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Trinity continues Zoom Services.

Our thanks to the 'Zoom team'; enabling those at home to join us.

Trinity's Zoom Link:
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Meeting ID: 995 0081 3735
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Trinity E-News: Deadline:
May Newsletter – Fri 21 April
 Trinity E-News is available on the **Basingstoke & Reading Website**, see link above.

I love receiving your lovely and varied pieces, so please keep them coming. **A Big Thankyou** to everyone who sends in items, which can be posted or emailed.

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A Very Joyful Easter to all our Readers

The Funeral Service for Jean Allen will take place at Trinity Methodist Church, Basingstoke, next **Wednesday 5 April at 12 noon.**



April 2023

Dear Friends

In my personal journey this Lent, I chose to interact with the Bible in visual format, so I have been looking at various DVDs of the biblical narrative. I wanted to see how modern dramatists interpret and convey the biblical stories, and hopefully gain new insights. Well, I must say that I was pleasantly surprised. I am reminded of the richness we have in Scripture and how its truths and principles are relevant for all generations. One of the DVDs I have engaged with is 'The Book of Acts' from *The Visual Bible* series. I found it incredibly moving to listen to the scripture read word for word and at the same time dramatized. There is something really powerful in that. This particular DVD takes you on a journey with the physician Apostle Luke, as he tells the enthralling story of danger, struggles, and triumph that marks the birth of the New Testament Church. It enlivens the pages of scripture and helps you to encounter the events recorded in the Book of Acts in a new way.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, many of us may be looking forward to reading again the resurrection story as outlined in one of the gospels. However, I am quite intrigued by the sermons in the Book of Acts. The pattern and themes of the message of Peter's sermon in Acts 2:14-41 became common in the early church, and can be seen in Peter's sermons in Acts 3:11-26 and Acts 10:34-48, and also, in Paul's sermon in Acts 13:16-41. In all four sermons, there is an explanation of events, the gospel of Jesus Christ — his death, resurrection and exaltation, and an exhortation to repentance and baptism.

I read the story of a church that had the inscription of Paul's words from 1 Corinthians 1:23 '**We preach Christ Crucified**' on its notice board when it was first built. This inscription was part of the

decoration of the notice board for well over one hundred years. However, the church's leadership team decided that the notice board needed updating in time for the new minister's arrival, so they replaced the old notice board with a brand new notice board, hoping that it would help to attract greater attention from the public. They decided that they liked Paul's words and wanted to keep some of it, so they changed the inscription to '**We preach Christ.**' A few years later, they felt that the notice board needed another upgrade in order to continue to attract even more passers-by. They decided that they still liked Paul's words but this time they only wanted the words '**We preach.**' In the space of only a few years, this church's notice board went from 'We Preach Christ Crucified' to 'We Preach Christ' to just 'We Preach'. What do we preach? I remember when I just started out on my theological journey, I had a Homiletics lecturer who consistently asked students whenever we presented our sermons during lectures: "**What are you saying about what are you talking about.**" This lecturer expected us to capture our sermon in one brief sentence that encapsulates the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Well! This is not so easy to do if Jesus is not the focus of the sermon.

Friends, someone says, 'If the whole story has not been told, then the story has not been told. Paul wrote these words in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4: "**For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...**" There is something profound about staying true to what has been handed down to us, and this is especially true of the message of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. To change its contents is to make it null and

void of its power.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, what do we find most intriguing about the events that follow? Do these events make a difference in our lives? Are we stirred by the preaching of Jesus Christ crucified and lives again? Like the Apostle Paul and Peter and the other disciples, may we too be transformed this Easter as we encounter afresh our resurrected and exalted Lord, Jesus Christ.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.

Rev'd Audrey D Browne

'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

Meets from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month.



The Next 'JAM' Date is:

Sunday 2 April at 10.30 am, when 'Members of JAM' will lead Morning Worship at Trinity.

Please come along and support JAM on Sunday 2 April, 10.30 am

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Next Dates: 14 May, 11 June & 2 July

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JAM – Children & Families meet in the Lounge, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month, to hear stories of Jesus, craft, singing and tea. Some of what we do on a Sunday afternoon is often displayed in the foyer area at Church for us all to see.

**All are very welcome.
Do come along and join us.**

Trinity Circle

Our Next Meeting is on

Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 7.30 pm in Trinity Lounge.

Our evening will be led by Hilary Reed and her theme will be based on Easter.

Trinity Circle is open to Everyone, so if you are able to join us, please come along, we would love to see you,

Sonia

Northern Housegroup

Our next meeting is on:

Tuesday 4 April at 7.30 pm in the Trinity Lounge.

Our speaker this month will be the Revd Jacki Case

This will be an **"Open Meeting"** and you are all most welcome to come along.

We look forward to seeing you.

Hilary, Edna and Sonia

All part of the same BIG story of Redemption

Ever wonder how the Old Testament fits in with the New Testament? They are not different stories, but different stages in one and the same story – of how God has reached out and rescued mankind.

Throughout the Old Testament there are references to a coming Messiah who will redeem His people. For Jesus did not come to abolish the Old Testament, but to fulfil it. As St Augustine put it long ago: "The New is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed." Above all, the Bible – both Old and New Testaments – is a portrait of Jesus Christ. (*Parish Pump*)

Sunday Worship – Trinity and our Basingstoke Churches

Plan for Worship – March, April & May 2023

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Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – April 2023

Dates	2 April, Palm Sunday	9 April, Easter Day	16 April, 2 nd of Easter	23 April, 3 rd of Easter	30 April, 4 th of Easter
Trinity 10.30 am	JAM Service	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mrs Anne Rowe	Revd Angela Webb with Mrs Hilary Reed, Joint Service at Trinity	LA, Joint at St Andrew's
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Jonathan Skeet, Zoom	Mr Stephen Appiah, Zoom	Mr Tony Bell, Zoom	Mrs June Hardcastle, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne	Revd Jenny Dowding	LA	Revd Audrey D Browne	Mr Chris Marsh
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mrs Denise Baugh	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Mr Symon Turner
Old Basing 10.30 am	Revd Valerie Fisher	Mr Symon Turner	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Stephen Appiah	Mrs Denise Baugh
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Mr Symon Turner	Mr Terry Rowell	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Joint Service at Trinity	Joint LA

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – May 2023

Dates	7 May, 5 th of Easter	14 May, 6 th of Easter	21 May, 7 th of Easter	28 May, Pentecost
Trinity 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Revd Jenny Dowding	Mr Tony Pitt with Mrs Hilary Reed	Revd Audrey D Browne
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Stephen Appiah, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Mrs June Hardcastle, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Stephen Appiah	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mr Terry Rowell	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Mr David Munns	Mr Peter Frank	Revd David Jenkins, S / United
Old Basing 10.30 am	LA	Mr Tony Bell	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	United Service at Oakridge
St Andrew's 10.30 am	LA	Revd Lesley Martin, P	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mrs Linda Hoe

Some Dates for your Diaries

Glimpsing God's Future for Us:

will take place on
**Saturday 1 April 2023 at
 Trinity Church, Basingstoke
 from 10:30 to 14:30, in the Hall**

This will be a joint day of prayerful conversation for everyone from St Andrew's and Trinity. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you are only able to come for a couple of hours, your presence would still be welcome!

Please encourage those who may not see this message to come too.

At the end of the day we will draw up a prayer resource card that reflects the discussions of the day so people can pray about whether this Glimpse is the *'sort of church we want to be.'*

The Service on Sunday 23 April will be a **Joint Service** at Trinity and will include an opportunity to feedback our response to the prayer resource card.

Those attending are asked to please **'Bring their own lunch'**. Also, if you **'Need a lift'** to get to Trinity, please let one of the Church Stewards know. Thank you.

