to the LORD on its behalf**, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."*
Jeremiah 29:7



The past two years of COVID restrictions have significantly impacted the welfare of the places in which we live. Many have been affected. And in many ways we are seeking to help, and become more strategic and coordinated in our response.

Prayer is central to this and we want to see the church **encouraged, equipped and empowered** for this.

Ideas from how other church networks are working together so that every street, school, workplace is prayed for –

[Sheffield](#) and [Coventry](#) are some examples of those we can learn from.

taken from:

OneChurch Basingstoke



Basingstoke Choral Society's Spring Concert

Saturday 2 April 2022

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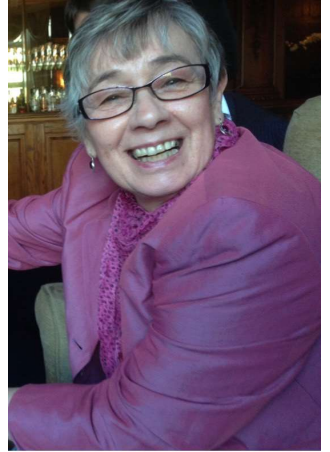
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Eulogy for Andrea Parker

(by Jennifer Duncan, Andrea's daughter)



Born in Newcastle upon Tyne a true Geordie. The only child of Andrew and Irene Bell and much loved niece of Hazel and Bessie. She married Jack in 1964 and went on to emigrate to South Africa for several years before settling in Basingstoke.

In 1988 My parents separated. She met Stuart at work and they married in 1999. They have had many happy years together initially in Beaconsfield Road and then settled in Eastrop Lane.

Mum loved barbecues, afternoon tea, holidays, going to the theatre, especially musicals and visits to the Hamble watching the boats on their special bench.

In 2017, Alzheimer's struck and Mum being mum was adamant she did not want people to know. When the pandemic occurred Stuart hunkered down and protected mum with all his might. He did a magnificent job. However in June last year she moved to Pemberley House as she had become so very frail. But all of this does not nearly sum up who my mum was.

My mum is the most generous, selfless and kind-hearted person I know. But I am sure you already also know this. She is someone who I try to emulate daily and pass on those attributes to my children.

She has always invested all of her time and energy into her family, and she has always given her all as a Christian woman to improve other people's lives.

While writing this I spent a long time reflecting on how to best describe my Mum. I came up with 'My mum was a doer'. If you want something done you know the saying "ask a busy woman". You know the kind of person I mean. One who was quietly asked to do something she just 'Got on with it and made sure it was done'. And done well. With No fan fair or look at me. She also could not say no. (Something I may add I have inherited).

This has meant that she was often involved in a wide variety of very interesting situations.

For example. Mum was one of the first women in the U.K. to open her own bank account without having to request her husband's permission. A very big deal in terms of women's equality and something she was quietly very proud of.

She was also a competent public speaker winning a certificate as part of Toastmistress International competition. This was a very proud moment in her life. She has also continued to use her public speaking skills and enjoyed reciting poetry at Trinity during the Tuesday afternoons and at weekends away.

Did you know that my mum once met Julio Iglesias when she was on holiday? He was very smitten with her, and he even asked her to join him on his tour! I can safely confirm she declined politely. I am quite glad of this fact otherwise I suspect I would be reading a completely different version of events today!

I suspect the reason behind him asking mum to come away with him is probably due to the fact that mum had the ability to light up a room when she walked in.

A good friend of both Stuart and Mums described her as "effervescent" – rather like the bubbles that escape a bottle of fizzy drink. I think on reflection this describes her perfectly.

Mum has always felt strongly about inequality and politics. In South Africa she worked tirelessly

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for the PFP. The Progressive Federal Party. This political party worked actively to remove apartheid from South Africa and to ensure that everyone was treated equally. She was a friend of Helen Suzeman a prominent South African anti-apartheid politician. On looking through some of mum's things she has letters of thanks for running congress for the PFP.

I remember as a child going to her house and in addition Desmond Tuto came to our house for lunch to discuss how to bring about change in South Africa and in particular how to combat apartheid. This of course was a small precursor to events leading to Nelson Mandela being released from prison many years later. Mum was one of the first non-African women asked to take tea with the Black Sash ladies in Soweto.

However, mum being mum did not often speak of her small but significant part in bringing change to South Africa.

The final hymn in today's service "we are marching" has been chosen as Mum used to love to hear the ANC men leaving for the day singing that song in the office building she shared with them.

Mum was also passionate about education and the need for all children to receive a solid education. She was part of a movement called TEACH, which stood for Teach Every African Child. Located on the East Rand they strove to ensure that those children in South Africa regardless of the colour of their skin and gender would be offered a free education. Mum was horrified that skin tone and gender would be a barrier to education.

