

TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WIMBLEDON
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Sunday 3rd December 2017

NOTICE PAPER

Today

Advent Sunday

10:30 Elders' Meeting

11:00 Morning worship

With Holy Communion

16:00 Nativity Play Rehearsal

We are delighted to welcome visitors joining us for worship today. We hope you will make yourself known to the Minister or Elders. We extend a warm welcome to all children. We have a Junior Church for children from 3 upwards and a creche for babies and toddlers.

万分欢迎你來聯合歸正教會三一堂崇拜。我們的崇拜首先是與英文堂一起的。在牧師作兒童短講之後，我們會繼續在副堂作中文崇拜。期望你能參加。

The December/January edition of Trinity News is available today.

The Traidcraft Stall will be available today and again on 17 December.

Large print copies of this Notice Paper and Order of Service are available from the Door Stewards. Please ask for a copy if you would like one.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Notice Paper should be sent to Elizabeth Scharinger by Wednesday lunch-time at office@trinitywimbledon.org or (020) 8946 9281

This Week

4	Mon		
5	Tue	10:00	Christmas Tree Festival – tree installation day
6	Wed	10:30	Christmas Tree Festival – decorating day
7	Thu	10:30- 20:00 19:30	Christmas Tree Festival Prayer Meeting
8	Fri	10:00 10:30- 20:00	Trinity Toddlers Christmas Tree Festival
9	Sat	10:30- 20:00	Christmas Tree Festival
10	Sun	09:30 11:00 12.30- 16:00 13:00 16:30	Choir Practice Morning worship Christmas Tree Festival Supersonic Carols Among the Trees

Wednesday Social Group reminder

The December meeting of the group will be on **Wednesday 13 December**. We will be having a special festive get together with musical entertainment from Miriam Grant and Andrew Davies, followed by a special Christmas Afternoon Tea.

If you have not been to the group before and are interested to know more about what we do, you will be very welcome, just mention your intention to either one of the following people, by Monday 9 December: Isobel Angus, Janet Young or Edelweiss Dunfield-Prayero.

The Revd D Ceri Lewis memorial window appeal

I am pleased to report that, following my request in October's issue of Trinity News, a further £2,125 was raised for this appeal. As a result, when Gift Aid tax relief is added, we have covered the cost. Special thanks to all who donated to this appeal. - Robin Goodchild, Congregational Treasurer.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – 7 to 10 December

We need some strong helpers TODAY please

The majority of the trees at our Festival stand on top of the side aisle pews on wooden boards. The boards are stored in the gallery at the back of the church, and we will need to bring these downstairs at the **end of the Morning Service today**. If you are able to help for a short time during coffee time, we would be enormously grateful.

On Tuesday we install our trees

This year we have 41 Christmas trees to put into special stands and place in position for the decorators who will come into the church the following day. As you can imagine, it is quite a task! We also have special lighting to set up, and all sorts of other things to create a wonderful event. If you are able to come along to help – even for an hour or so – we'd be more than delighted to see you! We'll be working from about 10.00am until we finish! – probably around 7pm. We'd be grateful for tea and coffee too if you could make us a cup!

Wednesday is tree decorating day

From 10.30am until 8pm the church will be full of people decorating the Christmas trees and making sure everything is ready for our grand opening on 7 December. If you are able to spare an hour or so to help, it would be much appreciated. The tree decorators will be some of our premises hirers, local businesses and organisations, and Trinity folk – and it would be good to be able to offer them a helping hand and a cup of tea or coffee. All help will be much appreciated on that long but enjoyable day!

Most importantly....welcomers are always needed

Thanks to all those who responded to the request last Sunday. We still need more people around to welcome our visitors during the Festival. Just to be here and offer a friendly welcome is all that is required. Please sign the list in the vestry corridor if you can offer an hour or so.

Merton Winter Night Shelter 2017/18 – Volunteer Training

There will be a training session for Night Shelter volunteers (new and old) on Sunday 14 January from 3-5pm in the Café at the YMCA, The Broadway, Wimbledon. It would be excellent if we can have a good turnout from Trinity. It is some while since most of us attended Night Shelter training, so a refresher will be an excellent opportunity to prepare for this winter's shelter. Please contact Ralph Goodchild (07531 428750, ralphgoodchild@gmail.com), or Robin Goodchild (020 3304 9208, robin.goodchild@sky.com), or Rosalie Bolland (020 8543 5505, rosbol@btinternet.com) if you are able to attend. (See also the article on the Night Shelter in this month's issue of Trinity News page 22).

Christmas Music

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Supersonic at Centre Court last weekend - we certainly rocked the shopping mall! We also received £223 from generous shoppers to donate to Save the Children.

It's not too late for anyone aged 5-12 to join in the fun! We have one final children's music workshop next Sunday 10 December 13:00 - 16:00, where we're hoping to rehearse and perform our own fun short pantomime in church in just one afternoon! There will be audience participation too so if you're coming to Carols Among the Trees at 16:30, do come along a little earlier at 15:45 and join in.

A "Trinity Angelus" (the Angelus is a traditional call to prayer)

We invite you to set aside some time each *Wednesday lunchtime* (any time between 12noon and 2pm), wherever you are, to join in prayer with the Trinity community. Prayer topics for this Wednesday 6 December.

At Trinity:

Pray for all who will be participating in or attending Trinity's Christmas Tree Festival this week

Our Borough:

Pray for Pollards Hill ward councillors Jeff Hanna, Joan Henry, Martin Whelton

URC Southern Synod & South London Synod Area:

Pray for all staff at the Southern Synod Office in East Croydon, giving thanks for their work

The wider United Reformed Church:

Pray for the URC's 13 Synod Moderators as they hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday and Thursday

Campaigns & Events:

Saturday is International Anti-Corruption Day; give thanks for the work of the UN Office on Drugs & Crime, and pray for integrity among all public servants and courage for all 'whistleblowers'

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer cycle:

Pray for Myanmar and Thailand