'Trinity & St Andrew's'

A Joint Good Friday Service

7 April at 10.30 am

at Trinity – All Invited

**Easter Sunday Morning
 Service at Trinity**

9 April at 10.30 am

**Our service includes the
 'Commissioning of Hilary Reed
 as an Accredited Worship
 Leader'.**

All Invited

'Coronation Lunch'

**at St Andrew's Church
 after Morning Worship on
 Sunday 7 May, at 12.30 pm**

See Poster on page 11

SAVE THE DATE –

'David, Audrey & Mary'

A Circuit Farewell Service –
 a chance to say *farewell* to

**Revd David Shaw, Revd Audrey
 Browne & Mary Ludlow –**

It will be at:

**4 pm on Sunday 23 July at
 Trinity, Basingstoke**

**'Spring Sale' at St Andrew's
 Saturday 22 April**

11 am – 3 pm

**Good Quality S/H Goods for
 Sale, Refreshments, Hot Food
 (subject to availability)**

See Poster on page 11

Meeting of the joint Church Councils of St Andrew's and Trinity Methodist Churches, Monday 13 March

The purpose of the meeting was to name the practical needs that would need to be considered during the consultation process, to set out the dates of the other steps in the process, and to hear each other's hopes and fears for the future.

Hopes and Fears

- Fear that a merger takes place but there is no change, no risks taken to enable growth.
- Hope that the opportunities are taken, even if it is scary.
- Fear that people think it was a mistake for Trinity to exist.
- Hope that people will look back and celebrate all of Trinity's successes in their time.
- Fear that JAM may suffer or fail because of moving location.
- Hope that some kind of mission presence in the town centre is maintained.
- Fear that roles in the life of the church which are loved may be lost to another person.
- Hope that people will love each other, and look forward in good faith, with a Christian attitude.
- Fear that people spend years wishing things were as they were before.
- Hope that we become one, new, church.

Naming Practicalities to be Resolved

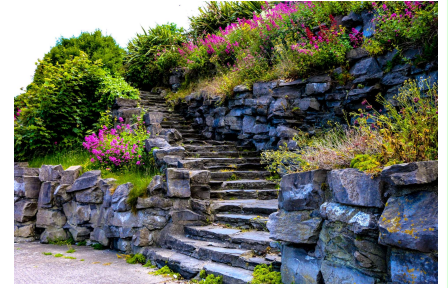
- Storage: How will we store all that we need? How can we use space well?
- Movable Property (Stuff): How do we choose the best from both properties and keep the best furnishings? What do we do with the rest?
- One Team: What does a unified and equitable leadership team look like? What do other more practical teams look like (so everyone bears part of the load, no one loses a role they love, and all roles are properly covered)? What committees do we need for the proper management of church life?
- 'Hirers' who can be offered the opportunity to transfer location?
- Transport: What can be done for people who can't easily get to St Andrew's site?
- Offerings: How do we manage cash offerings?
- Name: Do we have a conversation about a possible new name for the merged church? Indicative vote was strongly in favour, with a few strongly against. A conversation will be had at a future joint church council.

Commitments for the Process

- **Inclusion in Process:** We committed to taking reflection cards to those who cannot easily get to church. And to personally make arrangements to bring people who would be able to take part if they are brought to the *Glimpse Day*.
- ***Glimpsing God's Future for Us:*** will take place on **1 April 2023 at Trinity from 10:30 to 14:30 in the hall. (Those attending are asked to please bring their own lunch, also to let a Church Steward know if they require a lift to get to Trinity).**
- **Reflection Cards:** Angela, Martin, the Circuit Steward present, Linda and Diane will create the reflection card immediately after the *Glimpse Day*.
- **Service of Reflection:** Angela Webb will lead a Service of reflection at the end of 3 weeks to pray and reflect on the *Glimpse cards*. Lee Frost will be present to take a detailed minute. This will be a **United Service on 23 April at Trinity**.
- **Working with the Practicalities:** A joint Church Council will gather on **11 May at 11am at St Andrews**.

A Beautiful Picture

The picture ahead of me, was of a beautiful garden. For a moment, I was confused. Wasn't this a door? Did I not come up this passage when I came to visit my elderly friend in the Care Home? I approached the picture, which was spread out like a mural across a wall.



Just then, a member of staff came with a key, and opened the door. So well was the keyhole incorporated into the scene, that the whole picture was complete. No hinges showed, there was no indication of a way through.

I stepped through, into the familiar, the real world.

My friend, lives in a protected space. He is shielded, but not excluded, because the television in his room, reminds him of the world beyond his side of the picture.

I understood the garden 'door'. It is to keep safe, to create calmness, to bring an atmosphere of peace.

It set me thinking how precious a garden is. Soon as the season advances, our gardens, however small or large they might be, will be full of new life.

There is no easy way to create a garden. I am blessed with a neighbour who delights in gardening. To encourage new growth she snips away old pieces, in a way that sometimes looks quite ruthless to me, but soon the plant has new shoots appearing, and is full of promise.

There are four gardens mentioned by name in the Bible. The first in Genesis is, '*The Garden of Eden*'. God created a beautiful space, which was spoilt by man's disobedience.

The second often called the '*Garden of Tears*', is Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed, just before the crucifixion.

The third where he appeared after the resurrection, first to Mary Magdalene calling her by name.

The fourth in the Book of the Revelation, where there grows a tree the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations.

I don't pretend to understand all of this but I do know God loves me, and that He wants to bring to fruition all the beauty He has planted within me.

In his poem, '*The glory of the Garden*' Rudyard Kipling notes, that 'the proper gardener's work is done upon his knees, so wash your hands and pray that the glory of the garden, may not pass away.'

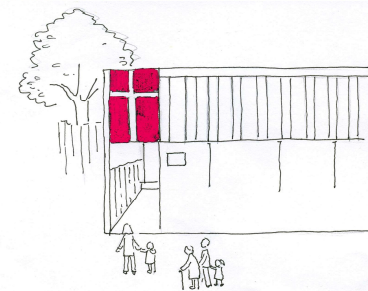
It is God who creates beauty of character, often through adversity, as Mary said, on that first Easter morning '*My Lord, and My God.*' And her heart was full of joy.

My prayer is, 'Come beautiful Christ. Radiate Thy beauty in me.
 'Tis Thee I adore, what can I ask more?
 Than to live for Thee beautiful Christ.'

God bless you.

Margaret Garland

A NEW DIRECTION FOR KEMPSHOTT



Before the Covid Lockdown we at Kempshott were putting together our Mission Action Plan and seeking to re-brand ourselves. We were having difficulty in finding an appropriate direction.

When Lockdown happened and the churches were instructed to close, we looked for a way to keep in touch and discovered Zoom. We were fortunate in having a member with the imagination and technical expertise to come up with a formula for a very distinctive Zoom Service and launched into on-line worship at the beginning of Lockdown. If anything our fellowship deepened during Lockdown.

The format is not the broadcasting of a traditional hymn / prayer sandwich. It is a forty-minutes interactive worship experience. Usually we have just two hymns with meaningful illustrations verse by verse. People can join in the singing from the comfort of their own homes, provided they mute themselves as the technology cannot cope with multiple sound sources. Prayers and readings are delivered by several different individuals within each service and there is time for conversation before and after the worship.

During Lockdown we also introduced a Wednesday morning Fellowship based on reading hymns on a given theme incorporating prayer time for all. This attracted far more people than had our monthly house group pre-Lockdown and proved attractive to members from other churches in Basingstoke and beyond.

