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Creationtide 2026, also known as the Season of Creation, takes place from **1 September to 4 October**, with the official theme "**Living Water**" based on Ezekiel 47:1-12. This annual ecumenical period invites Christian communities worldwide to unite in prayer, worship, and action for environmental stewardship and ecological restoration.

6	Sun	10:30 11:00	Elders' Meeting Morning worship with Holy Communion
8	Tue	14:00	Pastoral Team
10	Thu	20:00	Finance Team
11	Fri	09:45	Trinity Toddlers
12	Sat	11:00	Abundance Fruit Day at St Mark's
13	Sun	11:00	Morning Worship
15	Tue	10:30 20:00	Lettings Team Property Team
18	Fri	09:45	Trinity Toddlers
20	Sun	11:00	Morning Worship
22	Tue	20:00	Children & Youth Work Team
23	Wed	12:30	A Rocha speaker & lunch
25	Fri	09:45	Trinity Toddlers
26	Sat	10:30	Christian Aid Riverside walk
27	Sun	11:00	Harvest Thanksgiving service followed by harvest lunch
30	Wed	19:30	Elders' Council

September Reflection

Greetings Friends,

Have you ever been on a farm during harvest?

Well, I have been on a Living Ministry Programme (LMP) during harvest, and that surprisingly comes close.

In my fourth and final year of ministerial training, I had the privilege of serving a rural pastorate in Cambridgeshire. On any given day, I would drive between Sawston, Little Abington, and Castle Camps, sometimes more than once. One morning, I found myself stuck behind a slow-moving procession of tractors, combine harvesters, and other farm machinery. At first, I felt the familiar flicker of frustration rising. But before irritation could take root, something caught my eye.

A flash of colour in the hedgerow.

There, beside the tyres of a towering harvester, stood a young pheasant, resplendent in its early plumage, utterly unbothered by the traffic thundering past. As I watched him forage, a small group of guinea fowl wandered out from a nearby farmyard, a '*confusion*' of guinea fowl, as they are aptly named, and I confess I was indeed confused. My eyes drifted further, and suddenly I noticed how the morning sun illuminated the fields, how the ripe crops shimmered gold, how the land itself seemed to glow.

And it struck me: in the rush and rancour of daily life, we so easily miss the beauty that is right in front of us.

The harvest season is a busy time of year, not only for farmers, but for children and young people returning to school, for adults resuming their routines, and for churches preparing for liturgical celebrations. In the bustle, it is easy to lose sight of the moment,

to forget to look up, to fail to notice the goodness that surrounds us.

Jesus once said to his disciples:

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest' (Matthew 9:37–38).

Harvest is not only about crops gathered in, but about people gathered together, noticing what God has been doing quietly, steadily, faithfully, even when we were too distracted to see it. The Lord of the harvest is already at work; our task is to pay attention, to participate, and to give thanks.

This September, may we slow down long enough to notice the beauty at the roadside, the blessings in the ordinary, and the faithfulness of God woven through our days. May we celebrate the Lord of the harvest, cultivate attentiveness in our hearts, and share the fruits of grace with those around us.

Indeed, may we be rooted in Christ, growing in faith, sharing and serving in love.

With every blessing,

Jacob Bali

Revd Dr Jacob Bali

(The Minister's usual day off is Monday)



Church Family News

In memoriam

Jean Jerram

(3 June 1927 - 5 July 2026)

Jean was born in Cardiff. Her father was a Master in the Merchant Navy, and she grew up in a busy family home shared with her maternal grandparents, Welsh-speaking great grandmother, and surrounded by her aunts, uncle and their growing families. Her Welsh heritage remained a source of great pride throughout her life.



Her childhood was also marked by profound loss. In 1931, when she was just three, her father tragically drowned at sea. Her mother later remarried another Master in the Merchant Navy who was killed during the Second World War when his ship was torpedoed.

