

Trinity News



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JULY WORSHIP

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| 3 | 11:00 | Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Ernest Yu (retired Associate Minister) |
| 10 | 11:00 | Morning worship led by Trinity Elders |
| 17 | 11:00 | Morning worship led by Trinity Elders |
| 24 | 11:00 | Morning worship led by Queens Road housegroup |

AUGUST WORSHIP

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| 7 | 11:00 | Morning worship (leader tbc) |
| 14 | 11:00 | Morning worship led by Revd Simon Asquith (Curate at Holy Trinity church, Wimbledon) |
| 21 | 11:00 | Morning worship led Revd Ernest Yu (retired Associate Minister) |
| 28 | 11:00 | Morning worship led by Revd David Marshall-Jones (retired URC minister) |



Church Family News

Change of address

Revd & Mrs D Lee (Daniel & Hannah) & Dr Sarah Lee – 20 Shamley,
26 Howard Rd, Surbiton KT5 8SD

Mr Hugh Nowell – Room 3, Kew House, Spencer Hill Road, SW19 4EL
Tel: (020) 8947 4363, M: 07802 629343



Birthdays in July

A very happy birthday to those celebrating this month, including

Cynthia Betts, Ellie Chau, Ian Henning, Hannah Jones, Dodie Khurshid,
Charlton Kwok, Liam Matika, Janet Mutelo and Joshua Scharinger

and in August

Isobel Angus, Gayle Derrick, Sarah Elliot, Robin Ingram, Gilli Lewis-Lavender, Cameron Lowe, Maddie Lowe, Andrew Melrose, Elizabeth Scharinger, Gordon Tam, Marie-Françoise Turrell, Christine van der Walt and Lesley Wilmot.

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



Queens Road housegroup



Some of the housegroup members will be leading the service on Sunday 24 July when we will tell the congregation about the Group and, hopefully, encourage some to join us!

Meanwhile we continue, and hope to conclude, our study of Ezekiel. Our next meetings will be at 217 Queens Road at 8pm on Tuesday 12 July and Thursday 18 August. Alan Young or Andrew Sutton would be happy to provide further information.



When I was hungry, you gave me food.....

Please don't feel under any obligation to give but this is simply a little guidance for anybody who would like to help.

The Foodbank is short of the following items and they ask us to consider these in our donations:-

- Tinned curry, meat balls, hot dogs, stew
- Noodles
- Tinned tomatoes
- Toiletries – shower gel, soap, shampoo
- Plastic carrier bags, branded or unbranded

Items can be left in the trolley in the entrance to the Mansel Road Centre at any time.

Further details about the Foodbank can be found at www.wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk





On **Sunday 10 July**, weather permitting, we will be having a picnic in South Park Gardens, SW19 8PN. We will walk down after the morning service and set up with games for the children and young people.

Please bring yourselves, your food and drink and something to sit on, and enjoy catching up with friends before the summer holidays. Please email sarahelliott278@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Come to tea!

We are hoping to have an afternoon tea party on **Wednesday 24 August** at 2.30pm in the courtyard and garden of the Mansel Road Centre.

We will be sending out invitations and further details but, in the meantime, would appreciate offers of help with transport (to Alan Young at alanjanety@aol.com Please).

Watch out for further announcements!

Tea Party

Commitment for Life and Christian Aid Week 2022

Our collection for Commitment for Life, the URC's global justice programme, was made during Lent, as in previous years. The total amount received, from online giving and envelopes placed in the pews, was £505. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



We were fortunate this year that once again we were able to share in running the Christian Aid car boot sale on St Mary's Field in Wimbledon Village, and that the weather was kind to us. A good number of cars appeared, and there were plenty of customers. In all the proceeds, from entry money, car charges, and sales from the Christian Aid table and of refreshments amounted to £1,430.



For the house-to-house delivery, this year we repeated the delivery only of envelopes to Trinity's allocated streets that we tried in 2021. Thanks to new volunteer deliverers who came forward, we were able to cover all of the streets.

