



St Andrew's Trinity E-News





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St Andrew's Trinity **E-News: Deadline for:** June 25 Issue:

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Sorry deadline a bit earlier this month.

I love receiving your items, so do keep them coming.

Thankyou to everyone who sends in items which can be phoned, posted, emailed or given to me. Thank you, Hazel, Ed

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Joy is the serious business of heaven. C S Lewis



For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has been working with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries.



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Link for Circuit Website: www.bhbcircuit.org.uk

May 2025

Dear Friends,

It is good to be back from sabbatical and catching up with news and events that have happened whilst I have been away. If I haven't seen you or spoken to you since returning, then I hope to rectify that soon but take this opportunity in the meantime to wish you a very happy Easter!

One of the questions that I have been thinking about in recent weeks for myself and others is 'What attracts us to Jesus?' It is a question that takes us to the heart of our faith. If you have been a Christian for a long time then you might reflect on what first attracted you to faith and made you curious about Jesus, and how that might have changed or evolved over time. If you haven't been a Christian for long then you might feel that that first attraction and curiosity is still strong. If you are on the fringes of faith or have no faith at all then you might feel that this question doesn't have an answer.

For me, one of the things that pulls me towards Jesus, that makes me curious and interested in him, is that he often does and says surprising and unexpected things, and because of this he offers comfort and joy, but also challenge and confrontation in equal measure. I'm drawn to who Jesus is because he offers a different way to think, act and be; often working in a different way to the way that the world works.

I guess one of the most surprising things that Jesus does is at the heart of the Easter story. Despite Jesus saying during his ministry that he would suffer, die and rise again, many were surprised that he was true to his word. Many of those who witnessed the truth of the resurrection and met with the risen Jesus and spent time with him still struggled to truly understand that he had risen from the dead and that they were to share this good news of abundant life that only came through him.

Despite their struggles, they did share this message and the earliest Christian communities were born.

Easter is a season that lasts for 50 days until Pentecost when, after Jesus ascended into heaven, we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit. This means that we can take our time to ponder the amazing truth of the resurrection and what it means for each one of us. It is a living hope that we carry within us and that we are called to share with others. May God give us the grace and courage to be Easter people.

Jesus is risen. Alleluia!

Blessings

Claire



Life (Jn 6:68)

Life is not always fair,
or kind. Life batters,
people betray, let us down,
even those we trusted with our
hearts and health.
Landscapes change,
Things we knew and understood
are tossed in the air
to come down damaged and different.
It all seems too hard,
too hard to bear.
And it isn't fair.

What then?
Give up, turn back,
collapse and concentrate on the
disintegration?
Or with Peter, look up and say,
"Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We believe and know that
You are the Holy One of God."

Life is not always fair, or kind. That's why Jesus came.

by Daphne Kitching, PP



Our Minister is: Revd Claire Simpson

Sunday Worship at St Andrew's Trinity and our Basingstoke Churches –

Plan for Worship: May 2025

Enquiries – Joint Senior Stewards:

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Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Circuit Plan, May 2025 (B/Stoke Churches)

Dates	4 May	11 May	18 May	25 May
Trinity	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	Revd Claire Simpson, P	Revd Andy Fitchet, HC	Mr John Smith
10.30 am Church of L Stream 10.30 am	Mr David Munns	LA	Mr Neil Graham	LA
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Claire Simpson	Revd Barbara McIntivey	Revd David Jenkins, HC	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	Revd Jackie Case	Rev David Cook HC	LA	Revd Claire Simpson
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Terry Rowell	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Mrs Linda Hoe	Revd Andy Fitchet, HC

New Appointments in Basingstoke:

Heather Symons who is a member at Old Basing Methodist Chapel has recently been appointed as Pastoral Assistant to Rev Claire Simpson and took up her appointment from early March.

Louise Craig who is a member at Oakridge Methodist Church has recently been appointed as Assistant Outreach Worker. Louise will take up this new appointment in early April and will work mainly in Basingstoke alongside Yvonne Hunt who is the Basingstoke Outreach Worker.