Jean attended Cardiff High School for Girls, where she won prizes for French and German. Jean's love of learning never faded. She became the first person in her family to go to university, studying English at Bedford College, London, in the 1940s.

After university, she embraced opportunities that took her beyond Wales, working as a Language Assistant in a school in France, a research assistant to an MP, Personnel Manager at Pressed Steel in industrial South Wales, and eventually as Registrar, or HR Director, at John Lewis, Oxford Street. Through hard work and determination, she achieved as much in her career as a woman then realistically could do.

It was at the John Lewis Partnership that she met Maurice Jerram, who was General Manager of Waitrose. They married in 1965 and welcomed their daughter, Kate, the following year. Jean left her career to raise Kate and care for their home in Mill Hill. Maurice sadly died in 1981.

When Kate went to university, Jean moved to Cambridge. Later, when her grandchildren were born, she moved to Herne Hill to be closer to family. She lived there until moving to Wimbledon in her late eighties.

Jean was endlessly curious. She loved cryptic crosswords and had a remarkable gift for languages. In her eighties, she took her granddaughter on a trip to Germany, confidently using German she had learnt at school more than sixty years earlier. She entered herself for O-level Russian in 1987 and got an A, the top grade then available. Even in her nineties, she was attending Spanish classes, proving it is never too late to learn something new.

She helped maintain the garden at her church in Herne Hill and was an active member of the Prisoners' Education Trust, getting involved in a gardening rehabilitation scheme for inmates in Brixton Prison.

She was a local co-ordinator for Christian Aid, collected clothes and toys for families sponsored by Freedom from Torture, and attended Amnesty International meetings where she would write letters to people denied justice and freedom in their own countries. Closer to home, she baked cakes for weekly fundraising events in a successful campaign to re-open her local library in Herne Hill. Jean was a lifelong member of the Labour Party, had canvassed during the 1945 election, and remained committed to equality and justice.

In 1972, Jean and her husband welcomed a South Asian refugee from Uganda who had been expelled from his country by Idi Amin. For two years after that, they hosted a teacher from Moscow. There were also visitors from Jordan and Mexico who had come to England through the British Council. In Cambridge, she ran the local branch of the then GB-USSR Society, organising cultural events such as talks and slide shows, and making Russian post-docs newly arrived at the university feel welcome by putting them in touch with local families.

Jean had a firm faith, expressed in her lifetime of love and service to her family and others. She had been an Elder and Treasurer at Union Church, Mill Hill, Elder at Emmanuel Church, Cambridge and at Herne Hill URC. On moving to Wimbledon, Jean quickly made new friends, and was delighted to become a member of Trinity, where her charm and warmth were quickly apparent as she immersed herself in the life of the church. She remained active in our fellowship until she could no longer live independently.

Our thanks and sympathy go to Kate and Emma Clanchy, Jean's daughter and granddaughter, who provided these details about Jean's long life.

Baptism & reception into membership

12 July - Chan Yik Yuen

If you would like to be baptised or are interested in becoming a member of Trinity, please speak with the Minister who would be delighted to hear from you.



Congratulations...

to all those who are celebrating successes in recent examinations.



An especial mention of congratulations goes to Kiera Probert who got a perfect score across all her A' level English papers and came top nationally.



Happy birthday to those celebrating in September, including....

Winz Cheung, Enzo Ferrante, Lydia Khurshid, Elizabeth McLeish, Deon Nunoo, Kwame Sarpong junior and Margaret Tulloch.



If you are unable to join us on Sunday morning you can now watch our Services live on **our YouTube channel.**



YouTube

@trinitywimbledon7073

Welcome

These comments were shared by a selection of members across the URC and published in 'Reform' magazine last year



A smile at the door is important, but what happens afterwards matters even more.

A welcome is not only about greeting people, it's about how we live together as a church.

True welcome means embracing difference and diversity.

It's more than a friendly greeting; it is the first stepping stone towards connection and belonging which enable that flourishing.

Welcome is not about making everyone the same, but about holding diversity together in the love of God.