We discovered that both of these weekly activities attracted a wide range of people from a variety of backgrounds. We were no longer limited by geography and we were able to reach out to people in care homes, hospital, as well as the housebound. We were able to retain contact with members who had moved away from the area or were on holiday. Both the Sunday services and the Wednesday Fellowships are open to all: indeed there are usually more people participating who are not Kempshott members than those who are! The Zoom access codes are always the same for each and are in Trinity news and the weekly circulars.

When we were again able to open the church we wished to continue with what appeared to be our mission. Therefore in September 2021 when we re-opened the church we decided to share worship in the building with a communion service on the first Sunday of the month and to rely on Zoom for the other Sundays and Wednesday Fellowship.

When we were asked to consider our longer-term future in the summer of 2022, we consulted the Superintendent Minister about the possibility of becoming an on-line church and disposing of the building. The building was not a problem, but it was not used very much despite our advertising it as a recreational community facility.

As our plans advanced we introduced an additional on-line prayer meeting before some of our Sunday services. These reflective times have sharpened our focus on the future.

In addition to our monthly Communion service in the church building we have continued to meet in person. Our Ladies Group, having met on-line during Lockdown has reverted to monthly meetings in members' homes. KOMBAT, our men's group, also continues to meet on a monthly basis and enjoys a range of social activities.

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Kempshott (cont'd.....)

Over the last months we have been developing plans to launch into the future. We see this as a positive way forward and a chance to match our mission to the modern world. We do not seek to poach members from other churches, but see our way as a service to those who do not find it possible to attend their own churches whether regularly or occasionally.

We are grateful for the support we have received for this venture from the Circuit and the District.

Charmian Harrison, Senior Church Steward

See below for access codes & links for Wednesday Fellowship & the Sunday Service:

Zoom access codes & links are always the same for each meeting, so Only a 'Click Away'.

Topic: Wednesday Fellowship Time: 10:30 AM London
 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 682 406 3657 Passcode: J47u2n
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6824063657?pwd=WGVvSVI1UDdRVStBcFVLRUxSVDQ2UT09>

Topic: Kempshott Church Zoom Meeting (Sundays) Time: 10:30 AM London
 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 757 168 0993 Passcode: 73nT4t
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7571680993?pwd=VzBQcnRqU1YvaU5ON2dreXcyMkVCZz09>

The Offertory at Trinity

On Easter Day we are going to recommence passing the offertory bag around. However, for many of us that means just handing it along the row as we give our financial contribution via standing orders.

The offertory is not only about putting money into the bag though, it is a time when we can offer to God the time and talents that we all have and use in the life of the church and circuit. Due to this the worship group have decided to trial an **offertory token**.

This is a small token that can be collected as you arrive at church and then put into the bag as it comes around as a symbol of what you are offering to God. Next to the tokens will also be some plain paper so that if anyone wishes to offer a prayer this can be written down and put in the bag in the same way.



All things come from You,
 O Lord, and of Your own
 do we give You.

(Whether it be our money,
 time, prayers or talents)

A Crown of Thorns

In the quiet of this moment
Let me focus on
Your crown of thorns.

The sacrifice You made.
The pain You endured.
The humiliation You suffered.
And the love poured out,
So abundantly for me.

Jennifer Pitt



Town Chaplaincy – Prayer Points

Give thanks for:

- God's blessings and his provision for our needs.
- The commitment of Chaplains.

Pray for:

- Chaplains in the Magistrates' Court helping people in distress.
- Chaplains meeting those who spend a lot of time on the streets.
- Us to best use the opportunities we are given to engage with people.
- Good listening and the right words to say when Chaplains meet people.
- Good links with churches and for more chaplains.

BasingstokeTownChaplaincy.org.uk

Suite 1 Paddington House, Festival Place,
Basingstoke, RG21 7LJ

Town Chaplaincy Prayer Letter March 2023

Lent: a time to prepare for Easter

The glorious message of Easter is that while we were in rebellion against God, Jesus was sent to save us from the lasting consequences of that rebellion. And it was accomplished by Jesus' death on a Roman cross. That is good news to share. Chaplains will be doing that through cards and token gifts in the coming weeks; the response to gifts at Christmas was often appreciation that the recipient felt cared for. In the Christmas rush shop staff were under considerable pressure from workload and customers. Generally, chaplains are out visiting and being available to talk. We hope to increase our presence at the railway station and in various places where people gather. But we are still short of people to become Chaplains to meet these opportunities to engage with people who would otherwise not connect to church or the Christian message. Please pray that people will feel called by God to see what Chaplains do and to join the team. Anyone is welcome to come and see what we do and go out on a round with a Chaplain; there is no obligation or pressure to join us.

If your church would like a 5-minute presentation about the work of the Chaplaincy, with opportunity to talk to people after a service please contact us to arrange a date. We can also speak more about Chaplaincy to midweek groups. Thank you for your support of the Chaplaincy. May you be blessed as you prepare for Easter and be thankful to God for his grace.

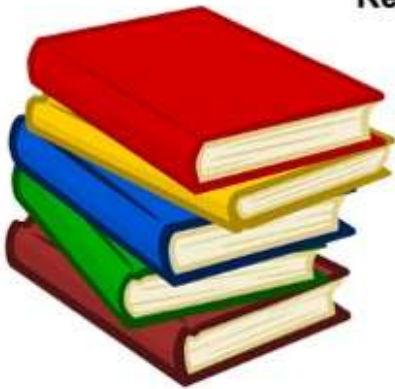
John Hayward, Chair of Trustees, BasingstokeTownChaplaincy.org.uk ☎: 01256 842232

St Andrew's Methodist Church
Spring Sale

Saturday 22nd April 2023 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Good quality second hand goods will be on sale.

**Refreshments and hot food available
(subject to availability)**



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Let's celebrate the King's coronation!



Sunday 7th May 2023
Sunday worship at 10.30 a.m.
followed by
Coronation Lunch



(Jacket potatoes and filling plus dessert)
at 12.30.

All welcome.

Sign up to book your place
as numbers are limited.



- 100 years ago on 15 April 1923 insulin became generally available for treating diabetes.
- 40 years ago on 15 April 1983 Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch writer & Holocaust survivor, died. She wrote about her experiences in Christian books that became best-sellers.

Family Tributes for Les Friday 17th March 2023

Bill Durrant's memories

How can you sum up a great person's life in a few minutes? You can't. But here are a few thoughts.

Les was 12 years old when I was born. We lived above and behind the greengrocers shop in Lancashire, which our parents ran. My recollections of Les when I was small are sketchy, I remember he had scout meetings in our home and had a girlfriend called Freda.

When I was six Dad, Mum and I moved to Hampshire. Les stayed in Bury to finish his schooling and start an apprenticeship as a Mechanical Engineer with a paper-making machine firm. This is where he met Freda, who worked in the drawing office, tracing drawings of machinery designed by Les and others. Les asked Freda for a first date on Valentine's Day, which they celebrated every year.

I can remember going back up north and going to Les and Freda's wedding in Bury. Soon we were getting air mail letters from Melbourne, Australia. One incident I remember from that time was, I was pushing my younger brother John along the road where we lived and gave the pram an extra push and it shot away from me and the only thing that stopped it from going into the road was a lamppost! Fortunately John and the pram both survived, Les heard about it and sent an airmail with a drawing of the incident, his penmanship was always so good.

I can remember visiting Les and Freda in West Norwood, London just before Heather was born. Les was Assistant District Commissioner for the scout movement. I also visited them when they moved back to Bury, when I was about 17. Les was best man for Dorothy and I at our wedding. As the years went on we visited them in Basingstoke at Woodroffe Drive, Old Worting Road and Mercer Close. There were Family meetings at Benbow pond near Midhurst where we had picnics and walks in the woods.