For the first time people could give online to an electronic envelope ('e-envelope') set up in Trinity's name on Christian Aid's website. Donations given in that way went straight to Christian Aid but were credited to Trinity and could be tracked by us. People could also return envelopes to Trinity's postbox. Although the Trinity e-envelope has not yet closed, the money raised from the envelope delivery and donations stands at £760, made up of receipts directly from the house-to-house delivery of £210, donations of £140 and e-envelope donations of £410. Gift Aid on the house-to-house receipts and donations (an extra 25p on every £ given) amounts to £87.50, making a grand total of £847.50. We have no way of knowing how many of the e-envelope donations were gift aided.

Although the total receipts from the house-to-house delivery are a lot less than in the years before the Covid-19 pandemic, when we collected envelopes from our streets, the known receipts for 2022 are a lot more than for 2021 (£226), and we hope they will increase next year as

people become more used to making donations online. The proceeds of the car boot sale were greater as well (£1,289 in 2021).

Thank you to everyone at Trinity who helped us to achieve those results.

Mike and Margaret Tulloch

Church Offertory



Pre-Covid, taking an offertory was part of our worship during Services, and I hope we will return to doing this again quite soon. Instead, each week we currently have a retiring collection.

Many of you give generously through monthly or other periodic payments directly to Trinity's bank account. That makes claiming Gift Aid tax relief much simpler and that increases every donation from a taxpayer by 25%. As a result, we are not so reliant on Open Plate collections but, obviously, every contribution helps.

It costs £300 per day for Trinity to function.

There are collection plates at the back of the church by the doors for cash gifts or, if you would prefer to use a card, we have a card reader by the front side door. One of the Door Stewards will help you if required.

*Robin Goodchild
Congregational Treasurer*

From the archives



Our picture is of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 340a Clapham Road, Stockwell. What, you might ask has this to do with Trinity, Wimbledon? As it happens, the answer is 'Quite a lot'.

In the later years of the nineteenth century Stockwell was an elegant middle-class suburb, conveniently situated only a couple of miles from the City. It was in this suburb that the Presbyterian Church was built in 1862, a most impressive structure with a 'Bath stone portico of coarse Roman Corinthian columns crowned by a massive pediment'. It flourished, too, with over a thousand members filling its 1035 seats and it became a 'cathedral of south London non-conformity', all the monthly meetings of Presbytery being held in its halls. It had a mission church in Stewarts Road, Battersea.

Mr William Hay Kirkaldy, an Elder at Clapham Road, moved with his family to Worple Road, Wimbledon, and, although he continued to travel to Stockwell twice each Sunday, he saw the need for a Presbyterian Church close to his home. He was one of those who met with 'exiled Scots' to form Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wimbledon.

We don't really know why our Church was called 'Trinity' but it may be that Mr Kirkaldy suggested the name from his love for his old church. Certainly the name was chosen before the first services at Wimbledon were held in January 1884.

The connection did not stop there. Presbytery, anxious to help our infant church, appointed an 'Interim Session' of four men. One of them was Mr. Kirkaldy, who became one of our founding members and was to become our first Session Clerk and Sunday School Superintendent, one came from Wandsworth, but the others were Messrs James Goodman and Robert Morton of Trinity, Clapham. They served for a couple of years until the Wimbledon congregation was strong enough to form its own Session.

The membership of Clapham Road was still over 450 in 1930 with another ninety at the mission, but the area suffered devastating bombing during the War and Stockwell was extensively rebuilt with estates of social housing.

In 1956, when membership had fallen to around fifty, it was decided to close the Church and the buildings were demolished. The site, a couple of hundred yards from Stockwell station, is now occupied by a tool hire company.



Trinity News

Final copy date for the September edition of *Trinity News* is 20 August. Please send items to catherine.f.paul@btinternet.com

Eco Fair



We are planning an Eco Fair on

Saturday 10 December

as part of our plan to gain
a **Silver Eco Church** award

This event will involve a

**Craft & Gift Fair, Clothing Exchange
& Eco Wreath Making Workshop**

We hope that it will be a festive, community event,
raising awareness of environmental issues.