Welcome is not a one-way relationship. I was grateful to be received, but later, I realised I also had something to offer.

It is not just a smile at the door. It is remembering someone's name, making space for difference, and honouring the diversity of God's people. When people leave saying, 'I felt at home', then we have shared more than friendliness, we have shared the love of Christ.

A good welcome is more than just a smile and a chat on Sunday morning. It is welcoming those who attend events in the building throughout the week and making space for those who appreciate some company as they negotiate life's challenges.

We are not a private club for the like-minded, but a place where doors are flung open to all who seek hope.

Welcoming everyone is not always comfortable. It demands patience, humility, and a willingness to be challenged.



Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 27 September

Please bring your Harvest gifts to the service on 27 September for the Wimbledon Foodbank. All donations will be welcome, but a list of the most urgently needed items is given below.



Harvest lunch

Everyone is welcome to lunch in the Old Hall following the Harvest service on 27 September. Please make a note of the date and come along. Look out for further information soon.



During July, the Wimbledon Foodbank announced an urgent shortage of meat products. We asked for the congregation's help via the Sunday notices and thanks are due to all those who responded so generously.

Some figures:

547 children in Merton have been helped with 3-day emergency food parcels in 2026.

17,300 meals have been provided so far in 2026.

15,400 kg of food and toiletries have been generously donated so far in 2026.

Current urgent needs - gifts can be left in the trolley in the Mansel Road Centre:

Tinned meats
Tinned custard
Tinned fish

Rice pudding
Marmalade, jam
Peanut butter

Chocolate spread,
Marmite, Bovril
Squash

Our thanks to Alan and Janet Young who regularly deliver our donations to the Foodbank.

Abundance Wimbledon Fruit Day

Saturday 12 September
11:00am to 2:30pm

St Mark's Church Hall & grounds St Mark's Place



**Homemade jams, chutneys, cakes, pies, plants,
and local honey.**

**Apple pressing, children's apple pie-making,
competitions, and prize draws.**

**Live music from the NEW Mugs,
a ukulele band from New Malden**

Commitment for Life



Please look out for the new 2026/27 Commitment for Life magazine that should be available soon at coffee and in the porch. It has details of all the projects C for L supports, for example a Christian organisation in Gaza which provides classes for children who are having problems at school having been displaced from their homes. The magazine also gives notice of the Great North Pilgrimage of Justice in June 2027, but as it is from Keld to Holy Island is perhaps more for Northern supporters.

Richmond Riverside Walk for Christian Aid



The Richmond Christian Aid group are holding their annual Riverside walk on Saturday 26 September at 10:30 onwards for an 11:00 start at St Matthias Church on Richmond Hill (371 bus from Richmond Station). The short version is 3 miles along the riverbank to St Richard's Church, Ham for light refreshments. For the longer version it is then about 5½ miles along the riverbank to St Anne's, Kew (refreshments and a bus back to Richmond Station.)

A registration form can be found at [Riverside Sponsored Walk 2026 on Eventbrite](#). We hope to have sponsorship forms available soon.

- Mike and Margaret Tulloch



Queens Road house group

We are making progress with our study of the Book of Revelation and next time will begin with chapter 3. We will not be meeting in September, but our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 October (8pm) at 217 Queens Road, as usual. All are welcome!



Advance Notice - Rededication Sunday

Our **Rededication Sunday** service will be held at Trinity on **Sunday 4 October at 11am**. Rededication holds a particular significance within the Reformed tradition, offering us a moment to pause, to reflect, and to renew our shared commitment to God's calling.

The heart of Rededication Sunday can be expressed through the three themes of our Mission Statement:

**Rooted in Christ, Growing in Faith,
Sharing and Serving in Love**

All members and friends will receive a letter from the Minister about the service and encouraging you to join us on 4 October.

Your presence at Trinity, and your involvement in the life we share, are deeply valued. If you require transportation to and from the church, we would be more than happy to make arrangements. Should you have any questions or simply wish to talk, please do not hesitate to be in touch.