Her political streak continued in the U.K. as she was an active member of the Liberal Democrats in Basingstoke, alongside Stuart for many years.

She initially Volunteered as a teller at local voting stations in Basingstoke to finally running Stuart and other people's successful electoral campaigns for the local council elections.

Mum's infectious smile, laugh and open heart – full of willingness to take part meant that our family holidays were great fun. If the hotel we stayed at had a holiday club and competitions, Mum was in her element accompanied with great hilarity especially when she competed, and most nights won a highly prized certificate.

Her love of winning a certificate is something she passed on to her grandchildren. She also loved to see Maddy and Pete swimming and enjoying themselves on holiday and would always be on hand to dry them with a towel, apply sun cream and provide plenty of ice cream!

Mum and Stuart often had the children on sleepovers on holiday and home and both children remember those nights very fondly indeed.

I remember whilst on holiday in Spain, mum was enjoying a glass of sangria on the veranda in the sun. She got chatting to another couple. On discussing the drink, the lady remarked, "you need to put a gin in it darling. You will never look back" and from that day she had always done that! Try it. It makes all the difference!

Mum loved a charity shop, and always said there is nothing better than a bargain and mum was an expert on charity shop finds! This is something that both myself and Maddy love to do as a result of mum's teaching!

Her meticulous attention to detail was applied to all aspects of both her and Stuart's work life as they co ran their own successful finance business.

She also helped me enormously with my nursing career. She used to read my handwritten notes (no mean feat) and edit and type all of my essays. She also helped with the start of Matt's

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law career.

She sent off countless CV's and covering letters on specialist paper and paid for all the stamps as a way to give him a leg up on his career pathway. Mum also found Matt's first suit in a charity shop so he could attend job interviews.

Stuart and mum married here at Trinity after Matt and I had married in the September earlier that year. Mum had waited until I had married and changed my surname as she did not want me to be on my own.

In fact, the reception later today to which you are invited is to be held at Hook House where they held their own wedding reception. Both Stuart and I recognise that the locations chosen today are very special and a fitting tribute to mum as she loved both of these places.

Mum has always selflessly supported each person in our family at times of their greatest need. Offering a safe haven to help them unpack what had happened, nurturing them to strength and then helping them get back on their feet.

Mum's Christian faith was vital to her being. Her father and mother were both Methodist readers. Mum has always been an active member of the Methodist Church and has been a member here at Trinity for over 30 years.

Both Stuart and I were deeply touched when she was visited before she died by a close friend and member of Trinity and given a small wooden cross. She died holding this and it is accompanying her on her final journey to be with the Lord.

Mum's faithful serving heart meant that she willingly offered her time, skills and energy as part of her service to the Lord. She was also well known for her baking skills and successfully running the Christmas Cake Stall bringing in the family to help run it. In addition, her love of flowers and legendary flower arranging skills have also been greatly admired.

Mind you she was funny about it.

In particular she had a strong dislike of yellow and orange flowers, so much so Stuart could not plant any in their garden! She even made him dig up any that were in Eastrop Lane when they moved in! This is something Stuart had to work very hard on to make sure it was right. With Mum in charge of course!

Mum gave so much time to her grandchildren Maddy and Pete giving up both Stuart and her own business time to play an active part in their bringing up.

They both looked after the children one day a week so that our own childcare needs were met and this enabled me to work as a nurse.

She was rewarded by seeing Maddy's first walk and it is why she was called Mummum (mum's mum). She spent hours with Stuart on a Wednesday at my home – well known amongst the family and friends as "Guildford Day."

Her friends all knew not to ask mum for anything on that day. She missed plenty of other opportunities on a Wednesday to willingly watch school plays, play dress up, spending time cooking with the children and helped our whole family with an evening meal and did all our ironing and washing every week!

This closeness together with her legendary chocolate cake has inspired future family bakers to create great masterpieces in the kitchen! The chocolate cake secret recipe I am pleased to say is in very safe hands!

Although mum's other granddaughter Grace lives in Yorkshire meaning she wasn't able to

visit as often as she would have liked, I know Mum received much pleasure in spending time choosing and buying outfits for her and posting them to her so that Grace would know she was being thought of.

Due to the pandemic, when mum moved to Pemberley House, she was only allowed 3 visitors, and this was an especially hard time. However, both Stuart and mum received great comfort in being visited regularly by a close family friend from Trinity. She offered both support in a time of need and we know mum greatly enjoyed the visits.

Although Alzheimer's cruelly robbed mum of her ability to speak and move, even at the end she remained quietly dignified and accepted her illness with great fortitude and bravery.

We will all miss her very much, and the world is a much sadder place for her not being here. We know she is finally at peace and comfortable with God which brings the family great solace.

