

# Trinity News



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**Trinity United Reformed Church  
Mansel Road, Wimbledon SW19**

# SEPTEMBER



## 1 Sept – 4 Oct

## Season of Creation

<b>1</b>	<b>SUN</b>	10:30 <b>11:00</b>	Elders' Meeting <b>Morning worship with Holy Communion</b> Junior Church re-starts
3	Tue	19:30	Lectio Divina
4	Wed	20:00	Elders' Council
5	Thu	20:00	Finance Team
6	Fri	20:00	Friday Fellowship
7	Sat	16:00	Pilots
<b>8</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Morning worship</b>
9	Mon	14:30	Pastoral Team
11	Wed	20:00 20:00	Church & Society Communications & Publicity Team
12	Thu	10:30	Lettings Team
13	Fri	20:00	Friday Fellowship
<b>15</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
17	Tue	19:30	Lectio Divina
20	Fri	20:00	Friday Fellowship
21	Sat	<b>19:00</b> 16:00	<b>Festival Organ Concert</b> Pilots

<b>22</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Morning worship</b>
24	Tue	20:00	Worship & Faith Development Team
26	Thu	20:00	Church Meeting
27	Fri	20:00	Friday Fellowship
28	Sat	tbc	Christian Aid Richmond Riverside sponsored walk
<b>29</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving Harvest All-age worship</b>



## Harvest Donations for Wimbledon Foodbank

As in recent years, we will once again collect items for the Foodbank at our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 29 September. Donations must be in date and include non-perishable items such as:

Breakfast cereals	rice and pasta
Tinned fruit and veg	tinned meat and fish
Ketchup	tea, coffee
Juice and squash	sugar
Jam	long-life milk
Washing powder	toilet paper

Further information (including a current list of urgently needed items) can be found at: <https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

At all other times, donations should be put in the shopping trolley in the entrance to the Mansel Road Centre. **Lydia Khurshid**

# Minister's Letter



*Dear Friends,*

September at Trinity is a Green month. That's because we join with churches around the world in observing the ecumenical 'Creation Time', a relatively new liturgical season that stretches from 1 September to St Francis' Day on 4 October. In 2007 the Third European Ecumenical Assembly, held in Sibiu, Romania, urged churches to dedicate this season to "prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change."

Twelve years further on, the task is ever more urgent. For every advance (the Paris Accord, growth in renewable energy technologies, etc) there seems to be a host of setbacks (spiralling pollution, unsustainable deforestation, etc). The campaigning rhetoric is rightly moving from 'climate change' towards such terms as 'climate crisis' in recognition of the reality that we are all close to a tipping point, a point of no return, with the world's poorest communities most immediately in mortal danger.

In the United Reformed Church of which Trinity is a part, recent months have seen significant progress in responding to Creation's cry. At the time of writing, our neighbouring Wessex Synod has just become the third to divest its shareholdings from fossil fuel energy companies; this follows the decision earlier in the Summer of the URC's Mission Council to divest centrally held funds. Meanwhile Trinity's own progress includes consolidation of our Bronze Eco-Church Award and a Church Meeting vote to pursue a declaration of Climate Emergency in our own Southern Synod.

This year our observance of Creation Time incorporates both celebration and commitment, both lament and learning. On each of the five Sundays in September we'll look at a different aspect of how we relate to our environment, as a church and as individuals:

- Sunday 1 September - **G** is for **Guests**
- Sunday 8 September - **R** is for **Recycling**
- Sunday 15 September - **E** is for **Energy**
- Sunday 22 September - **E** is for **Explore**
- Sunday 29 September - **N** is the **New**

A note about those last two Sundays: **22 September** is being promoted as a London-wide **Car-Free Day** and whilst we may not all be able to comply, it would certainly be a fitting occasion to make the journey to church on foot, by bike, bus or train! Then on **29 September** we celebrate our **Harvest Festival**, a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to Trinity.

I look forward to sharing with you our journey through Creation Time!

*Every Blessing*

*Dominic*



## Reminders and Notes for Your Diaries



Our next Church Meeting for all Trinity members and friends will be held on **Thursday 26 September at 8pm** in the Mansel Road Centre.

Members are encouraged to share in the life of the church, and an important way of doing this is by attending Church Meetings. Please note the date now and come. An agenda will be published shortly.

## Wednesday Social Group

There is no meeting of the Group in September, but we will re-group on Wednesday 2 October for an afternoon of "Holiday Memories". Maybe you've already been on holiday or maybe you are still to go away. Either way, you are invited to bring back a picture, an item, an exciting or memorable experience or just a recollection that you would like to share with others.