In later years Les and Freda stayed with us in Eastbourne and Frinton on Sea. We had many happy times going for walks, playing scrabble (Freda always won!) and listening to music. The other day Dorothy and I were listening to Classic FM and the choral piece 'Ave verum' came on and I said to Dorothy this always reminds me of Les and Freda, I can just imagine them singing it in the choir they sang in. Music was a big part of their lives. As was the church here at Trinity, the girls were married here and both Les and Freda were Blessed under the ministry of John Rowland in particular.

Les was always a caring and encouraging brother and I shall miss our phone calls which always ended with us wishing God's Blessing on each other. The last good conversation I had with Les was just after Christmas last year when we were remembering a visit Dorothy and I and Chris and his family made to Basingstoke a few years ago. We all went to Milestones Museum together with Heather. Happy memories, there are lots of them, and I shall never forget my loving Brother Les.

I thought I would read one of Dorothy's poems, which I gather meant a lot to Les, particularly in the last few months when he read them almost daily. *Poem is on page 15.*

John Durrant's memories

As Bill has said, you can't sum up a life like Les's in a few minutes – he achieved so much in his life. These are just a few of my recollections to add to Bill's.

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Family Tributes for Les (cont'd.....)

There is a near-20 year age gap between myself and Les, so I perhaps don't have the usual brotherly relationship – we didn't share the experience of growing up together. I suppose when I was young Les was more like an uncle, but as the years have passed the age difference becomes less significant and he certainly felt like my older brother for the last half-century or so.

I was at Les and Freda's wedding at Woolfold Methodist Church, Bury in 1951, but I don't have any recollection of that, being only four years old. As Bill mentioned, shortly after their marriage they sailed off to Australia, so my first recollections are also of the frequent air-mail letters with some wonderful drawings arriving in the post. Later, there were some pictures of their first baby, which was of course Anne.

Whilst living in Melbourne, both Freda and Les were involved with Hyde Park Methodist Church, with Les running the 8th Kew Scout troop. Lifelong friendships were made; 50 friends waved them off on their 6 week return voyage back to England 3 years later, in November 1954, just after my 6th birthday.

My memories are hazy but I think they stayed with us in Southampton for a few days before moving to West Norwood in London, where Heather was born. I do remember visiting them there and taking a trip with them to Alexander Palace.

Before long they moved back to Bury, to Tottington Road where Beverley was born – we first met Beverley as a baby in a carry-cot at the wedding of our cousin Peter Watts. However we visited the family in Bury on a number of occasions and I have fond memories of Les and Freda there.

Bill mentioned that Les was always caring and encouraging, and that is also my experience. He could see that from a young age I was interested in machines and engineering so on one visit to Bury Les took me to Olive's paper mill in Woolfold which was not too far from their house, and he introduced me to the paper-making process, in particular to a huge drier which he had designed. It's quite likely that this visit ultimately influenced my own career path as an engineer, as I have certainly been involved in the design of similar machinery over the years.

Our relationship was strengthened even more after Les and the family moved to Basingstoke. We had by then moved to Swanwick and Basingstoke was only about an hour's drive, so visits were frequently made in both directions which the girls all recall as one of their favourite journeys, especially when Les took them via the scenic route, through the Candovers, where their dad would drive over a hump-backed bridge, at speed, to cause his daughters to have 'lift-off' from their seats. What a thrill for all!

We would also share in family days out, walks in the New Forest or picnics in various beauty spots in Hampshire, usually involving games like French cricket. These were always happy times.

Once again Les was able to offer brotherly help with my career when I left school and moved to Stafford to start an apprenticeship at English Electric. Les gave me a lift up to Stafford when I went for the first time, as usual offering encouragement and making sure I arrived safely. On the way we also made a side trip to visit another paper mill, Dickinson's, in Hemel Hempstead – another interesting insight into the working life of an engineer!

The girls also have memories of lengthy car journeys, sometimes via paper mills, to visit family and friends across the country. Their favourite was an annual visit to Bury to stay

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Family Tributes for Les (cont'd.....)

with Grandad Fielding and their Fielding cousins. This included a trip to Bury market to stock up on traditional northern family favourites, including bottles of Vimto and Dandelion and Burdock, Sarsaparilla sweets, Wimberry pies, and Freda's favourite, tripe and elder, black pudding and best of all, meat pies!

Over the years we have always kept in close contact with Les and Freda – as close as we could when living a couple of hundred miles apart. When I got married Les and Freda welcomed my wife Anne, and as we raised our family, we had many happy times together, and again they took an interest and offered encouragement to our own children.

In many ways Les and Freda were the glue that kept our extended family together. Like Bill, I will miss Les, but will always have happy memories of a wonderful brother.

Anne, Heather, and Beverley's memories

Anne, Heather and Beverley know just how proud their mum and dad were of all the family. Husbands and partners were welcomed into the family as their own, and were loved as much as their daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All were precious to them. They say, 'It was our dad's wish that he lived long enough for his great-grandchildren to remember him', which they do. Visits from his grandchildren and the young and lively great-grandchildren were always greeted with a hug, a beaming smile and the comment, 'You've made my day!'

Home entertainment in the form of traditional family games has been passed from generation to generation. Prospective husbands and grandchildren all experienced 'the aeroplane ride' and 'the hair race' along with 'the post box game' which involved dodging each other as we all ran around the house to find the right postbox!

In 1976, Les was appointed as Chief Engineer in the Projects Division of Portals, papermakers to the Bank of England. He travelled widely overseas to Europe, China and Pakistan. Retirement allowed them to enjoy holidays in their caravan, particularly to Scotland. Overseas holidays to family and friends took them to Australia, New Zealand and Canada, as well as visiting Anne and family in Cyprus and Hong Kong.

They continued their travels in the UK well into their 80's. Heather and Peter joined them on some of their trips and were impressed by Les and Freda's knowledge of the areas and the walks they had accomplished over the years, many in the hilly terrains of Scotland, the Lake District and Peak District. They still had plenty of stamina and Dad was never one to dawdle!

Many places had significant memories for them. It is Les and Freda's wish for their final resting place to be their courting ground, on top of Holcombe Hill, near Bury, with Freda's brother Les Fielding and Cynthia, his wife. Holcombe was the name of the family home.

Another special place is the Wilverley Inclosure in the New Forest, a place of remembrance of Les's mother and father, and a meeting place for the Durrant family.

To all who knew Les, he was a truly gentle, man. He was loving, patient and kind to all. He maintained a witty sense of humour throughout his life. Family, Church and friends were Les and Freda's life. To all, they were devoted, dependable and faithful. We are all thankful for the many wonderful years we have had together. They will be missed by all who knew them, but content to know they will live on in our hearts and minds.

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God's Thoughtfulness by Dorothy Durrant

Wouldn't life be dreary if we had no grass or trees
 We had no pretty flowers, no busy working bees
 No sweet and cheerful birds song, no bleating of the sheep
 No cows in yonder meadow, no pets to love and keep,
 Wouldn't life be difficult if we had no rain or sun
 No moon or stars at night-time when the day is done,
 Wouldn't life be lonely if we had no special friend
 No children, wife or husband with this life to spend,
 Wouldn't life be empty if we had no tears or joy
 No feelings, no emotions, no love for girl or boy.
 God knew that all were needed, His creation was so right
 He knew we'd need the grass and trees, the flowers gay and bright
 He knew we'd need the humming bees to give us honey sweet
 To hear the birds, the cows and sheep, have pets to love and keep
 The cows to give us milk each day, the sheep their wool so warm
 The birds to sing their cheerful song, and wake us up at dawn,
 He knew we'd need the gentle rain to give us water sweet
 The sun to give out warmth and light to give us food to eat,
 He knew we'd need the stars and moon when the sun has gone to rest
 He knew we'd need our loved ones, He knew, He gave the best.