The People's National Emergency Briefing



Caring for Creation: Learning, Listening and Acting Together

As part of our ongoing journey towards achieving a Gold Eco Church Award, we recently hosted a screening of *The National Emergency Briefing* at Trinity. The event brought together members of our congregation and local community to explore one of the most significant challenges facing our world today: climate change.

The film presents the scientific evidence for climate change in a clear and accessible way, while also highlighting the impact it is already having on communities both in the UK and around the world. Importantly, it challenges viewers to think not only about the scale of the problem but also about the opportunities we have to respond together.

For us, this was not simply an environmental event. As Christians, we believe that caring for creation is an important expression of our faith. From the opening chapters of Genesis, humanity is entrusted with the responsibility of stewarding God's world. Working towards a Gold Eco Church Award from A Rocha UK is one way that we seek to live out that calling in practical and meaningful ways.



The screening was also an opportunity to strengthen our connections with the wider community. Climate change affects everyone, and churches are uniquely placed to create spaces where people can learn, ask questions and work together for the common good. We were delighted to welcome local residents and councillors, alongside church members to share in thoughtful discussion after the film led by Wimbledon Green Churches.

Thank you to all those who helped to organise and promote the event, serve refreshments, welcome guests and lead the discussion. Many people contributed their time and energy to make the evening possible. As we continue working towards Gold Eco Church status, events such as this help us move beyond awareness and into action. The Eco Church programme encourages churches to consider not only how they care for buildings and land, but also how they engage with their communities and weave creation care into worship, teaching and mission. Hosting the screening was therefore a natural extension of the work already taking place across our church.

Perhaps the strongest message to emerge from the evening was one of hope. While the challenges are significant, meaningful change often begins at a local level. By working together as a church and community, we can play our part in caring for God's creation, supporting our neighbours and building a more resilient future.

Our tea towel collection update



Thank you to everyone who responded to our request to bring tea towels from your holiday locations. We received a great and varied selection, and it is wonderful to see the range of places represented. Thank you again for taking part.

Trinity Toddlers

Trinity Toddlers re-starts after the Summer break on Friday 11 September from 09:45 to 11:15.

If you know of any toddlers (0-3-year-olds) who might like to join Trinity Toddlers on Friday mornings please let their carers know about us, and give them Claire Wood's contact details (childrenand youth@trinitywimbledon.org).



Would you like to join the rota of helpers (welcoming children, their parents and carers; helping with activities; making and serving coffee & tea)? If so, Claire Wood will be delighted to hear from you.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



Familiar faces in Trinity

This month we hear from Susan Collins

My name is Susan Collins (née Young), and I was born in January 1980 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in Hammersmith. I am the daughter of Alan and Janet Young and younger sister to Elizabeth Scharinger.

Trinity has been part of my life since the day I was born, and generations of my family have been members there.

I lived in Wimbledon Park until the age of five, when we moved to New Malden, where my mum and dad still live today. I attended school locally, and Trinity played a huge part in my upbringing. Sundays at church, strong friendships, youth weekends away, and growing up within a happy Christian family and community gave me many special memories.

In my spare time, I enjoy Pilates, and cross stitch and scrapbooking — I will scrapbook absolutely anything and everything! I've also been lucky enough to travel far and wide, both independently, with my husband Steve, and now as a family. I love exploring new places and hope there is still much more of the world to see. Closer to home, I enjoy adventures with my cockapoo, Poppy.

At 18, I went to study French and German at the University of Southampton. As part of my degree, I spent a year in France teaching English to primary school children near Lyon. I have wonderful memories of my time there and, although my French is not quite what it once was, I can still get by when I visit!

Teaching was always what I wanted to do, and I am the fourth-generation teacher on my mum's side of the family. After university — and a few months travelling around Australia and New Zealand — I completed my PGCE at Roehampton. Following a break when my children were young, I now work in a school nursery with three- and four-year-olds and have truly found my niche — I absolutely love it.