Please pray for both Heather and Louise as they begin working for God in our churches and our town. (taken from our Circuit Notices)

Enjoy Fellowship & Refreshments after Morning Worship

Our Thanks to all who serve refreshments on Sundays & Weekdays in the 'Mug & Biscuit'.



(More Volunteers are always very welcome, Sundays or weekdays. If you can help, please have a word with **Linda**, thank you).

A Prayer Request Book

Is available each Sunday and prayers will be included in the 'Intercessions'. Please ensure you have permission from the person you would like prayed for. **Diane Bath**





SATURDAY 10TH MAY CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF



3RD BASINGSTOKE BOYS' BRIGADE

2.30 - 5PM – QUIZ (£1 entry) with Light Nibbles & Refreshments

(See BB Notice Board in entrance lobby)



ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAY 11TH MAY



CELEBRATION CHURCH PARADE

Followed by buffet lunch:

Please Sign Up on list on the Notice Board at the back of the Church. Menu: Jacket potatoes with cheeses or baked beans.

Any queries – please speak to either:

Theresa Strachan (BB Captain) or Linda Hoe

3rd Basingstoke Boys Brigade –

Especially 5 – 8 yr old boys

If there are any boys with nothing to do on a Friday night between 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm, it's £2 per session and boys can come any Friday to see what we do.

If they want to join us on a regular basis that would be great. The older Boys meet from 7.45 pm until 10 pm.

 Aspirin – Had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle:

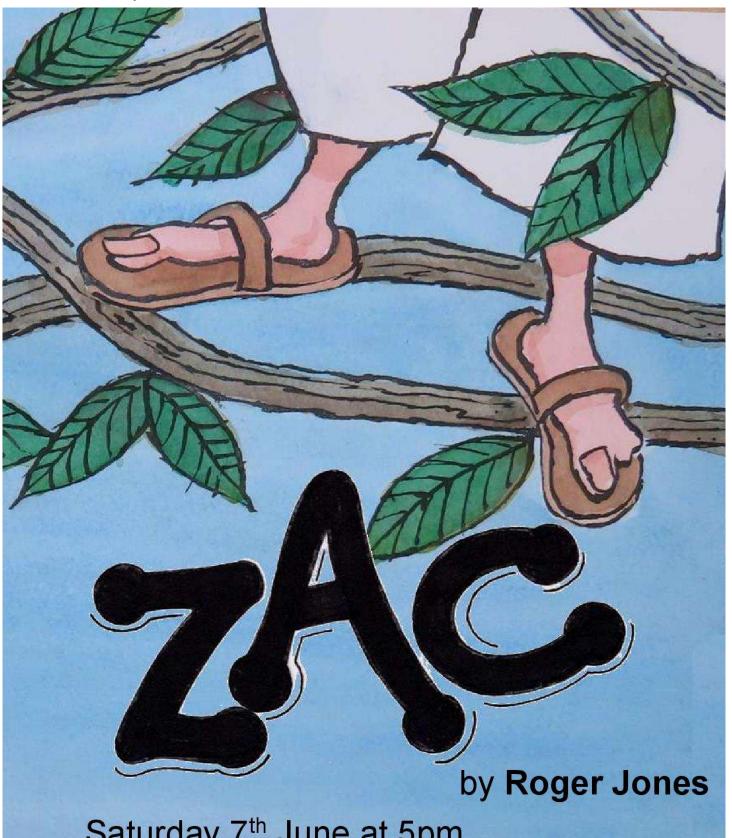
'Take two and keep away from children.'

ZAC – See Opposite Page

If you enjoy singing, playing an instrument or helping back of house, we would love to hear from you. Rehearsal from 10 am, performance at 5 pm. Refreshments,

including lunch, provided. Questions? – David Webb,

david@webbfamily.org.uk or 07848 843360



Saturday 7th June at 5pm

At Christ Church, Chineham, Basingstoke, RG24 8LT

Refreshments served from 4.15pm.