As I conclude this eulogy, Mum you will be missed greatly. I know that your presence will always be with me. Thank you for being such an incredible role model and for loving me unconditionally. I hope that I have made you proud.

But this is not goodbye. Now it's our turn to go live life to the fullest and keep her legacy alive in your hearts. Each of us here have been touched by her presence and we are better people because of that.

I want to Thank you all for being here today and for helping to make my mum's life so meaningful.

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Andrea's family would like to thank the Trinity family for all the cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy.

Also we wanted to thank everyone who contributed towards her beautiful service. Your support at this difficult time was greatly appreciated and a great comfort for all of us.

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Love, Life and Laughter – Andrea Parker **(by Richard Parker – Stuart's son)**

I'm sure I speak for us all when I say there are so many wonderful memories we share of Andrea.

She had such an infectious lust for life, which makes it all the more painful to be talking about the end of her own.

Jenny has spoken with such passion and pride about her mum's many memorable moments, and I'm honoured to be able to share some of my own reflections with you, her dear friends and family.

I'd like to talk to you today about one particularly poignant passage in Andrea's life that I now look back on with increasing affection, even if at the time I was rather hoping the ground would open up and swallow me whole!

Let me set the scene. It was Saturday 18 December 1999... a bitterly cold day, with snow softly swirling in the sky, creating an enchanting winter wonderland. This fittingly festive flurry heralded the joyous occasion of Stuart and Andrea's wedding.

Now, the happy couple gave me one task to perform at this special celebration, albeit an

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extremely important one... the honour of being best man for the tying of the nuptial knot.

However, this ceremonial assignment came with one small, but unequivocal, caveat. It was explained in no uncertain terms this was to be a simple celebration. No glitz or glamour, no frills or spills. No ostentatious occasion, just relaxed reverie in the company of much loved friends and family.

And the same rule also applied to one of the traditional best man duties. Under absolutely no circumstances was anyone to give a speech.

Unfortunately, the exuberance of youth got the better of me, and I set about penning the perfect prose... perfect in my own opinion, you understand.

As the jokes fell flat, I was beginning to panic.

Abandoning the brash, it was time for the brains. I skipped straight to the more cultured content, desperately trying to regale the room with a catalogue of quotes... but I wasn't impressing anyone!

Much of the remainder of that speech passed in a blur. A haze of faces and faux pas.

The story could well have ended in complete and utter embarrassment... and it might well have done, if it hadn't been for three welcome words of wisdom.

In closing, I turned to Dad and Andrea and simply spoke from the heart, telling them I had one simple wish for their future as a married couple... that their home be forever filled with '**love, life and laughter**'.

By some minor miracle, those three words turned out to be rather prophetic.

Although their time together has been cruelly cut short, I truly believe the happy home Dad and Andrea shared was bursting at the seams with exactly that – **love, life and laughter**.

It was so evident in everything they did.

The business briefings with cherished colleagues and customers, often conducted from the luxury of their garden HQ – aka 'the big shed'!

The plotting of political campaigns, both won or lost, in alliance with fellow Lib Dems.

The summer of brotherly love as Uncle Barry and Dad set about demolishing the industrial-strength outhouse, with Andrea on hand to offer bucket-loads of tea and sympathy!

Savoured moments of sanctuary as Andrea soaked up the seasonal sunshine in the back garden, set to the sounds of Dad waging war on the latest invasion of weeds.

And when the notoriously fickle British summer wound up being a washout, there was eager anticipation and excitement as bags were packed for treasured trips abroad to search out sunnier climes.

Chitter chatter over the clink of glasses – a cheeky bottle of wine at lunch with friends and family or the draining of a wee dram at the end of a demanding day.

The click clack of knitting needles and a good old natter with church friends as Andrea cheerfully crafted her latest woolly wonders, or the snip, snap of scissors as bunches of beautiful blooms were shaped and fashioned into amazing floral arrangements.

Love, life and laughter.

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And then there was family – so central to their lives.

From up north there were visits from Andrea’s mother, Mrs Bell, with many a reverse train trip or mad dash up the motorway to help care for her and Andrea’s Aunt Hazel in later life.

And nearer to home there was Miriam (Gran Parker), popping over for a lovingly prepared lunch, trips to summer fairs and fetes, church services and shopping expeditions. And that same caring touch when she, too, fell ill.

Rachel and Owen swinging by for afternoon tea, long before they established their now thriving meals-on-wheels service.

Richard and Angela’s whistle-stop tours, arriving bearing bags full of Betty’s buns and greetings from God’s Own County.

And of course, Jenny and her husband Matt, with whom they shared so many special occasions.