Before I went travelling, I was introduced to Steve through mutual friends. We married at Trinity in 2009, and our daughter Katy was born in 2011, followed by our son Toby in 2013. Both were christened at Trinity, and we were proud when Katy was confirmed there on Easter Sunday 2025.

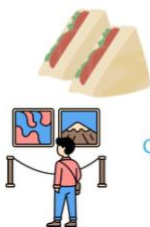
Moving away from home, busy weekends, and the fact that Steve is not a churchgoer meant I drifted slightly away from Trinity for a while. However, I'm pleased to say that Trinity found me again, and I now help lead Junior Church, serving in an area where I feel my strengths and passions really lie.

Steve and I have had a difficult year, losing three friends of a similar age. Rather than testing my faith, it has strengthened it and helped me come to terms with these losses. I feel incredibly grateful that Trinity continues to be such an important part of our family life. The friendship, support and sense of belonging it has given me over the years means so much, and I look forward to continuing to grow within this very special community.

ECO CHURCH

AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

On Wednesday 23rd September, we will have a visiting speaker from A Rocha to talk to us about their work as a Christian Charity and about 'Going for Gold' award.



Light Lunch served from 12.30pm

A Rocha speaker 1pm

Eco Display available throughout

Contact office@trinitywimbledon.org if you'd like to come



Trinity in numbers

282

Elders have served Trinity since 1884

20

on the coffee rota (new volunteers are always welcome!)

44

attended the July Church Meeting

18

Organists since 1884



Preparing for Advent



This Advent, the Minister will once again be leading a study course for all those interested in sharing in Bible study, with a thoughtful and accessible way to prepare for Christmas.

Full details will be provided in October's magazine, and once again there will be lunchtime sessions with the chance to share

soup and bread, and evening sessions held online, on Thursdays, 26 November and 3, 10 and 17 December.

- Worship & Faith Development Team

Not such a summer holiday!

Many will have seen the scaffolding that has appeared at Trinity, now that the school holidays are here and the numbers of hirers in the Mansel Road Centre has decreased for the season. Now is the time for us to undertake our third block of repairs and maintenance to the masonry and stonework.

This project started in November 2024 and has been progressed in stages beginning with works prioritising health and safety at low-level. Last year some repairs took place on the front wall, and the focus now is on the SW transept wall and the NE gable end of the Old Hall.

The high-level repair on the SW transept involves removing an old, iron scaffolding bolt, which had been left many years ago in a stone block (a 'kneeler stone') supporting the chancel roof. The same issue had been addressed last summer in the block directly below our fleur-de-lys gable topper. If iron is allowed to rust it can swell to seven times its original size, and cracks will develop inside the block and eventually cause it to disintegrate. One morning last autumn Allan, one of our caretakers, spotted a small masonry fall on the Mansel Road Centre passageway. This alerted us to the underlying problem. The remedy is to drill into the block, extract the bolt and remove any damage.

Then, having introduced a completely new, specially cut piece of stone, firmly fix it in place with zinc pins.

On the NE gable end of our Old Hall (photo left) there was considerable degradation of the brickwork, and some repairs were done last year on the buttresses. You could be forgiven for thinking that this was caused simply by the wear and tear of the elements down the years, but this is only partly true. Its direct cause was the use of cement mortar pointing. Our Victorian brickwork is porous, and its original mortar was fully compatible. Made with lime, this



material also breathes – its use was normal prior to WWI. But cement mortar is easier to work with than lime mortar, so by the 1930's its takeover in the UK building industry was complete. Pointing repairs in this material had been carried out extensively on the Old Hall wall. It probably looked great to begin with, but it was a disaster waiting to happen. Cement mortar's effect on porous Victorian brickwork is now well understood. Moisture is naturally absorbed by the bricks but in the 'Freeze, thaw cycle', they cannot expand or evaporate their moisture through the non-porous cement mortar. They must release it through their faces, something which causes them to shatter ('blow').