## Richmond Riverside Christian Aid Sponsored Walk Saturday 28 September

9.30 am at St Matthias Church, Church Rd,  
Richmond TW10 6LL. Starting to walk at 10.30 am

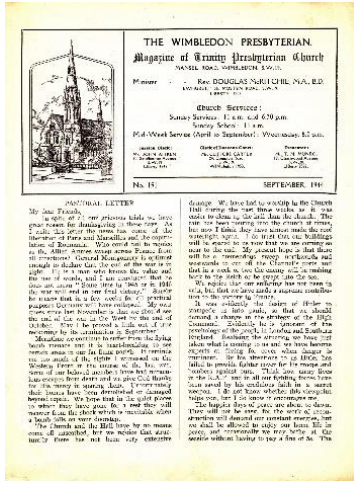


We did this walk last year and really enjoyed it. It is very scenic, starting on Richmond Hill and then down to Ham and on to Kew mostly walking by the Thames. It also is a chance to visit three interesting churches. Our grandchildren particularly liked the cakes available at all the stops!

Details are on the Trinity website but for more information contact Justice at [rpw@christian-aid.org](mailto:rpw@christian-aid.org) or phone 0207 523 2044 and to register go to [rrw19.eventbrite.co.uk](http://rrw19.eventbrite.co.uk)

***Mike and Margaret Tulloch***

# From the Archives Through the decades No 7: 1940s



## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS.

We have been carrying on amid great and growing difficulties. We have been driven from the church into the hall for our services, and one Sunday evening, when the rain poured into the church and hall alike, we retired to the Session Room for our service. The most up-to-date ventilation system kept our congregation of 12 from feeling the place stuffy! Blasted windows provide a very soothing current of air!!

We reached the low-water mark of attendance last Sunday morning. The rain was pouring down and, judging from frequent explosions, so were the bombs! Twenty-eight ventured out in the midst of all this and really they deserve a decoration! Normally our morning attendance has been between 60 and 80.

Trinity photographs from the 1940s are few and far between so here is part of an article from the *Wimbledon Presbyterian*, whose format you can see on the left, the predecessor of *Trinity News* in September 1944.

This article on the right was written, probably by the Minister, Mr McRitchie, at the height of the V1 flying bomb terror. Maybe when we are wondering whether to go to church on a Sunday because the weather is too hot, or too cold, or too wet we should remember what some of our predecessors braved to come to Trinity.



# **FESTIVAL ORGAN CONCERT**

**Saturday 21 September 7pm**

Featuring

## **PROFESSOR IAN TRACEY**

World-renowned performer and recording artist  
Organist Titulaire at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

### **KAROL SZWECH**

Polish Conductor & Composer

### **ANDREW DAVIES**

Trinity Church Musical Director

Tickets £10 - under 18s free - available from  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/festivalorganconcert](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/festivalorganconcert)

or in person on Sundays, after morning worship

Enquiries: [concert@trinitywimbledon.org.uk](mailto:concert@trinitywimbledon.org.uk)  
020 8946 9281

Venue: **TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**  
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[www.trinitywimbledon.org](http://www.trinitywimbledon.org)



On the opposite page is the publicity poster for the Festival Organ Concert to be held on Saturday 21 September at Trinity, in celebration of our new organ.

There will be a wonderfully varied programme of organ music performed by three outstanding musicians:

**Professor Ian Tracey** - a world-renowned organist and recording artist with the current distinction of being the Organist Titulaire at Liverpool Cathedral. He will be the principal performer, providing a wide selection of generally well-known organ music and will explain the versatility of Trinity's new instrument.

**Karol Szwech** - a highly talented young Polish musician, who is organist at St Michael the Archangel Church in Warsaw, where Trinity's former pipe organ is to be located, Recently, Karol conducted the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra.

**Andrew Davies** - Trinity's own Director of Music, who is respected greatly for his range of musical talents and versatility, and for his wide contribution to our worship and church life.

Tickets are available on Sundays, and also may be purchased via

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/festivalorganconcert](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/festivalorganconcert)

This will be a significant event in Trinity's calendar this year and another opportunity to reach out in the local community. It is important that we have a good attendance at the Concert, not least in recognition of performers of such excellence.

**Flyers about the concert are now available.**

**Please do attend and tell and bring along others!**

More details are available on the Trinity website or from Sandy McLeish.



**in support of London's Air Ambulance  
(6, 7 & 8 December 2019)**

We are now just three months away from our Christmas Tree Festival. Our theme this year is **"Anniversaries"**. We will again be supporting London's Air Ambulance Charity, and 2019 marks their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will also be our 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival.