And it wasn’t long before there was the pitter-patter of tiny feet, too, which brought with it unbridled joy for mum-mum and bumper.

First to arrive were Maddy and Pete, who were the apple of their eye. Dad and Andrea were so thrilled to play such an integral role in their lives, watching them grow and develop into the fine young adults they are today.

And late on the scene came baby Grace, a minor miracle and the cherry on the cake for ever-doting grandparents.

Love, life and laughter.

Talking of Grace, we’ve been having quite a few chats about Grandma Andrea these past few weeks, of picnics, parties and parcels lovingly packed with presents. She very much believes Grandma is now in heaven... apparently, I’m told, playing games with God and Jesus, which I have to say sounds like a lot of fun!

I’d very much like to think that in between these games, however, Andrea is allowed to take a bit of a breather, to sit and relax at the table she shares with Mrs Bell, Hazel and Gran Parker.

And as they tuck into copious amounts of tea and cake, reminiscing about happy times gone by, I imagine Andrea looking back at all the loved ones she so sadly had to leave behind, with one simple wish for them all.

That in spite of the immense pain felt at her passing, their homes, too, will be blessed by those same three precious gifts – ***love, life and laughter.***

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<p>When the blackest clouds enfold us When the strongest winds may blow; When our dearest friends have sold us And we have nowhere to go, In the depths of great despairing Through the sharpest jabs of pain There we find our Father, caring Giving shelter from the rain.</p>	<p>He too <i>by Nigel Beeton, Parish Pump</i></p>	<p>For He too, one dreadful Friday Saw His most beloved Son On a cross, raised by a highway Naked, bleeding, cruelly hung. Yes, He too has felt the starkness And He too has been betrayed For He too has known the darkness And the price which must be paid.</p>
<p>As you weep, reach out your fingers, feel His gentle, loving hand, Feel the care just He can bring us, for your life is known and planned. He too knows the path before us, and He too has fought the fight Only Jesus can assure us, on our journey to the light.</p>		

Barbara Dowson (nee Richardson)
(A tribute by her daughter, Kirsty Marnoch)



As I started to plan this tribute, I began to list all the things my Mum loved and the way she was, and reading that list made me realise how much we have in common. I am far bossier and louder than she ever was – and I don't think I love hedgehogs nearly as much as she did – but the impact she has had on me as a person is immeasurable. That is mainly down to all the love and care she spoilt me with all my life.

Mum was a wonderful mummy to Kathryn and I, and a devoted wife to Ken, my Dad, and later in life to Edward. Mum was always kind, patient and generous and would have done anything for any of us. She loved being a Grandma too, to Beth, Joe, William and Anna. Mum had a special skill which I know many adults struggle with, which was to be able to talk and actually play with children on an equal level. Mum used to look after Beth when she was little, and many times I could hear the games going on and would wonder who was enjoying it more! Even when it was a lot harder to get up than it used to be, Mum would still get down on the floor to play with my two.

As a little girl, I just loved to be with my mum. At preschool I would feign illness so I could be at home with her, at infant school I would come home for lunch just for a bit of extra time with her... Eventually she got a job as a Special Needs Assistant at Worting Infant School and I was utterly thrilled that she would be at school with me too! It's fair to say I was a mummy's girl.

Mum working in a school was a slight deviation from what she trained for. After completing an English and French degree at Essex University, she went on to train to be a librarian in London, where she met my Dad. Their love of books has filtered down to all of us; all the grandchildren are keen readers and love to spend their time with their nose in a book. Mum and Dad collected so many books, when they moved they quite literally had 'shed-fulls' of them!

Mum so enjoyed her job at Worting Infants, and loved working with the children and alongside colleagues who came to be life-long friends. She used to say that the children just thought of her as a big pal, and she confessed she was never the best at disciplining them! Mum always wanted to make her speech and language sessions with the children she worked with fun, and she would spend ages making individual games for children based on their likes and interests, as well as their needs. Mum really cared about making the children feel special and wanted them to enjoy their learning, as well as making steps forward through any speech difficulties they had.

Mum was a wonderful artist and loved to draw and paint. She especially loved to draw Teddies, and I remember for a while she used to make teddy greetings cards that were sold at a Teddy Bear Museum in Petersfield. Mum could turn her hand to drawing pretty much anything, and her love of drawing and painting really inspired my sister. So much so Kathryn went on to college to study Art, and both Kathryn and my Mum continued to draw and paint all their lives. Not only was Mum creative with a paintbrush, she was also very creative with words. She wrote many articles for the Book and Magazine Collector magazine, mostly biographies of famous children's authors. She was especially proud when the authors themselves took time to write to her; we have letters of thanks from Raymond Briggs, Shirley Hughes and Jaqueline Wilson to name a few.