Stonewest have been removing this source of damage and revealing the fully-functional brick face below. The integrity of the original brickwork of the Old Hall wall is back with us now to enjoy for decades to come.

- Grace de Grouchy, Property Team Leader



A lunchtime delight

On Tuesday 28 July, Robin and I enjoyed a wonderful recital by our very own Hana Arita on the piano and Miyu Himeta, a superb soprano, currently in her first year of postgraduate studies at the Royal Academy of Music. In the lovely setting of St Bride's Church, they treated us to a varied programme of music, from Rossini, Strauss and Bach, to Leonard Bernstein, Debussy and Gounod.



Their final piece was Kyo mo Hitotsu (One more, today) by a Japanese contemporary composer, Akane Nakanishi. Miyu talked about how, since leaving Japan to study music in London, she and Hana have faced many challenges but have also found themselves surrounded by many kind and supportive people and this song is very special to them both. Hana explained that it is a song which encourages us to find joy in the little things of each day.

The words are below, and you can follow this link to the video, <https://youtu.be/V43fnMLQncw>. You will also find full details of all the pieces performed.

As well as typing the link into your browser, you can also more easily access the video by going to *Trinity News* on our website. Robin and I would encourage you to do so for 35 minutes of delight from these two very talented musicians.

- Claire Wood

Akane Nakanishi

Kyo mo Hitotsu (One more, today)

Today,
another sad thing happened.
Today again,
another happy thing happened.
I laughed and cried,
wished and gave up, hated and loved.

. . .

And each and every one of these
was gently wrapped
in countless ordinary moments
that filled the day.



Green Group Eco tip



Pill blister packs cannot be put in your regular home recycling bin because they use mixed plastic and foil layers. However, you can drop off empty medicine and vitamin blister packs at Superdrug Pharmacy in Wimbledon Quarter or leave them in the Foodbank trolley at Trinity and we will deliver them.



When Paul Kohler MP attended our Big Brew Coffee Morning in March, he introduced us to The Wombles Community Group and offered to connect us with them.

United by a shared goal of creating a greener, cleaner future, Wombles Community Groups bring together local groups across the country to support community litter picking and raise environmental awareness.

As Trinity is situated in Wimbledon, the Green Group felt this could be a perfect group for us to join. We have now registered as "Trinity Wombles" (<https://thewomblescommunity.com>).

The Wombles were the original litter pickers, long before litter picking became widely popular, so this is a fitting opportunity for us to follow their example and help "make good use of the things that we find, things that the everyday folk leave behind'.

Please look out for Green Group updates and join us as we help keep Wimbledon clean, green, and welcoming.

Repair café - fix it, don't ditch it

Sustainable Merton's free Repair Café will be in Wimbledon Quarter on Saturday 19 September from 13:00 to 16:00.

Bring a broken item and get it repaired for free by one of the volunteer repairers. If the item needs a replacement part, please bring it with you.



"God's timing"



A 14th Century church has been saved from closure after the discovery of a "miracle" hoard of gold coins worth nearly £30,000 found hidden under the altar. Inside a plastic box were nine golden coins, left with a note on Salvation Army paper: 'Hi there, I'd like to donate these nine gold Britannias to Melling church.' It was signed: 'James, servant of the living God'.

St Wilfrid's Church in Melling, near Lancaster, was set to shut as its congregation of 5-10 on a Sunday was unable to raise the £750,000 needed for urgent repairs to the building, including a new roof.

Rev Jane Lee said "We just burst into tears when we saw it, we couldn't believe it. It was like a miracle because it's so desperately needed for the church. We were struggling to keep our doors open."

Ms Lee believed the gold coins may have been hidden there four years ago by a mystery benefactor. Other churches in the area received similar mystery gifts in 2022 but St Wilfrid's Church never found it until Good Friday.

She said: "It's significant because we've got more community backing now, whereas four years ago we would have probably just spent it on the day-to-day running. She is reminded of the passage from Isaiah: 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.' She added: "It's wonderful news."

