



Trinity News

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May Services

- 1 11:00 Morning worship with Holy Communion**
led by the Revd Bill Bowman
(retired URC minister)
- 8 11:00 Morning worship**
led by Revd Alistair Cumming (Church of Scotland
minister)
- 15 11:00 Morning worship**
led by Revd Clive Gardner (Team Vicar of St Mark's
CoE, Wimbledon)
- 22 11:00 Morning worship**
led by Trinity Elders
- 29 11:00 Morning worship with ordination & induction
of Elders**
led by Revd Stephen Lewis (Minister of
Twickenham & Hampton Hill URCs, Trinity's
Interim Moderator)

May dates

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| 1 | Sun | 10:30 | Meeting for all Elders |
| 2 | Mon | Early May Bank Holiday | |
| 4 | Wed | 20:00 | Elders' Council & Finance Team |
| 6 | Fri | 20:00 | Film Club |
| 14 | Sat | 09:00 | Christian Aid car boot sale at
St Mary's field |
| 15-21 | | Christian Aid Week | |
| 20 | Fri | 20:00 | Film Club |
| 26 | Thu | 20:00 | Church Meeting |

Church Family News

Baptism

On 10 April - Hugo Wentzel, infant son of Mari-Lizette and Albè Malherbe at Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk Monumentpark, Pretoria, South Africa (photo below).



Congratulations...

to Ian McGilchrist who has just celebrated his 80th birthday. Ian is our longest serving member, having been confirmed by the Revd A Wm Bruce in 1957. He has served Trinity in many ways, in particular as long-term Deacon and Congregational Treasurer.

May birthdays

A very happy birthday to those celebrating this month, including Michael Chau, Siang Wei Chau, Alan Dickman, Robin Goodchild, Kiera Probert, Timothy Rostron and Mariella Sarpong.

If your birthday has been omitted it's because we don't know when it is! Please let us know the date.





A group of Trinity people met by Zoom throughout Lent, mainly on Monday evenings, to study and discuss the First Epistle of Peter. Those who took part found the discussions a useful preparation for Easter and we were grateful to Sam Elliot for his leadership.

While remote discussions were thought safest, it was a good opportunity to meet with other members.

Queens Road housegroup



What is your gut reaction when you hear stories of violence and injustice in nations around the world? This will be among the subjects for discussion when the Housegroup meets remotely on Thursday 5 May at 11am with our study based on Ezekiel 25 vv 1-17. This is the fourth of our six-part examination of Ezekiel.

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone to join us - Alison Trehearn or Alan Young would be happy to tell you more and to provide joining instructions.



Thursday 26 May at 8pm
In the Mansel Road Centre

If you are a church member or regularly worship at Trinity we hope to see you at this meeting.

A Message from



Christian CARE is a charity working in the London Borough of Merton. We are a group of 60 volunteers, many from churches of different denominations across Merton, who want to show care and concern for our neighbours as Jesus did. We are supported by churches, schools, women's groups and many individuals in the Borough and across the UK. We welcome and offer help to anyone whatever their race, colour or religion. Each year we support around 150 families whose lives are in crisis.

Christ has no body on earth now but yours; yours are the hands...



- ...that can share in leading and guiding the charity**
as **Deputy CARE Coordinator**
- ...that can organise exciting events for deprived and vulnerable children as** **Children's Activities Coordinator**
- ...that can gently comfort and support stressed and anxious parents as a** **Befriender**
- ...that can carry welcome bags of food to struggling families**
as a **'Shopper'**
- ...that can transform a bleak and empty property into a home**
as a **Furniture Project team member**
- ...that can create systems and smooth arrangements for the Projects**
as an **Office Assistant**
- ...that can drop off an emergency delivery with a kindly word**
as **an Occasional Driver**

*To discover more about volunteering opportunities with **Christian CARE** at this time of growing needs search our website*

<https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/volunteers.html>



The Foodbank is desperately short of plastic carrier bags. If you can donate any that you no longer need, please leave them in the trolley in the entrance to the Mansel Road Centre.

They are, as always, in desperate need of donations of food, toiletries and similar items and these can be left in the trolley as usual.

Our thanks to Lydia Khurshid who has, since 2016, looked after the Foodbank donations and deliveries on behalf of Trinity. Alan and Janet Young have now taken over this responsibility, and will be glad to supply further information.



From Faith In Action Merton Homelessness Project

We have received a letter of thanks for the donation from our Gift Day 'For Others'.

"What a wonderful start to Faith In Action's New Year – a cheque from Trinity United Reformed Church for £3,866.

"Donations have been much reduced during the pandemic so this generosity is even more appreciated!

"Please pass on our sincere thanks to all the congregation."

Pauline Southgate

Trustee and Treasurer, Faith in Action Merton Homelessness Project



15-21 May 2022

Christian Aid Week

About our cover picture this month

Jessica (right) poses outside her house with three of her children

Acknowledgement - Christian Aid/David Brazier

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's.

The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed her of the power to provide for her children.

And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe.

Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help Jessica set up water taps on her farm, learn to grow food, and provide seeds that thrive in drought – giving her all she needs to turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

Join us this Christian Aid Week, and help turn hunger into hope.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

Christian Aid week 2022

How would you like to get involved?

Help needed please

Christian Aid week 2022 is from 15 to the 21 May. We are only delivering envelopes house to house in our area this year with an invitation to donate directly or drop donations into the church. If you can help deliver please let Mike or me know.



The Car Boot sale is before the week, on Saturday 7 May in the morning in St Mary's Field in the Village. If you would like to take your car with stuff to sell, please go there early around 7.30. Cars cost £10. Help is needed there too, again please let Mike or me know.