My mum was an avid collector of many things over her lifetime – from Teddies, to books, to ceramics to antiques... once she got an interest in something she really saw it through to the end! Mum managed to get me my first job in the local china shop, as I had said I wanted a Saturday job. While I'm sure her asking on my behalf was an act of motherly love, this particular job came with a good discount on the things in store – one that she took full advantage of! Edward is still dealing with the collections now!

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Many people have shared memories of Mum with me, for which I am very grateful. Everybody who has, has mentioned her beautiful smile. Mum had a smile for everyone, and it was warm and genuine. She made friends wherever she went; I remember as a child a walk to the corner shop would take ages as we would stop and chat to neighbours on the way down the road! Only a few years ago Mum said she was going out for a cup of tea with someone she'd met and got talking to at the bus stop!

And she had so many wonderful and caring friends that she met here, in this very church. All her friends meant so much to her – going for a catch up over a cup of tea and a nice slice of cake was one of her ultimate pleasures. Once mum made a friend, she knew how special they were and kept hold of them. Mum was always loyal, happy to chat, a great listener and had a ready laugh. I know many people here will remember her as quiet, gentle and mild in her nature – but she also had a great sense of humour and loved a laugh, especially at anything a little bit naughty.

All throughout my childhood, teens and adulthood, she had such belief in me and cheered me on every step of the way. Her unconditional love, words of encouragement and never-ending support has given me an inner strength and belief in myself. As a Mum she is a role model that I aspire to be like for my children. I am so thankful to her for making me who I am today and teaching me that kindness, above all, is the best quality you can have.

The last few years have been hard, with Alzheimer's taking over my mum's personality bit by bit. The mum I grew up with had changed. But her love for her family never did. I was with mum when she died and it felt right and beautiful that while she was there at my beginning, I was there at her end.

Mum, your love, smiles and support was unwavering, even in your final years and days. You will be missed so much. I hope you are now at peace, and once again with Dad and Kathryn. I will end now with the words of one of your favourite teddy bears, Winnie the Pooh, who sums up how I feel perfectly: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard".

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Canon Paul Hardingham Considers what the Resurrection Achieved. Christian Basics: What about the Resurrection? (Parish Pump)

'Easter is not primarily a comfort, but a challenge. Its message is either the supreme fact in history or else a gigantic hoax.' (CS Lewis).

As we celebrate another Easter, what is the significance of Jesus' resurrection for us? As Paul writes, *'if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins'*. (1 Cor 15:17). What does the New Testament affirm about the resurrection? It affirms that Jesus' death on the cross was not a defeat but a **victory** over sin, death and Satan, in which we share. *'But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him'* (Acts 2:24).

It points to our own **bodily resurrection** after death, *'The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable'* (1 Cor 15: 42). It guarantees the **forgiveness** of our sins, *'if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins'* (1 Cor 15:17). It ensures that we can know the reality of His **risen life** today, *'just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life'* (Rom 6:4). The story is told of Russia under the Communist regime. A member of the Communist Party addressed a packed audience at length, seeking to discredit the resurrection of Christ. At the end an Orthodox Priest rose and asked if he might reply. He was warned that he only had five minutes. *'Five seconds is all I need!'* He turned to the audience and gave the traditional Easter greeting: *'Christ is risen!'* Back with a deafening roar came the traditional reply: **'He is risen indeed!'**



SAVE THE DATE – The Next CIRCUIT MUSICAL

Will be taking place at Wesley, Reading
on **Saturday 19 November 2022**



In a day we will be learn Roger Jones' new musical **'Three Wise Camels'**, and the day will end with a worship performance of it.

More information later on. (See last month's Trinity E-News for fuller article). If you have any questions please **contact**: Tony and Jennifer Pitt at: itsthepitts@btinternet.com

Blister Pack Recycling



Many thanks to all of you donating your empty pill packs and to those who are collecting them from others too. I am overwhelmed at how many have appeared for me to recycle. It makes me realise how many went into land fill before we started collecting them.

LATEST Info – I have now taken 21 ‘Bags for Life’ packed full to Superdrug and we know that at least one more church has started to collect them as well.

I can fill their recycling box with one visit! I am sure that the help that Marie Curie is getting from these is welcomed and of course it is helping to take care of the planet for future generations.

Please continue to leave them at church for me to collect, in the **white labelled bin provided, which can be found in the foyer area at church.** However I would be happy to collect locally if you are unable to get to church.

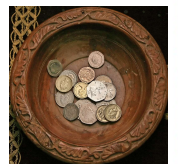
Jennifer Pitt

Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

If you have plastic milk bottle tops (*only milk bottle tops*) and are not already recycling them and would like to, Pamela has a contact with a collector for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Tops can be given to Pamela or ring the Bishop family on ☎: 01256 467702.