Watch this space for information on how to help.

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Gift Day

One very important charity fundraising at Trinity, **Gift Day**, takes place every November, traditionally on the first Sunday. It goes back a very long way and has become the established way we raise funds for deserving Charities. While the original concept of organising one significant fundraiser at Trinity remains unchanged over the years, there have been some adjustments to the decisions on which charities to support and the amounts distributed.

We introduced the idea of a vote to allow Trinity members and supporters to decide which charities to support. A list of these is distributed in early September by email with paper copies available at Trinity at Sunday services. There is normally a healthy interest in this important collective decision and the feedback on this is positive. The only frustration is deciding between so many charities, all of which are

registered with the Charities Commission and whose objectives are very clear and therefore deserving of the support offered by our Gift Day collection.



The charities are listed on the voting form in three categories - Local, National and International and the ten which receive the most votes each receive £500. In the Local category, four charities are chosen, with three in each of National and International.

The Charities included in the annual vote are those that continue to attract a minimum level of votes. Nominations of new charities are welcome and will be reviewed by the Finance Team - they can be sent to me direct. In making any assessment of new charity nominations, an important aspect is the balance which we try and maintain in ensuring there is no major concentration in any one area of the charity sector.

Gift Day has been generously supported over the years and collections normally reach £10,000 and when Gift Aid is added, our final total regularly exceeds £12,500. Following the distribution of £5,000 to the chosen charities, an allocation of £2,000 is made to enable us make donations during the year to Disaster Relief funds. The remaining funds are distributed to the local Faith in Action charity and Water Aid.

Invitations to donate to Gift Day are sent to members in mid-October and one major change due to Covid is the method of collection. Hopefully we will soon return to collections at Sunday Service which can include Gift Day, but there are many other ways of donating either by sending a cheque, Bank transfer, online through Trinity website or debit card at a Sunday Service.

The gratitude of charities in acknowledging our support is always rewarding to hear and where possible these are shared with you.

I hope Gift Day at Trinity in 2022 will be another year in which we can support so many worthy causes in such a meaningful way.

Robin Ingram

Further letters of thanks for our Gift Day 2021 donations.....



I am writing to thank you for your kind donation of £500 in support of the British Red Cross. We play a vital role in emergency response, and the ongoing, ever-changing situation concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is no exception.

In times of crisis, we're here to help people. We're local and we're global and we've been doing this for 150 years. Our network of incredible staff and volunteers means we are uniquely placed to reach people in fearful, uncertain times.

But it's the generosity of supporters like you that enables our work to happen quickly and efficiently. With your help, we'll continue to provide vital humanitarian, individual support for the most vulnerable, and those who fall through the gaps.

To read about the British Red Cross response to this urgent situation, see our website at redcross.org.uk/coronavirus-uk

Community Fundraising Team



Firstly, on behalf of Wimbledon Foodbank we want to thank you for your financial support, £500 cheque received. These donations will prove crucial in helping us to continue to serve those who are struggling with food poverty in our community.

Wimbledon Foodbank works with families who are in crisis in the Merton area. For example, families who are coping with the day-to-day financial demands, until a crisis arises such as a broken boiler or a delay in benefits, redundancy could leave the family unable to feed themselves. The Foodbank will provide these families with three days of food and signpost them to the frontline professionals who can help solve the crisis.

250 voucher holders have now signed up and to date over 474 tons of food have been donated. We have now fed 13,700 local people in the last six months, (which is double the whole of last year's figures) many of which are children. These figures were beyond our expectations when opening on 31st October 2011.

Corinne Marshall, Project Manager Wimbledon Foodbank

The Samaritans logo consists of the word "SAMARITANS" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font, centered within a solid green rectangular background.

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of, and to thank you for, your donation of £500. We are very grateful to you and your congregation for your generosity.

As you can imagine, our services are much in demand in these difficult times and many of our normal fund-raising activities have been curtailed, so this is particularly appreciated.