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A Tribute by Revd John Rowland

If someone had said to you "Show me a real Methodist" you could have done no better than say "Let me introduce you to Les Durrant." Les, of course, grew up where Methodism was strong and it was even stronger for its people in the hard times – and the 20's and 30's were that. But it became built into Les as it had done for many previous generations. And the Methodism which shaped him was that espoused by John Wesley himself. A matter of personal devotion in a discipleship that took following Christ as a conscious and upheld choice. It was about personal and social holiness although I doubt Les ever used the word. He was Christ's person – and Christ's person in every time and place and relationship.

He was part of Trinity before Trinity was and remained part of it as a true Methodist member but also in the councils of the church. He sang in the choir; he was also a member of the Basing Singers as we shall be reminded later. Of course singing was important – singing and preaching were the two great characteristics of the Methodism in which we grew up. And it was four-part harmony (although whether it was tonic sol far I know not) and sung enthusiastically not only in the great hymns but in the great oratorios and Gilbert & Sullivan. He and Freda were deeply involved in the Christmas Fair. Together they ran a house group in the proud tradition of the old Class Meeting. He will ever be part of Trinity whatever the future holds. He was a pillar of support to successive Ministers. His advice was thoughtful and freely given when asked for. If he thought you needed to think again he had a way of looking and smiling which made you realise that perhaps you needed to think again. And he was a reasoning and moderating voice – as well I remember from one particular choir annual meeting.

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A Tribute by Revd John Rowland (cont'd.....)

And when all is said and done never enough is said and nothing more can be done. The rest would be simply striving for effect. And that would be an affront to him.

And he was a friend. Simple as that. No need for elaboration. There are many, here and elsewhere who would readily affirm that. And would speak of him with gratitude and great affection and a profound sense of loss. It is said that no-one is irreplaceable. I have never quite believed that. Every loss leaves a space in your life. And for we who were glad to be his friends the space left by Les is very large. He is of course above all a loss to his family. But also to his friends; to this and the whole church to the Methodism which shaped us. I have met a few men of whom at some point I found myself saying "I would like to have seen more like him". Les was one of them.

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Maurice Bernard Wilfred Scorey

Biography/Reading

Maurice (Uncle Bill to his wider family) was born just before the war in Eling, New Forest. He was the second eldest of five boys and one girl and grew up in Southampton.

As a young man he learnt carpentry and joinery skills and trained for 4 years as an Architectural Technician. Maurice had thoughts of becoming a missionary working overseas, but this was not to be.

As a conscientious objector on religious grounds, Maurice worked as a porter in a London Hospital instead of carrying out military National Service. There he met and fell in love with his wife Margaret a State Registered Nurse. They married in March 1959 and their first daughter Susan was born in 1960 with Helen arriving in 1961. During this time, they noticed an advert in a newspaper for children to be fostered. Unhappy that children could be advertised in this way, they decided to get involved and their son Stephen came to live with the family and was formally adopted a few years later. Maurice William was born in 1964 and Louise completed the family in 1971.

As a young father, Maurice used his carpentry skills to make wonderful toys for his children as well as furniture for the home. Stephen has fond memories of a yellow fort and Susan was amazed by the doll's house with real lights. He was a great reader and took the children to the library every Saturday and on Sundays to the local swimming pools. He later trained as a swimming life saver and teacher of life saving skills.

He was also interested in sailing and built his own Mirror dingy which he used to sail locally before buying a 19-foot yacht on the river Hamble.

Working for the Council and private architects before computer-aided technology transformed architectural design and practice, Maurice excelled at precise and accurate drawings and always liked to remind friends and families that he designed the public toilet facilities at Basingstoke Cemetery!

His drawing skills were not limited to his work and his interest in painting water colours developed later in life and continued until quite recently. Throughout his life he was also fascinated by photography, not just taking photographs, but he also used to transform the family bathroom into a dark room to develop his own images.

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Maurice Scorey (cont'd....)

As many here will know, Maurice was a Methodist Lay Preacher and spent much of his life involved in church matters. The family attended Kempshott Methodist church and not too long ago, Maurice was actively involved in the redevelopment of St Andrews church in South Ham, using both his architectural skills in design of the building as well as his understanding of the needs of the church.

Maurice was the proud grandfather of Michael, Cissie, Isabel, James, Rachael and Chloe and was able to watch them grow into wonderful young people. He was also grandfather to baby Jessica who was not able to stay long with those who loved her and is much remembered.

Maurice retired early due to ill-health but took on the role of supporting Margaret who returned to nursing. Sadly, Margaret passed away in 1994 and daughter Helen in 2018.

In the last few years, Maurice continued to enjoy his hobbies, and interest in people and the Church and will be much missed by all.

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Some memories of Maurice by Ian Harrison

Maurice was a Local Preacher (I think he got a 50-year certificate) and was based at St Andrew's for most of that time. He was very much involved in the design and building of the new church. For reasons I know not he left St Andrew's when the new church opened in 2012 and came to Kempshott. There is a joke here: at one of the early planning meetings for the new church, I said "Maurice, what would you do if St Andrew's closed and people came to Kempshott?" He said "I'd emigrate!" God moves in some mysterious ways.

Here he formed close ties with Glen Curtis: Glen kept an eye on him and visited him during various spells in hospital and after he'd moved to Abbey Court.

When we were running the 'First Sunday Lunches' I kept asking him to come, but he always said he had family commitments. Then he came and came until we had to stop for Covid.

He'd not been at Abbey Court too long before he said "Ian, will you come and play the piano for us?" (They have a decent piano). So I found myself doing several one-man concerts: initially just piano pieces with some songs and then, under the influence of Phil Lloyd who was a wonderful volunteer organiser, more adventurous events such as "The Last Night of the Proms"; "75 years since VE Day" and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Charmian and I often say that it's rather sad that we don't really find out about people until they're no longer here!

I do think that something needs to be said about Maurice's input at St Andrew's. He was a Church Steward for many years and together with Bill and Jean Jeram (*and others*) held the place together. He was a vital input to the design of the new church: I have no idea why he jumped ship and came to Kempshott.

He struggled for many years with having to wear a neck brace which must have been incredibly difficult for him and impeded his Local Preaching (*I think he gave up for several years because of it*). Thankfully the medics eventually saw sense and said "why are you wearing that you don't need it" (*thank you very much Dr X*).

We miss him deeply. Ian (27.02.23).

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*Memories of Maurice by Bill Jeram***Maurice Scorey (1936-2023) St Andrews, Basingstoke**

- I wish I had a memory! I could ask Bill Taylor or Stan Caller, but the good Lord has claimed them as well. Maurice always had a white collar, bit like a large Vicar's one, but then he was a busy Local Preacher in the Basingstoke area, both when his base was Oakridge Methodist Church, and then when he came South to St Andrews, and that was many years ago.
- I classed myself as one of his old friends, I think he would say we worked very closely together during the resurrection of the New St Andrews. It was maintenance concerns that made moving from the Old Church to a New building on the same site. He was 'Well Read', and a major pillar during his St Andrews Church days, for many years he was our Snr Steward.
- Being an ex-Architect, he could produce ideas onto paper for us, and worked very closely with the Minister Rev Margaret Locke-Wheaton in investigating all the possible move options, then the final Legal Work, which went on quietly with the Basingstoke Council team. We have a lot to thank him for. In the early days there were many hours investigating the possibility of the MHA and others moving on to the site, finding the right person to talk to, and getting them interested, was no easy job.
- Later visiting, with a small team to decide and recommend Church furnishings.
- Big thankyou to Ian Harrison, Les Bone, Audrey Wiles, Chris Berry and so many others who owe a lot to Maurice. Then raising Funds, thankyou Christ Church. All past memories now, but not forgotten, thankyou Maurice, and God, for our New Church, now nearly eleven years old, both before, during, and after the New Build, but maybe the New Build was your 'Hay Day'.