Are you or your workplace celebrating an anniversary? If so, why not sponsor a tree and decorate it to mark your special day or year? Or you may like to select another anniversary which occurs this year for your tree. A list of suggestions is posted on the notice board in the vestry corridor.

Why not sponsor a tree as a family, or with friends as a group (just £60 for a 5ft tree)? We provide the tree and you decorate and light it. Sign up today! We will have a limit of around 40 trees and at the time of writing 15 trees have already been sponsored. It is 'first come first served'. We are looking forward to some interesting tree decorations!

Another Craft & Gift Fair is also planned for the Saturday. Further details of this can be obtained from Elizabeth Scharinger, Church Administrator ([office@trinitywimbledon.org](mailto:office@trinitywimbledon.org)).

An important part of our Festival is the sponsorship. In addition to tree sponsors, we need sponsorship for refreshments, lighting, publicity, printing..... If you have any contacts who might be willing to sponsor, please do let us know as soon as possible. If everyone gave us the name of just one contact, it would make an enormous difference to the success of the Festival.

There are very many jobs to be done to get the Festival off the ground. Have a look at the list on the notice board to see some of them, and please offer your help. Get involved and make this an even more successful event for Trinity and support London's Air Ambulance.

For further information about the Festival, and all offers of help, please contact Catherine Paul ([catherine.f.paul@btinternet.com](mailto:catherine.f.paul@btinternet.com)).

### **More Support for London's Air Ambulance**

Anni Struthers is taking part in a fund raising abseil from the Helipad (17<sup>th</sup> floor) for London's Air Ambulance on 14 September. Anni's idea for a fund raiser was inspired by Ali who spoke to us at Trinity about the work of London's Air Ambulance before the Christmas Tree Festival last December.

Of course, she will be looking for sponsors. For those wishing to support Please go on the internet to the 'justgiving.com' web page and find her on the fundraising page as Anni-Struthers and give whatever you can.

### **Happy Birthday in September to**

16	Kwame Sarpong	(13)
16	Carter Stirling-Curran	(3)
24	Benjamin Pratt	(3)
28	Deon Nunoo	(14)



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PLEASE BE PROMPT**

## Pulpit and Font

During June the stonework of the pulpit and font was professionally cleaned by a stone conservator from Plowden Smith & Co. The pulpit had been cleaned at least twice before but perhaps not as thoroughly.



The pulpit dates from the original construction of the church in 1891. At an August 1890 meeting of the Deacons' Court, the Minister, Revd W J Maxwell, said that he had seen 'a very suitable stone pulpit at Brixton'. It was 'agreed that our Minister's wishes must be consulted'.

The architects and builders Messrs Townsend were asked to produce a design and model of a pulpit. They did so and the design was agreed, subject to an open Bible being carved on the front. The pulpit, originally trimmed in crimson, cost £94.

Later a cover was made and put in place after the Sunday services. The upholstery was changed to 'Presbyterian Blue' in 1955.

The font is much more recent, dating from March 1935. It was a gift to Trinity from Mr G G Young. Purchased from Maile and Son Ltd, to

match the pulpit, it is octagonal, solid Portland stone with red marble columns and an oak cover. Including delivery, it cost £45.

The font was lifted to stand on the chancel stage when the alterations were made in 1996. It has suffered damage over the years from candlewax but is now as good as new.



## From the Editor

Impress Print Services Ltd print Trinity News every month. Our Account Manager Guy Donaldson on reading that we have an Eco-Friendly Church Award sent me the following message.

"Hi Anne

*I saw that you had been awarded an Eco church award, we are a carbon balanced printer, all our production is CB, if you would like we will CB the paper element of your jobs, you can use the attached logo on your newsletter or state that all the production & paper to produce this newsletter has been Carbon Balanced, There is no extra charge for this, and hopefully it will help towards the Silver award. Attached is the Logo and the Impress Green approach."*

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It confirms that the carbon impacts of the whole publication of a printed item has been estimated and balanced or offset. The accreditation recognises excellence in environmental performance across the entire spectrum of a company's operations and services.

We received this accreditation through mapping our operational carbon footprint to defined boundaries, third party verified by Capitalactiv, then balanced these impacts with the World Land Trust. As part of the process, our unavoidable annual carbon footprint was measured at 489 tonnes. These carbon emissions will be balanced through preserving 41,000 square metres of high value conservation land with the World Land Trust. The equivalent to 5 football pitches or taking 125 average petrol cars off the road each year. Being a Carbon Balanced Printer shows our commitment to the environment as a business and helps us support our clients in their Environmental and Corporate Social Responsibility policies."

If anybody would like to see a copy of Impress's Green Approach booklet, please contact the Editor.

Trinity has agreed to have the paper version of Trinity News Carbon Balanced.

***Editor***