**If you have any gold Britannias at home,
please do remember Trinity!**

How do we stop the planet heating up?



I was inspired to write this article having read a piece in the FT entitled 'How to stop global warming'.

We are all aware that this summer has been extremely hot. 2026 has followed the hottest year on record in London since 1884, while 2022, 2023 and 2024 were the second, third and fourth hottest years.

Global average temperatures have also risen significantly, reaching approximately 1.4°C to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels (defined as the 1850–1900 baseline), with recent individual years, like 2024, surpassing the 1.5°C threshold. 2026 is on course to be the fourth consecutive year averaging more than 1.4°C above the baseline. 1.5°C has been viewed for some while as the threshold above which the world's climate, and our own, will start to be seriously impacted. Moreover, it was originally set as the target increase for 2050, but we have got there 25 years earlier.

What do we need to do to stop this trend continuing? The answer is surprisingly simple, and the scientific community globally has been very clear about the solution for a long time:

"If you want to stop global warming, you must get to Net Zero carbon emissions. If you don't get to Net Zero, the world will continue warming and all the things (fires, heatwaves, extreme storms and flooding etc) that we're seeing at the moment will get more intense and challenging." (Quote from Jim Skea, Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)

Net Zero means eliminating the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels - coal, gas and oil. While this is not easy, it can be done as the story of electricity shows. In 2010 only 6.9% of UK electricity was from renewables; by 2025 this had risen rapidly to 52.5%, so more than half from renewables and 0% electricity was generated from coal last year, the most polluting of the three fossil fuels.

We need to get Trinity's carbon footprint as light as possible. This requires us to draw up our own plan of how to achieve Net Zero. The solar panels installed on the Mansel Road Centre roof are helping but our Green Team has established that most of Trinity's carbon emissions today come from heating the premises with gas. We therefore need to replace our gas boilers with heat sources powered by electricity.

The next stage is to find out what are the best and most appropriate heat sources for Trinity's premises (both church and MRC) that run on electricity. Then the expected life of the existing boilers needs to be assessed so we can fix on sensible dates by which they can be replaced. The term Net Zero has received a bad press recently, especially from those who have become bored with the term. But if we do not focus on it, temperatures will continue to rise and the negative effects just get worse. There is no other solution.

- Robin Goodchild, Chair of Trinity's Green Team



Giving in church

If you are giving cash we would ask you please to use the envelopes in church so that we can claim Gift Aid on any donation that you make, this gives Trinity an extra 25%. Yes, it really is that much!



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From the Archives....

Girl Guiding in Trinity



Girl Guiding began in 1910 when, following the spread of the Scout movement, girls formed themselves into patrols of 'Girl Scouts'. Robert Baden-Powell asked his sister Agnes to form a separate organisation for girls.

The first mention of Girl Guides in Trinity was in 1924 (though a Company was started at St Cuthbert's two years earlier) when a Company was formed as an offshoot of the Sunday School. By the end of the year the Company numbered twenty girls 'under the energetic leadership of Miss Wilson and Lieutenant Connie Baker'.

The 18th Wimbledon Company flourished. It met in Trinity's Hall every Friday evening. Numbers fluctuated and there was a succession of leaders, among them Lady Truscott (wife of a former Lord Mayor of London), Brenda Davies, Margaret Lauder and Rachel Montacute. As the 1960s progressed it became increasingly difficult to find suitable leadership and in 1986 the Company met for the last time.

Now, in 2026, the 1st Wimbledon Guide Company is hiring our Hall each week, though they have no direct connection with Trinity.



Our photos show (above) the 18th Wimbledon Girl Guide Company in the Trinity Old Hall in 1961, and (below) at Blacklands Camp at Whitsun 1965. Can you spot two of our current Elders?



Answer: Elizabeth McLeish (née Jamieson) in the centre row next to the Captain, and Catherine Paul (née Young) saluting on the right!