How did that Hymn go – Singing the Faith, 409 'v.4

*Let us build where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the WORD they've (we've) known'
(Mary Haugen 1950-)*

Bill Jeram, March 2023

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Kim Kelly

Kim was a much-loved member of the St Andrews congregation, a Circuit Local Preacher since 2005. Church Steward for many years, and a staunch member of the New Build Committee, especially for her Bird watching days at the Church Old Hall Roof. Kim has two daughters and one Son, so I'm told. She was at Trinity with us on the Sunday before she passed away, came by Taxi and Martin took her home afterwards, he often did, she lived rather out in the sticks. Kim was 94. ***'When the Lord calls, we have to go'***.

Bill Jeram

- The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts. The Resurrection, and its consequences were the 'gospel' or good news which the Christians brought – *C S Lewis*
- You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.

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Come and Enjoy *'Fellowship with Friends'* after Morning Worship at Trinity along with an *'enjoyable cup of Coffee, Tea and a Biscuit'*



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11 & 25 April

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Old Basing

Tuesday 18 April
11 am to 1.30 pm

CAMEO

(come and meet each other)

Coffee / Tea, sandwiches and / or cake, and sometimes home-made soup.

You are welcome to bring crafts along.

It will run on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Denise



- All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that **one solitary life – James Allan Francis**
- The proof of spiritual maturity is not how 'pure' you are, but your awareness of your impurity. That very awareness opens the door to God's grace – **Philip Yancey**

Printed Programmes for Retreats 2023 at Silchester Methodist Church are now available. Fuller details of all the Retreats can be found in the March 2023 issue of Trinity E-News

The Silchester Retreats will be held on the following Wednesdays & Saturdays during 2023 from 10 am – 3 pm:

- **Wednesday 26 April – ‘New Life’**
- **Saturday 1 July – ‘Stories’**
- **Wednesday 16 August – ‘Trees’**
- **Saturday 23 September – ‘Glimpse of Glory’ *and lastly* –**
- **Wednesday 22 November – ‘Watching & Waiting’**

Refreshments from 9.30 am

Come and join us for a day of refreshment and reflection.

Our retreats are to enable you to explore and experience meeting with God; to be explorers and journeyers.

Please bring a packed lunch.

Hot and cold drinks, including cup-a-soup provided.

Cost per person: £10.

For enquiries or to book for one of the Retreat Days, please contact Angela Hiscock at: angela.hiscock@btinternet.com or phone Angela on ☎: 01256 850432

Numbers are limited.

Car parking and entrance to hall at rear of church

**RETREAT CENTRE
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- Those who say they will forgive but can't forget, simply bury the hatchet but leave the handle out for immediate use – **D L Moody**

For:

- 'Smalltalk' with Revd David Shaw
- Methodist JPIT – 'Stay & Pray'
- 'Dial a Prayer'
- 'News from the Wisdom Centre' Romsey
- 'Recycling your Old Spectacles'

Please see [October 22 Issue of Trinity E-News](#).

Tuesday Lunches at Christ Church, Chineham

Two-course lunch on the first & third Tuesday each month, from 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm. **Booking preferred**, please sign up on Church Suite or phone the Office (☎: 01256 474280). It is important you advise us of any food allergies. More information, contact **Marianne Sales**: MarianneBunn1610@hotmail.com or see the [March Trinity E-News](#)



Revd James Mather, Ukraine:

Ukraine Chain has been supporting the community of displaced people at Ciudei, in Western Ukraine, for some months. They number about 50, and some 22 live in the church. We have previously appealed for funds for their support, firewood for the winter, a generator. There were generous donations to help with this. Now they are reasonably secure, the Christian community at Ciudei has started to assist less fortunate people who are stuck in the war zones in the eastern Donbas region. Two priests and a team of volunteers go with vans full of food parcels to areas devastated by war, where the people live under very dangerous conditions, some taking shelter in ruins. **Ukraine Chain** is funding these food parcels and would very much appreciate donations to help with this. *More information contact the Circuit Office.*

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Ukraine War: Help Support the Church in Ukraine with Bibles



The Bible Society is appealing for funds to send more Bibles to Ukraine. Bibles which share *“the love and power of God’s Word.”* **Details at:** <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>

from: A February Weekly Circuit News

Our Circuit Service for Sunday 26th February was the last in its current format. As a Circuit we have provided weekly scripts & sermon recordings for almost 3 years since the start of the Covid Pandemic and we know they have been deeply appreciated by so many. Unfortunately it has become increasingly difficult to fill the rota of preachers for this as preparation of these services is very time-consuming. **From 1st March** we plan to have an electronic online repository in which there will be three sermons on a theme each quarter, with a video sermon, suggested hymns & some prayers to enable local churches to run local arrangements.

Sanctuary Service (Weekly by Zoom):

7pm every Thursday evening,

We hold a short Zoom service, based on the Service of **Evening Prayer from the Methodist Worship Book**, but including a piece of music and a Reflection, lasting 20 - 25 minutes. **All welcome to join us.**

Email Jon Skeet skeet@pobox.com if you'd like to know more or be on the mailing list (*with no commitment to attend*). If you would like more idea of what services are like, see the [service web page](#) where past service sheets and reflections can be downloaded. We hope you'll be able to join us for a spiritual recharge in a friendly atmosphere of fellowship.

- The world needs more warm hearts and fewer hot heads – *Anon*
- Keep the faith – but not from others! – *Anon*

Easter Story

(A compilation of hymns and worship songs from anointed writers telling the wonderful story of our redemption)

Amazing love how can it be
As helpless Babe from
heaven He came
Walked our earth as Light
descending
To our world engulfed in pain.
How marvellous, how wonderful
His loving kindness as a flood,
Taking all our sin and sorrow
As He shed His precious blood.
The rugged cross was a
battle ground
As the Father's face turned
from His Son
Darkness engulfed the
whole of the land
'Finished!' – the cry
as victory was won.
We stand now amazed in
the presence
Of the Man that came from above,
The Crucified One –
but living again,
Who kissed our guilty
world in love.
by Megan Carter (P Pump)

Nigel Beeton writes: 'One of the most beautiful stories in the Bible is found in John 20 and verses 14 – 16. A distraught Mary Magdalene standing outside a tomb. She is convinced that some ne'er do wells have stolen the body of her beloved Master, Jesus, for reasons which she can't begin to fathom. There's a gardener nearby, and he asks her why she's so upset...'

Outside an Empty Tomb

"Oh woman, why this weeping?
Oh woman, dry your tears!
Oh woman, cease your weeping and lay
aside your fears!"
"They've borne away my Master!
And laid Him who knows where;
His tomb is standing empty, and He's no longer there."
"Oh Sir, please will you tell me
Where you have laid Him now?
For you can surely tell me
what they have done, and how;
Yes how may I now find Him and for His body care?
For I will truly care for Him if you'll but show
me where?"
He said to her, "My Mary!"
She turned and met His eye
She cried with joy, "My Master!"
For she at last knew why
The tomb behind was empty and why no body lay –
Her Master Christ is Risen upon this Easter Day!
***(These verses are set to the tune
'Down by the Salley Gardens')***

The Mug & Biscuit at St Andrew's Church is Open on:



Hours of opening are:

Tuesday: 10 am to 1.30 pm
Wednesday: 10 am to 1.30 pm
Thursday: 10 am to 1.30 pm



- We serve: **home-made cakes, jacket potatoes, toasted sandwiches & tea cakes.**
- Menu is subject to change. Last Orders for hot food 1 pm.
- Takeaway Available. Credit Cards Accepted.