- Margaret Tulloch

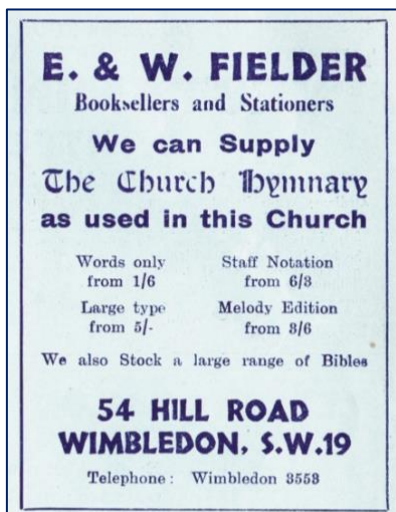


Did you know.....
that you can now recycle old batteries and
stamps in the Mansel
Road Centre?

There is a box for batteries next to the bins in the entrance foyer and the box for stamps is on the reception desk.

The stamp recycling programme is a great way to raise funds for the RNIB.

From the Archives



The above advertisement appeared in our Church magazine *Wimbledon Presbyterian* in 1935. Indeed advertisements for the store appeared regularly throughout the 1930s.

We had been near neighbours of Fielders for ninety-four years so it was sad to see the shop finally close at the end of March. We have had many connections with them as booksellers and stationers and they sponsored a tree at our first Christmas Tree Festival.

Fielders opened at 54 Hill Road in 1928 when the Fielder family took over the business from Alfred E Fricker who had traded there since about 1916. They were therefore one of the longest standing businesses in Wimbledon and all that time the business was run by members of the Fielder family, latterly Ian and Jean.

For many years they were primarily booksellers and many of us will remember browsing through their stock, on two floors. Later, presumably conscious of changing markets, they concentrated mainly on the sale of art materials and supplies.

So another link with pre-War Wimbledon is lost. Elys, Halfhides, which recently closed, and the 'Alexandra' were all founded in 1876. Are there any other Wimbledon businesses that have been open longer than Fielders?

Our prayers of intercession

on Easter Sunday, 17 April, were led by Margaret Tulloch who has given permission for them to be reprinted here.



Easter brings us all hope, hope for renewed life, and hope for better times ahead. Here we see the signs of Spring everywhere, adding to our feelings of hope and life renewed. Yet for so many people across the world it seems there is no hope.

Dear Lord

We pray for the people suffering with no hope of better times. We pray especially for those in Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine fearing the future and appalled by what is happening to their country. In so many other parts of the world people are afraid and without hope, leading them to try to find a life elsewhere. Jesus called on us to love everyone as our neighbour. We pray for the many refugees from all parts of the world such as Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Iran and Eritrea, who are trying to find a better life free from fear. We pray that everyone who needs help to survive and thrive will be given the strength to continue. Give those trying to help refugees the support they need. We pray that everywhere the peace and justice, which we all need, will prevail, so that no one anywhere will feel forced to leave their homes.

We pray for peace and justice in the Holy Land where the deep-seated division there is spilling over into violence.

We are now seeing the results of the climate crisis, most recently in the floods in South Africa. We pray for the people who have lost their homes and also especially for the scientists and engineers researching the ways in which the rise in temperature can be limited. We pray for the help we all need to play our part, however small, to bring about a change.

We pray especially for young people now hearing about war in Europe, coping with the fears of climate crisis and the effect of the pandemic. Please protect and help them to have the courage and the hope for the future which they deserve. We pray for those trying to help them cope with these anxieties.

Easter is a time for family gatherings, but for many it is another time to cope with being alone. We pray for all of those dealing with loneliness and anxiety. Many of our neighbours are facing illness and bereavement and we pray for them. We pray also for the support services including the NHS and social services trying to help in their very difficult circumstances.

In a moment of silence we pray for everyone who has asked for support and for those known to us who need our prayers.....

We continue to work in our church without a minister. We pray for support for all our Elders and members who are working hard to carry out the work of the church.

Dear God, Easter Day brings us hope, help us all to continue throughout the year with the hope that Easter brings us.

All these prayers we bring you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen



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**Final copy date for the June edition
of *Trinity News* is Sunday 22 May.
Please send items to
catherine.f.paul@btinternet.com**

The demand for Bible in Ukraine right now is enormous



Bible Society colleagues in Ukraine are supporting the Church as they reach out with Bibles and humanitarian aid, sharing the love and power of God's word. As the crisis around them shocks the world, they continue to serve their communities.

Anatoliy Raychynets of the Ukraine Bible Society said, 'We have met so many people in the last two weeks who have never had a Bible before, but now they are asking for us to pray with them. It is a revival.'

Bible Society colleagues visited Bucha, Hostomel, Irpin, Borodianka and other towns that lie 30–40km from the capital Kyiv. 'What we saw there was truly heart-breaking,' they said. 'Things are worse in reality than they are on TV, and sadly, the situation in Borodianka is even worse than in Bucha. We saw worse devastation and greater atrocities there. 'There is still no electricity, natural gas, or water in these towns that are just 30–40km outside our capital Kyiv, so people are cooking on fires in their yards and are truly thankful for any humanitarian aid.



'People in these towns, for many days hiding from Russians in cellars without food, are so thankful to receive fresh loaves of bread. But, when they see that we are from the Church, they ask for Bibles. This is in spite of the fact that many of them have never had a Bible before, yet they know that this book can help.'

You can help reach people in Ukraine (and those escaping) with God's love. Donate to the Bible Society at <https://bit.ly/3rHHj84>.