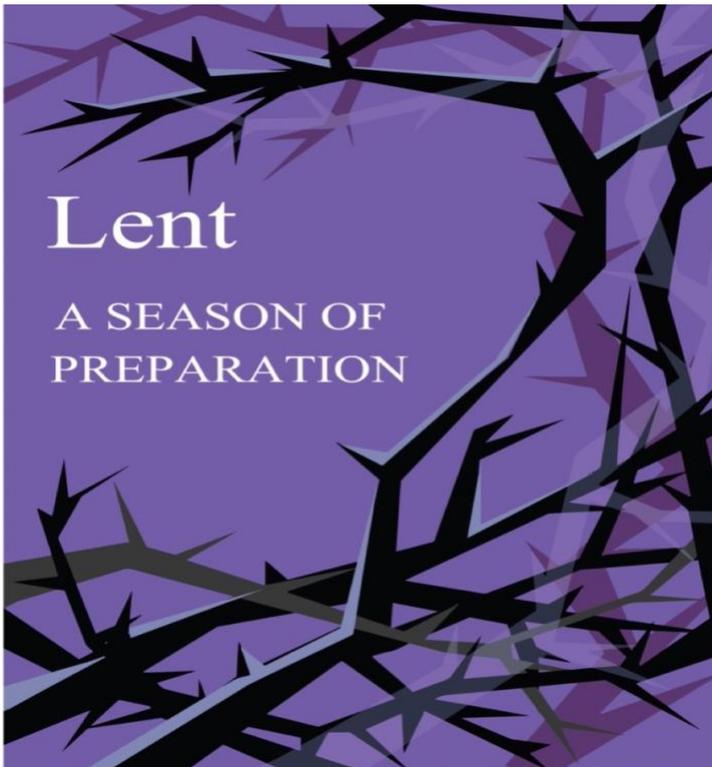


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Worship

Sundays in March

- 6** **1st Sunday of Lent**
10:30 Elders' meeting
11:00 Morning worship with Holy Communion
 led by Revd Alistair Cumming, Church of
 Scotland minister
- 13** **2nd Sunday of Lent**
11:00 Morning worship led by
 Worship & Faith Development Team
- 20** **3rd Sunday of Lent**
11:00 Morning worship led by
 Revd David Marshall-Jones, retired URC
 minister
11:45 Church Meeting & election to Elders' Council
- 27** **4th Sunday in Lent/Mothering Sunday**
11:00 All-age worship for Mothering Sunday led by
 Claire Wood & Sarah Elliot



***British Summer Time begins on 27 March.
Don't forget to move your clocks forward.***



March

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| 1 | Tue | 19:00 | First Aid course |
| 2 | Wed | 11:00 | Queens Road house group |
| | | 20:00 | Elders' Council |
| 4 | Fri | 20:00 | Film Club |
| 7 | Mon | 20:00 | Lent course on Zoom |
| 8 | Tue | 20:00 | Children & Youth Work Team |
| 11 | Fri | 20:00 | Friday Fellowship |
| 12 | Sat | 10:00 | Synod Together |
| 14 | Mon | 20:00 | Lent course on Zoom |
| 18 | Fri | 20:00 | Film Club |
| 21 | Mon | 20:00 | Lent course on Zoom |
| 24 | Thu | 20:00 | Finance Team |
| 25 | Fri | 20:00 | Friday Fellowship |
| 28 | Mon | 20:00 | Lent course on Zoom |



Church Family News

In memoriam

Mrs Carolyn Nowell

Carolyn passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, 10 February. She and Hugh had been married for over sixty-four years. Carolyn was born in North California and grew up in Palo Alto (now the centre of Silicon Valley). She came to Europe after the Second World War to

help with peace initiatives where, through his sister Chris Channer, she met Hugh, and never left. They have been loyal members of Trinity for almost fifty years and Carolyn supported Hugh's eldership and devoted service to the choir throughout. She ran a very happy family. Our deep condolences to Hugh and their sons John and Kent on their loss.

Long Service

Congratulations to Andrew Sutton on the 50th anniversary in February of his ordination to the Eldership at Trinity. Andrew is our third longest serving Elder, after our Senior Elders Norman Angus and Ivor Rice-Jones (1966).

March birthdays

A very happy birthday to those celebrating this month, including Gareth Clifford, Katrina Clifford, Cathy Dundee, Ivor Rice-Jones, Alex Woo, Claire Wood and Daniel Wut.