The Mug & Biscuit is NOT OPEN during School Holidays.

The Mug & Biscuit is registered as a 'Warm Hub Opening' during 'Mug & Biscuit' Hours

We look forward to welcoming old & new friends.

The Mug & Biscuit Team

Any queries, offers of help – contact: **Linda Hoe** ☎: 07963 583506

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Saving Water....

Like most people nowadays I have a shower every day (although I acknowledge that some prefer to indulge in having a nice long soak in a bath). I was trying to work out when this became the 'norm' for me. As a child growing up during WW2 I recall that along with most of my friends, I only had a bath once a week, and then the water was shared with my brother who jumped into my bath water as I jumped out. When the Romans invaded Britain they brought many skills with them. Not only did they build wonderful roads and buildings, they introduced hot water baths. Somehow, this ritual bathing never really caught on after they left our shores.

In the 1500's most people in England took just one bath a year, usually in May, and they still smelled pretty good a month later in June. That's why most people got married in June. For those brides who got married later, they always carried a bouquet of flowers or herbs to mask any body odours. Hence the custom of the bridal wreath which continues to this day. Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, and then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all were the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose some one in it! Hence the saying "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!" **Barbara Johnson**

Blister Pack Recycling (Update)

Many thanks to all of you donating your empty pill packs and to those who are collecting them from others too. I am overwhelmed at how many have appeared for me to recycle. It makes me realise how many went into land fill before we started collecting them.



I have now taken the equivalent of **70** "bags for life" of tablet packs into Superdrug. I was filling their recycling box with one visit, so I have now been given my own supply of large plastic bags by Superdrug. I am sure that the help that Marie Curie is getting from these is welcomed and of course it is helping to take care of the planet for future generations.

Many thanks to all who donate, **Jennifer Pitt**

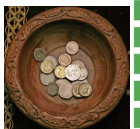
Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

If you have plastic milk bottle tops (**only milk bottle tops**) not already being recycled & would like to, Pamela has a contact with a collector for Hants & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Tops can be given to Pamela or ring the Bishop family on 01256 467702. Thank you, **June Bishop**



Trinity Collections

Trinity's income was severely reduced over the last few years, because hirers stopped meeting during lockdown and church services ceased. Much of our expenditure continued – almost half of our outgoings go to Circuit to pay for, among other things, Circuit staff, both ordained and lay. Since we re-started worship in church, there has always been a collection plate on the right as you leave church each Sunday. **But please see page 9 for latest information – the Offertory at Trinity is restarting !!**



We would like to thank those who contribute by Standing Order, and those who have made contact to continue their regular giving via monthly envelopes. We would like to remind you all that there are a number of ways you can contribute financially to God's work at Trinity and we would particularly welcome any donations at this time. If you need more information how, please contact: **Tony Pitt** (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary) – organista@btinternet.com or

☎: 01256-816314



UPDATE at: 27.03.23

web: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



The Foodbank was 10 years old! October 2022 was the 10th anniversary of the Basingstoke Foodbank. Every year since 2012 it has fed around 3,000 people in crisis in the Basingstoke & Deane area, including 800 children. Since 2012 a total of over 42,900 people have been fed and 488 tonnes of food distributed. “While we are immensely grateful to the people and businesses of Basingstoke for their support over the years, and for the sterling efforts of over 100 volunteers, we’re sad that in 2022 there is still a need for a foodbank in our town” said Phil Thomas, Chair of Trustees. “The current economic crisis means demand for our services is growing again and until the benefits system in this country is reformed, there will continue to be people and families in crisis with not enough to eat”.

The Foodbank provides a three-day supply of food to anyone in crisis who is referred to it by over 120 different agency teams across the town. There are now believed to be more foodbanks in the UK than there are branches of McDonald’s. The foodbank’s work is a massive achievement and a reflection of the fantastic effort by a dedicated group of volunteers from churches and the community across Basingstoke. The whole community of Basingstoke & Deane generously provide crisis food for some of the neediest people in our town” *said Phil. (taken from One Church Basingstoke)*

Over 90% of food distributed by foodbanks in **The Trussell Trust** network is donated by the public – that’s why your food donations are absolutely vital to enable us to give everyone referred a balanced, nutritious 3 day food supply.

Our **Basingstoke Centre & Warehouse at Houndmills** remains open for donations of food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs during regular opening times **10 am – 3 pm, Mon to Frid**. If you would like to donate items, please look at the Foodbank website or older newsletters where you will find fuller information – you can **‘Shop and Drop’** goods into the permanent crates provided by our supporting supermarkets – **see our website**.

A Typical Food Parcel Includes: breakfast cereals; soup; pasta; rice; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tea or coffee; sugar; biscuits; snacks; toiletries; household items; limited supply of fresh bread, fruit & vegetables.

Currently, at 27.03.23, we are SHORT OF:

- Desserts – Jelly, sponge or steamed puddings
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Evaporated Milk
- Long Life Milk (UHT)
- Powdered Milk
- Meat (except corned beef)
- Instant Mash
- Vegan / Vegetarian
- Cooking Oil
- Shampoo

Currently, at 27.02.23, we are SHORT OF:

- Dog Food
- Toilet Paper
- Small Packs of Washing Machine Tabs / Pods
- Nappies size 5
- Kitchen Roll

Our foodbank relies on Your Goodwill & Support. Monetary Donations are also gratefully received.

Currently, at 27.02.23, we have PLENTY OF: Pasta; Rice; Biscuits & Baked Beans

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MEALS –

Please remember if your children have **Free School Meals**, we can help support you / your family over school holidays by providing food to cover school lunches.

Contact: Your School; Citizens Advice: ☎ 0808 2787829 – BStoke or ☎ 0808 2787987 – Tadley or Basingstoke Foodbank.

- When we take least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them – *Matthew Henry*

THE FUTURE OF OUR RECYCLING



Over the years we have been recycling a variety of food and household packaging and wrappers. It all started back in 2013, I believe, when we collected Danone yoghurt pots. After that it was coffee lids and pouches, biscuit wrappers, various household cleaning packaging / containers, baby food pouches and crisps. We always had 2 or 3 collections on the go, taking on a new one when TerraCycle removed any. In the beginning I was able to send in any quantity / weight of recycling but gradually a minimum weight was introduced. This meant storing the recycling at home until I had enough to send off. It was just about manageable and worth it for the funds raised which went to *Contesa*, now *Future Pillars Zambia*.

Sadly for us, the large Supermarkets have taken over much of the recycling we were doing which has affected us quite badly, especially with the loss of the Crisp Collection. We now only have recycling for biscuit wrappers and household cleaning items. Both of these are not as forthcoming as the crisps were and it takes a long time to collect enough for the minimum weight. Therefore, regretfully I am going to be closing the recycling programme later on this year. The recycling will continue until I have enough to send off the last shipment for both recyclings. We redeem our points for cash twice yearly, April 1st and November 1st. To ensure we raise as much money as possible, I will aim to send the last shipments in towards the end of October. This will give enough time for the points to be allocated to our account so that we can then redeem them.

Meanwhile, please help us to save as many biscuit wrappers as possible, savoury and sweet varieties, and the items from the household collection. These are the flexible packaging from dishwasher tablets, detergent, household wipes, tinted fabric conditioner bottles, tinted plastic tubs and plastic air fresheners. Through the money we raise we are to supporting many vulnerable girls in Zambia who through the charity of Future Pillars receive a safe place to live, food, education and skills training in order to move from poverty to a better and sustainable future for themselves and their families. Help us to help them.

Many Thanks, Hazel Green

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For the Young & Young at heart

PUZZLES

Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-38, Jn 12:12-19

Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast each year. This year Jesus and his friends went too.