Treasurer, Inner South West London Samaritans

Our prayers of intercession

on Sunday 26 June (Sanctuary Sunday) were led by Marie Sarpong who has given permission for them to be reprinted here.



Let us pray

Loving Father, we are thankful that we are always welcome to bring our burdens and needs to you. We face so many problems in our world today: war, hunger, climate change, poverty, hopelessness, injustice and inequality, and disease, that it is hard to know what to pray for. But we are confident that you always hear us, and understand what we need.

Creator God, we thank you for our beautiful world, and pray that you will help each of us to do our bit to be good stewards of the environment, and all that you have given us.

Mighty God, as the G7 leaders meet to discuss some of the most important issues of the day, let all those attending come with a spirit of humility and compassion, and guide them, by your wisdom and your grace, to make decisions that will positively affect the lives of ordinary people.

Peace-loving God, we pray for peace in the many places in our world today where there is conflict, because mankind simply seems unable to get along, as we allow so many things to divide us.

We pray that your divine love will break through and conquer the fears that cause us to maltreat one another.

We pray that world leaders will work together for peace, justice, and truth, and not give up. Lead them to make resolute decisions to turn from the use of force, to seek peaceful resolutions to disagreements. In Ukraine, and other places of conflict, we pray that through your miraculous power and grace, leaders will be willing to lay down arms and resort to talking to resolve their disputes. For indeed our God is not the author of confusion but of peace.

Merciful Father, we pray for the innocent people suffering due to the atrocities of war, especially the people of Ukraine. We pray for all refugees and the millions of children, women and men around the world who have had to flee from their homes. Lead them to places where they will receive genuine help, and cause them not to lose hope. We pray that leaders in Europe can reach agreement on how to cope with so many refugees, in a way that is fair and achievable, and that does not lead refugees and migrants into further danger and exploitation.

Gracious Father, we pray for those affected by recent floods, fires and earthquakes. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan following the earthquake this week, and for those battling floods in India and China. We also remember those affected by the capsized boat in Mexico and the mysterious deaths in a night club in South Africa.

Recent mass shootings in America, and the shooting in Norway yesterday have brought unexpected suffering to so many. Comfort all those who mourn and give them the strength to carry on.

Loving God, we pray for all who are in pain, whether physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. Give them hope and confidence, and encourage those around them to reach out to them with acts of compassion and gentleness.

Sustain those who are anxious and fearful, and those struggling due to the cost-of-living crisis. Renew their courage, and let there be practical resolutions of these difficulties. Show us the best way to help those who suffer, without being intrusive, but without simply turning away from their pain either.

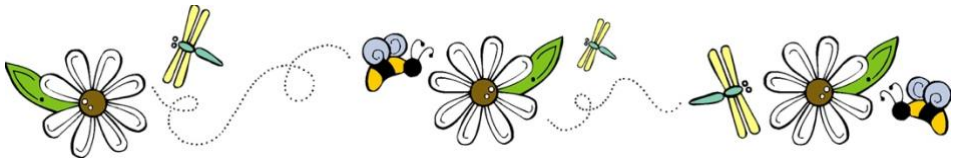
Be with all who support the suffering: give them resources, wisdom, skill, sympathy, and patience, and fill them with joy for being your agents of goodness.

Dear Father, here at Trinity, we pray for all who work tirelessly to keep us going. Bless them with your wisdom and grace, and grant them strength and your joy to carry on.

As we all leave here today, quicken us with your Spirit, to strive to love our neighbours as ourselves, so that you may answer some of these prayers through us.

O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cries for help come to you.

We ask all these in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Free funds for the church at no cost to you

Do you shop online even only sometimes? Then don't forget to use Give as You Live and the company you are buying from will donate something to Trinity (if you name Trinity URC Wimbledon as your chosen charity).

Furthermore, if you sign up to EDF energy to notify you when the price changes they will also donate to Trinity without costing you anything, and you don't even have to change suppliers.

If you have not used Give as You Live for Trinity before, then use this link <https://bit.ly/3A4fprE> that will give you an extra boost.

Many Thanks
Chris Jeffery