Ministry and Mission Contributions 2021

On behalf of the United Reformed Church, I thank each church within Southern Synod for their efforts in contributing to the M&M Fund in 2021. It was a difficult year for all of us. Thanks to your church's efforts Southern Synod was able to meet its M&M commitment to the URC enabling the URC to meet its obligations to ministers, staff and its mission to Christ's wider church.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Denison".

John Denison
Synod Treasurer

Whole life discipleship

What comes to mind when you think of the word 'disciple'? You are probably thinking of the friends and followers of Jesus in the Bible. Perhaps you are thinking of a preacher or minister. Perhaps you are like the man who said that his brother is a Christian.... "but he takes it far too seriously!"

For some of us, being a Christian can feel like a hobby like any other. Some play golf on a Saturday, we 'go to church' on a Sunday. But being a Christian is not a private matter that affects only us and our personal faith - it impacts the whole of our lives: work, family, leisure and study.



Trinity has begun an exciting and inspiring journey as part of the Southern Synod Learning Hub. Over two years we will, as a church, learn how to equip and encourage each other to be this kind of disciple. This doesn't mean learning how to crowbar a conversation about Jesus into every situation. It means helping us each to see how we can live and function as Christians in every area of life.

You will see and hear much more about this in the coming months, some small things, some big things, so that we can really live up to Paul's message to the churches at Rome:

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him." (Romans 12:1, Message Version)



1 Peter: Confidence in a Complex World

Join us for a weekly time of sharing, discussion and prayer, Monday evenings during Lent (beginning on 7 March at 8pm) as we read 1 Peter together on Zoom.

In his letter to scattered groups of Christians in what is modern-day Turkey, the apostle Peter ignites imagination and inspires hope for the possibilities of everyday life in a complex world.

Like those who first received Peter's letter, you will be challenged to see your daily context afresh and deeply encouraged to live confidently - Monday to Saturday - wherever you are.

Look out for more details by email, sign up to receive church emails if you have not already done so, or speak to Sam Elliot for more information.



Queens Road housegroup



The Queens Road Housegroup began to study Ezekiel at its first meeting of the year and will continue to do so on Ash Wednesday, **2 March** at 11am. At present we are continuing to meet 'remotely'.

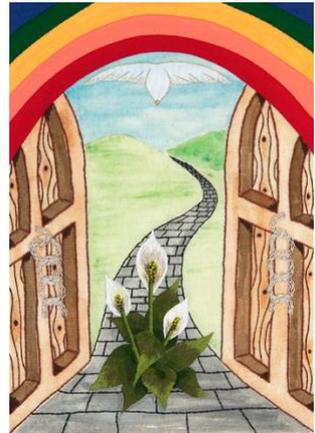
As always we would be happy to welcome anybody to the group who would like to join us in studying this fascinating book. Enquiries and joining instructions can be obtained from Alison Trehearn or Alan Young.

World Day of Prayer 2022

Theme: "I know the plans I have for you"

The service this year has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Our local Service on **Friday 4 March** will be at 10:30am at the church of St John the Divine, High Path, SW19 2JY, attended by the Mayor of Merton and Wimbledon MP (tbc). Everyone is welcome.



The service will be recorded on YouTube giving you the opportunity to watch later.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZcCK2IkIz5mLmH10En3r0w>

Further information about World Day of Prayer organisation and this year's service can be seen at

<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2022-theme-and-country-ewni/>



**21 February
to 6 March**

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

Our Traidcraft Stall, which takes place once a month, stocks Fairtrade products and one very easy way to support Fairtrade is to make one product switch in your shopping.

Making a Fairtrade switch has a big impact on the lives of farmers and workers.

- Quench your thirst with Fairtrade [fruit juice](#).
- Try delicious Fairtrade [cereal bars, popcorn or dried fruit](#).
- For an occasional treat, Divine [chocolate](#) bars are a great alternative.
- However you make [your tea](#), make sure it's Fairtrade.
- Stock up on Fairtrade [coffee](#).
- Make life sweeter for farmers with Fairtrade [sugar](#).

**The Traidcraft stall will be available in the Old Hall on
Sunday 13 March**



Remembering Robert Kemble

It is over 40 years since the Revd Robert Kemble, who grew up in Trinity, died at a very early age. Few members will now remember him – he was the first young person from Trinity to enter the ministry. We remember him with admiration and affection for the work that he did.