Two miles outside Jerusalem Jesus said to two of his friends



Go into that village and bring back the donkey you find there.

If anyone asks, say 'The Lord needs it.'



So off they went...

and they found it as Jesus had said



Why are you taking our donkey?

The Lord needs it.



That's alright then

They brought it back to Jesus, and made a saddle from a cloak.



They spread more cloaks on the road to make it a way fit for a king.



Others cut palm branches and waved them.

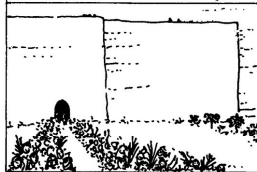


They shouted the traditional welcome to the Passover feast

God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!



As they got closer to Jerusalem the crowd grew



Everyone shouted to welcome Jesus as king

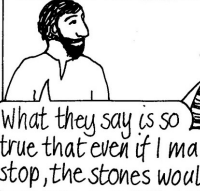


The teachers of the laws were angry

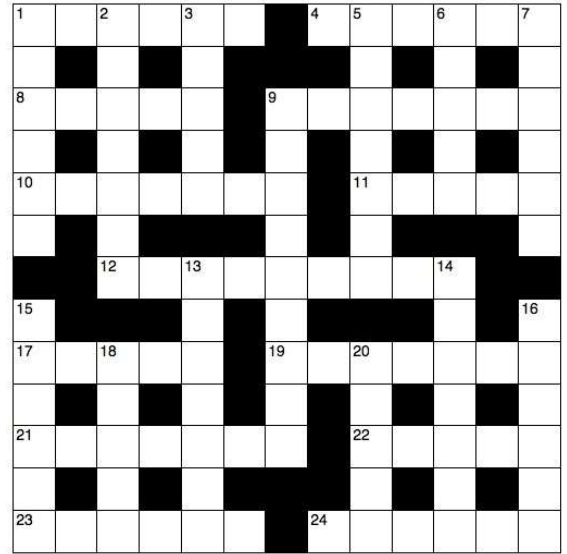


Teacher, you should stop them calling you 'king.'

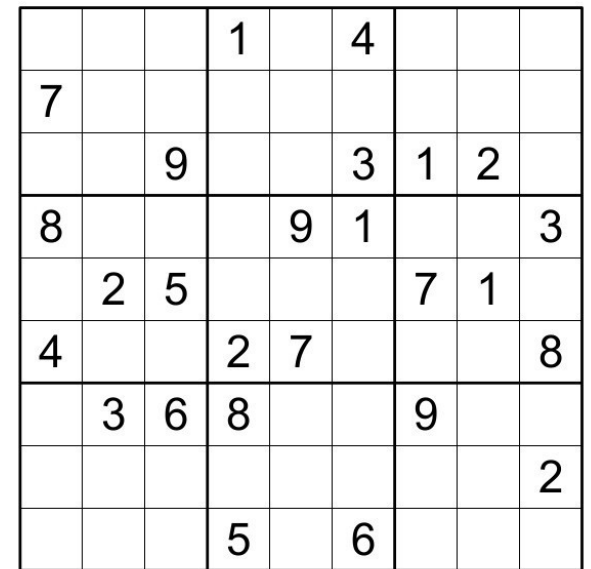
But Jesus replied



What they say is so true that even if I made them stop, the stones would shout!



Sudoku



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Wordsearch for April

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink.

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| Jesus | Bread | New | God |
| Ate | Blessed | Body | |
| Last | Wine | Blood | |
| Passover | Thanks | Gethsemane | |
| Meal | Drink | Cup | |
| Disciples | Covenant | Removed | |
| Warned | Law | Will | |
| Betrayed | Old | Easter | Approach |

Mouse Makes

HE IS RISEN!
Read the story of The Resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*

Jesus is Betrayed

The Last Supper

Into Jerusalem

Jesus is Crucified

Jesus is Buried

Jesus is Risen!

An _____ of the Lord came down from _____ and going to the _____ rolled back the _____ ... the _____ said, "Do not be _____, for I know you are looking for Jesus who was _____, He is not here; he has _____, just as he said."

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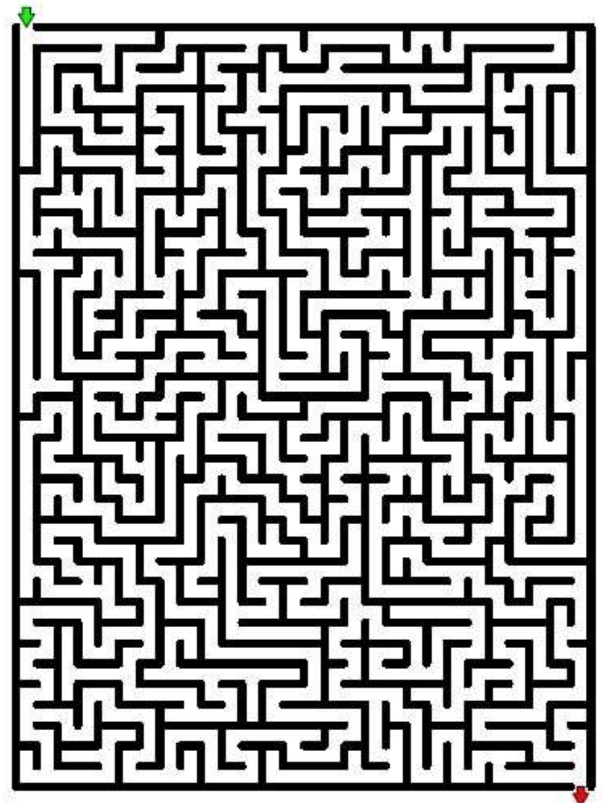
Glue this page onto card. Cut out the ovals then colour in. Punch a hole at the top and hang up for Easter

Crossword Clues – Across – April

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in
- 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Crossword Clues – Down – April

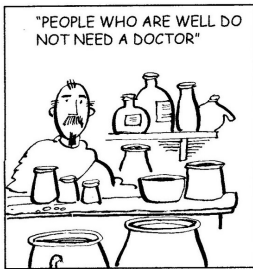
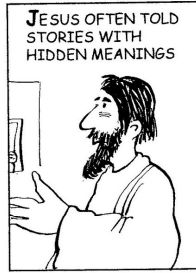
- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — '(Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — '(Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)



• The hurrier I go, the behinder I get! – Anon



The doctor and the ill person



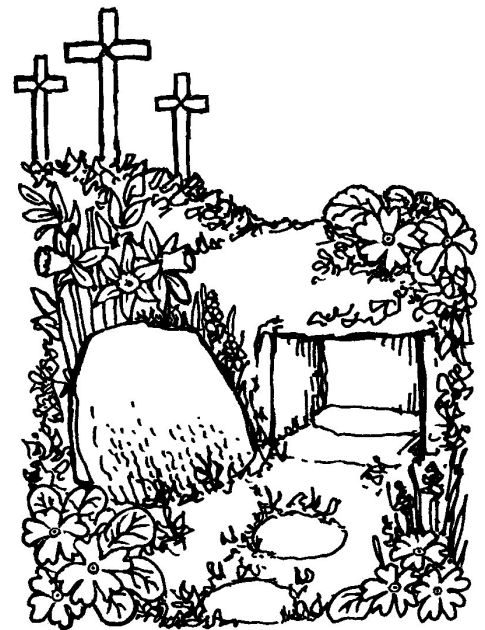
Puzzle Pages Solutions

- Across:** 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.
- Down:** 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

Sudoku Solution

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| King | Passover | Anyone | Teachers | Feast | Branches |
| Bless | Village | Jerusalem | Friends | Stones | God |
| Name | Needs | Saddle | Lord | Cloak | Crowd |
| Thousands | Miles | Donkey | Outside | Road | Welcome |