Thank you, **June Bishop**

Trinity Collections



As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the last 2 years. This is partly because hirers have had to stop meeting, but also because without services in Church the collections have stopped. Nevertheless, much of our expenditure has continued – almost half of our outgoings go to the Circuit to pay for, among other things but to a major extent, the Circuit staff, both ordained and lay.

We would like to express our thanks to those who contribute by Standing Order, and those who have made contact to continue their regular giving via monthly envelopes. We would like to remind you all that there are a number of ways that you can contribute financially to God's work at Trinity and we would particularly welcome any donations at this time.

If you need more information as to how you can give to Trinity, please contact:

David Gunton (Treasurer) – david@gunton.org or 01256-352342 or

Tony Pitt (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary) – organista@btinternet.com or ☎: 01256-816314

- Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings – *Anon*
- Christians are like tea; their strength is drawn out by hot water – *Anon*
- If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns – *Anon*



UPDATE (at 26.03.22)



web: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Our foodbank Relies on Your Goodwill & Support. Monetary Donations

big or small are also gratefully received. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in **The Trussell Trust** network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Our **Basingstoke Centre & Warehouse at Houndmills** remains open for donations of food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs during our regular opening times which are **from 10 am – 3 pm, Monday to Friday**. If you would like to donate any items, please **'shop and drop'** goods into the permanent crates provided for us by our supporting supermarkets, or at any of the other donation points. We still have **Donation points** around the region as follows: **Food parcels can be Collected & Donations Delivered at: Basingstoke Baptist Church, Brighton Hill, Wed 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; Buckskin Evangelical Church, Mon & Fri 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; St Gabriel's Church, Popley, Fri 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm; Tadley Common Methodist Church, Tues 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; Church of the Good Shepherd, Winklebury, Tues 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm; The Sarum Hill Centre, Hope Community Church, Thur 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. THANK YOU** for your continued support!

Check out the Foodbank Website as above. You will find the list there of the other locations & times where you can donate food and use the **'Shop & Drop'**.

Basingstoke Foodbank: The good news is that the new premises at Houndmills have been secured for two years. The Foodbank has been able to purchase a large commercial refrigerator, which means we can now store fresh fruit and vegetables, and are now able to provide fresh bread, eggs, fruit and veg in every food parcel. The address in Houndmills is 63-64 Tempus Business Centre, Kingsclere Road, RG21 6XG. At present there is no process in place for transfer of donations from Trinity to the new site, **please do not leave donations at Trinity**. Thanks, **Tony Pitt**

A Typical Food Parcel Includes: breakfast cereals; soup; pasta; rice; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tea or coffee; sugar; biscuits; snacks; toiletries; household items; limited supply of fresh bread, fruit and vegetables.

At 26.03.22, we are **SHORT OF:**

- Coffee (small jars)
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Savoury / Sweet Spreads
- Meat Substitute
- Desserts / Puddings (Microwave)
- Toilet Rolls
- Clothes Washing Tablets
- Men's Deodorants
- Dog Food (tinned)

At 26.03.22, we have **Plenty of:**

- Cereals Hot & Cold
- Porridge Sachets
- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Rice
- **NO Pasta (we have sufficient for a year)**
- Soup
- Crisps
- Squash
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Cat & Dog Food

We always welcome

Donations and promise to use them to provide help for local people in crisis. Occasionally we send food to other local foodbanks to support their work if they have specific shortages. We also support a small number of local agencies in Basingstoke who regularly provide hot meals, or emergency food items for our most vulnerable members of the community who may not be able to access our centre.

Thank you for your continued support

SAD NEWS FOR OUR RECYCLING



In the next month or so we are going to lose two of our recycling collections.

After 31 March we will no longer be able to collect the Baby Food Pouches and Kids Yoghurt Pouches. We have been collecting these since 2016. It was slow to get started but has been increasing over the years and each shipment generates between £10 and £12.

Our biggest loss will be the Crisp Collection, closing on 25 April. This has only been running since March 2019 but has brought in over £300. We collect more crisp packets than any other item.