Robert William Sydney Kemble was born in March 1943. His grandfather was a Presbyterian minister and his parents, James and Dorothy, were already Trinity members. Robert was baptised here. He grew up through the Sunday School and Fellowship of Youth. He went to school at Rokeby and then Charterhouse, obtaining a BA degree at Leeds University. On his 21st birthday he announced, to the surprise of his family, that he intended to go into the ministry. He underwent theological training at Westminster College, Cambridge.



In July 1968, in Trinity, Robert was licenced to preach by Presbytery and in October, following a call to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wigan he was ordained and inducted there, his Wimbledon minister Revd H Burns Jamieson introducing him to his congregation. His six years at Wigan were busy ones and during that time he served as Chaplain to the Moderator of General Assembly, Revd Principal Alan MacLeod, Chaplain to the Civic Mayor of Wigan and President of the Council of Churches. He bucked denominational tradition by becoming the first non-Roman Catholic minister to the National Chaplaincy of the Young Christians Students organisation. A major town-wide event was the pageant 'Sir we would see Jesus' which attracted large audiences and involved 800 school children and adults. On a sponsored cycle ride from John o' Groats to Lands End he and a friend raised funds for the church.

In 1974 Robert determined to go on a tour, a pilgrimage he called it, to the Third World to experience and live with the world's poorest. He visited Latin America, apartheid South Africa and the Philippines.

Upon his return, after a year, he began to work among the homeless, drug addicts and alcoholics around Trafalgar Square.

Robert moved into a flat above Orange Street Congregational chapel where he lived in isolation visiting the homeless on the streets every night. Whilst remaining a URC minister he was inducted as minister of the chapel on a part time basis. In 1978 Robert's father died and left him a small inheritance with which he purchased a derelict house, 12 Goodge Place, near Tottenham Court Road, intending to create a 'City Centre Church House' to incorporate a home, chapel, office and meeting room.

While this was being planned, in October 1980, Robert had a major cancer operation. During his slow convalescence he completed the house purchase and in February 1981 gained the backing of the URC Central London District to provide finance for his stipend so that he could devote himself to work from the house. In March, however, the pain returned and he died on 16 May 1981 at the early age of 38.

In his Will Robert left the house for the foundation of the 'Robert Kemble Christian Institute', which would seek to study and to take action on issues of poverty and homelessness. His executors completed the renovation of the house and appointed a minister. The house was later sold and the mission moved to Pott Street URC, Bethnal Green where, as 'Praxis', the work continues.

Following his death Robert was described as 'the soul of courtesy and kindness to all he met. He devoted his life to helping outcasts and dropouts. He deliberately chose a lonely path and found it hard to let others see how lonely he was. He prayed without ceasing and whatever he did he did it for the love of Christ.'

Photos: Above - Robert at Westminster College, Cambridge

Right - Robert with Revd Henry B Jamieson at his induction at Wigan



Thanks to Robert's brother James and to the Archivist at Westminster College, Cambridge for their help with this article.

CHURCH MEETING

**Sunday 20 March 2022
following the Service**

Election to Elders' Council

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Trinity News

Final copy date for the April (Easter) edition of *Trinity News* is Sunday 20 March. Please send items to catherine.f.paul@btinternet.com

Go Green for Lent

ARocha – the Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world, and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment, have provided some ideas about how to 'Go Green for Lent'.

Lent starts on 2 March and ends on 16 April. If you haven't decided what to give up or start doing for this period (in addition to attending Trinity's Lent course), the list below might give you some inspiration:

- Reduce your use of single use plastics by using refill shops such as the one in Centre Court called 'Zero'
- Buy from local small shops to reduce your carbon footprint or buy in bulk if you shop further away from home.
- Slowly start thinking about reducing your waste by visiting recycling centres such as Co-op who now recycle all soft plastics or Superdrug who now recycle all pill packaging.
- Try going vegetarian or even vegan for one day a week – there is an initiative called 'Meat Free Monday' which you could follow.
- Take a step to saving energy when you're at home – turn off lights, reduce dishwasher runs, wash clothes on a colder or eco wash.



We'd be interested to hear how you get on. We'll be issuing the congregation with a questionnaire soon to find out how 'green' they are, how much they are aware of environmental issues, and how they can play a small part in making changes.

Good Luck!

- Eco Church group