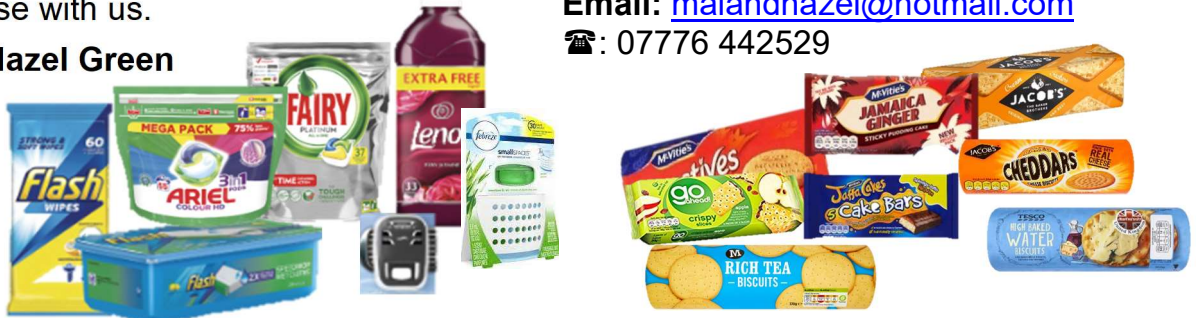
The reason given for closing these recyclable collections is that Supermarkets are now running their own recycling schemes. That is good news for the planet but not for our charity and I am very sad that we will not have as much to give to 'Pillars'.

However, we are still collecting cake and biscuit wrappers, flexible packaging bags used for dishwasher tabs and detergent capsules, packaging of household wipes like Flash or the anti-bacterial ones, plastic air fresheners, tinted fabric conditioner bottles or the tinted plastic boxes used for home cleaning products. So do please continue to support our scheme by recycling these with us.

Thank you, Hazel Green

Email: malandhazel@hotmail.com

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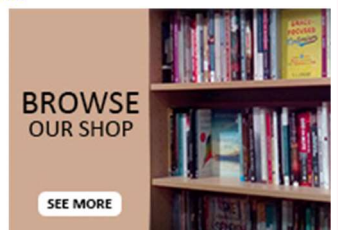
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And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all

For the Young & not so Young

PUZZLES

Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone. Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.

How will we move the stone from the entrance?



But when they got there...

the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty... except for an angel!



Don't be afraid! God raised Jesus to life and he isn't here. Go and tell the disciples.



They fled to tell the others...



but they didn't believe them.

Peter and John ran to the tomb to look.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.



Why are you crying?

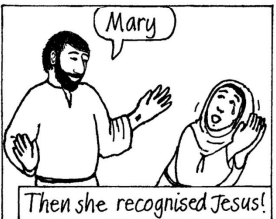
Someone behind her asked



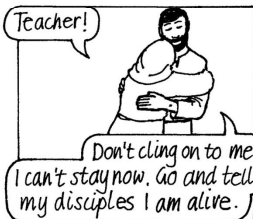
Who are you looking for?

I don't know where his body is!

Have you taken his body?



Mary



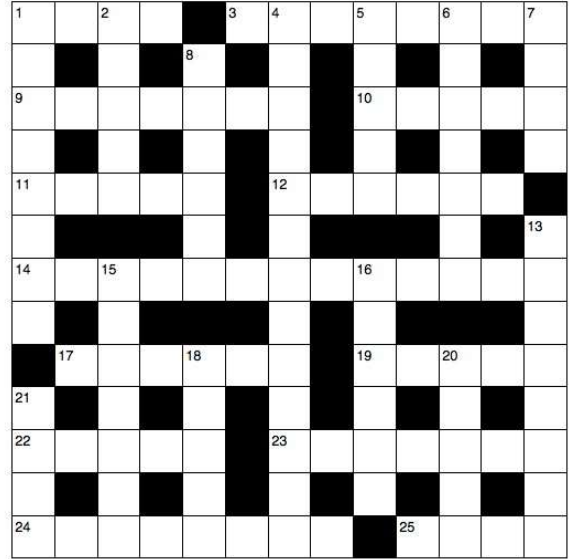
Teacher!

Don't cling on to me. I can't stay now. Go and tell my disciples I am alive.

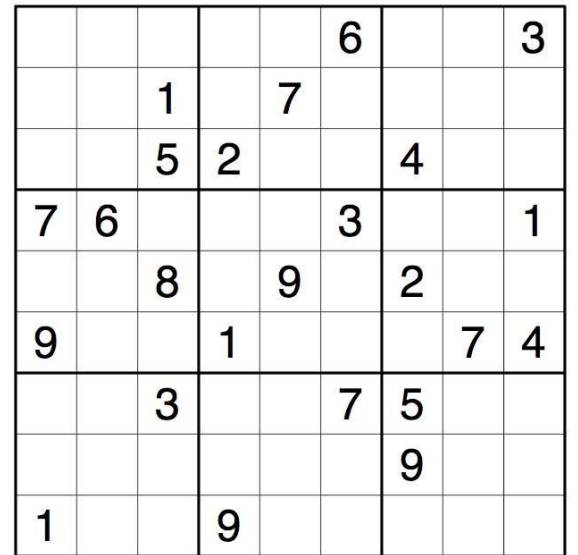
So Mary went back and told the others the amazing news!



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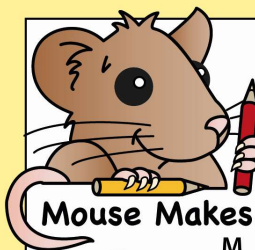
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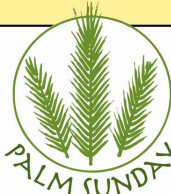
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Wordsearch – Jesus astonished the disciples by washing their feet. He said: "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

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| Passover | Lord | Blood |
| Ate | Supper | Lamb |
| Last | Bread | God |
| Disciples | Wine | Die |
| World | Body | Sins |
| John | Gospel | Killed |
| Feet | Washing | Love |
| Command | Service | Maundy |
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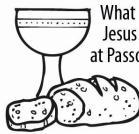
HAPPY EASTER!
Jesus has risen!
Jesus is with us!
Jesus will come
again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

Read Matthew 21:1-11



What did Jesus do at Passover?

Read Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?

What had happened to Jesus?

Read Matthew 28



Who betrayed Jesus?
Who denied Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:17-75



What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?

What time did Jesus die?

Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

Read Matthew 27



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Find these words from the Easter story in the word search:

DONKEY • ROAD • BRANCHES • PALMS • KING • HOSANNA
PASSOVER • ROOM • BREAD • WINE • CUP • MEAL • BODY • BLOOD
KISS • MESSIAH • CHRIST • JESUS • CRUCIFY • CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE • NAILS • CROSS • DARKNESS • QUAKE • DEATH • LOTS
TOMB • LINEN • STONE • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING
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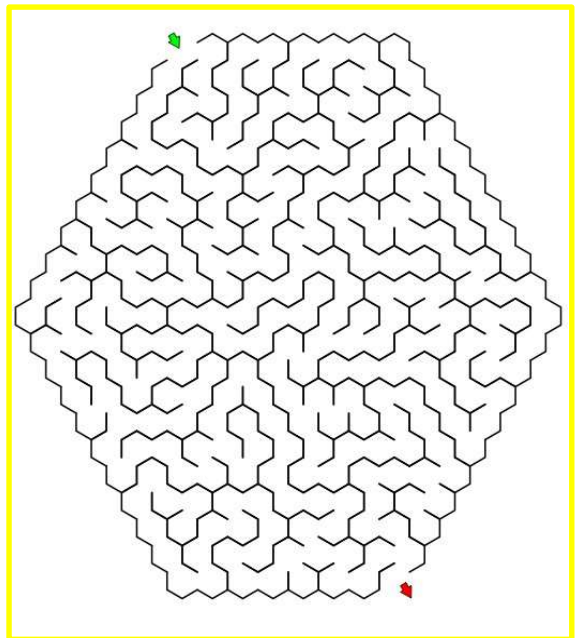
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Crossword Clues – Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Crossword Clues – Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



- The English nation is never so great as in adversity – *Benjamin Disraeli*
- **True, but odd** – The Bible is among the topmost shoplifted books in the world, according to several sources, including CNN and the New York Times.

The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



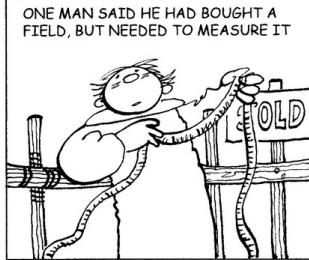
ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY



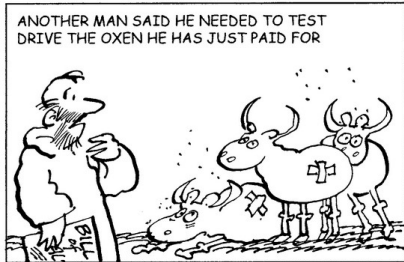
HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS



BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES



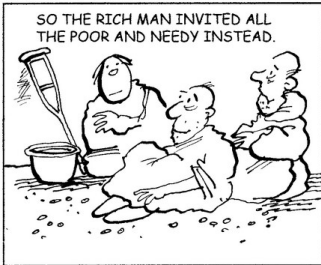
ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!



SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

Puzzle Pages Solutions

Across:

- 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

Down:

- 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

Sudoku Solution

2	7	9	4	8	6	1	5	3
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Wordsearch Words:

- John
- Taken
- Understand
- Moved
- Morning
- Crying
- Someone
- Disciples
- Recognised
- Peter
- Stone
- Afraid
- Alive
- Body
- Mary
- Angels
- Wrapped
- Empty
- Believe
- Jesus
- Cloths
- Tomb
- Spices
- Sunday

- The world cannot bury Christ. The earth is not deep enough for His tomb, the clouds are not wide enough for His winding-sheet – *Edward Thomson*