No tickets or purchase required

Performance authorised by Christian Music Ministries

office@cmm.org.uk

New Signage for our Church
Have you noticed the new signage for our Church ? Some pictures below:















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AV Things in the Church Building



You may remember that we changed our sound mixer on 12th April. If you were in the service on Sunday 13th you may remember a certain amount of squealing sounds and microphone testing before the service. Apart from that you probably noticed nothing other than Llyn using something different on Sunday mornings.

However our new mixer and its associated devices allows for several new things to happen because of its greater flexibility.

- 1. It can be used more simply. Whilst we are grateful for Llyn's work week by week, it means if she is away or unable to be with us, it will be much easier for someone else to step in.
- 2. Because the new mixer is essentially a computer we can make use of specialist software to prepare slides for worship.
- 3. We have the potential, should the church want, to use more microphones or add in musical instruments or to zoom services etc.
- 4. We now have a way to mirror (copy) the screen onto hand-held tablets so that those facing away from the screen can easily see what is on the screen, and those in the congregation who for whatever reason cannot see the screen, can follow on handheld tablets

My hope is that some of these can be implemented over the summer.

Thank you

David Webb

Prayers for Personal Use – UPDATE:

'All Times' by our very own Revd David Jenkins:

David will be dropping off books at each Church. Everyone who has expressed interest already, David should be contacting you, if he has not already. There are 600 copies, so please share this book far and wide so it gets to as many people as possible. Any questions contact David on: davidjenkins@clara.co.uk

For St Andrew's Trinity – please see Linda Hoe or one of the stewards.



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',

J A Francis

A new opportunity for informal worship



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 18th May 2025

At 5pm

in St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church,
Basingstoke for

a cream tea in the Mug and Biscuit followed by

"GOD'S GREATEST GIFT"

At 6pm Worship in an relaxed atmosphere

A chance to... share in conversation, Join together in singing and prayer, And explore faith in a creative way.

- People want to be in the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the centre of attention, D Macomber
- Life is a journey that no one makes alone. The more people you touch along the way, the more meaningful and rewarding your time, Anon

Sunday Car Parking

I am looking into the problem of parking at Church for Sunday Worship. Most roads adjacent to the church do not have yellow lines. For those who are severely affected I have a solution so please see me personally, **Bob Lock**

Open the Book - Bible Storytelling

Please support Open the Book with your prayers

Remembering and asking for God to bless

- school staff and children
- the teams of volunteers





Photo: Yvonne Hunt

Open the Book is an exciting storytelling project which started 25 years ago. Bible stories are shared with young school children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable.

Open the Book volunteers from Basingstoke churches visit several local schools. Methodist members are part of teams visiting King's Furlong Infant school, Oakridge Infant School, Oakley Infant School and Marnel Junior School in Popley weekly during term-time. Teams prepare and present a 10 – 15 minute scripted Bible story at assemblies, involving the children as much as possible.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work or joining a team please contact Yvonne Hunt, Circuit Children and Outreach Layworker: Yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk

Do you recognise the two people in this photo?

Yes, they are two Barbaras from St Andrew's Trinity who are both in the Thursday morning team which visits King's Furlong Infant School. In this photo, taken just a few weeks ago, they are dressed ready to present the story of Jesus and the Centurion.

Revd Barbara McIntivey

Prayer for Ascension Day

Dear God, our loving, sending and almighty Father,
Thank you that because Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven,
You were able to send your Holy Spirit to empower Your disciples then and today.
That, equipped by that same Spirit, we can confidently work for Your kingdom
to come on earth, as in heaven.

Lord, in these strange, topsy- turvy days, where earthly rulers terrify and destroy and disappoint, we rejoice that You are the Sovereign Lord of all things, and all times, and all places.

You, our God and Father, truly reign.

We are Your people. We are secure within Your love and protection.

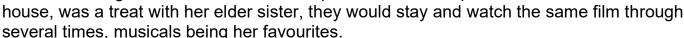
Thank you that at the name of Jesus every knee shall ultimately bow – and we pray, thankfully in His name, Amen.

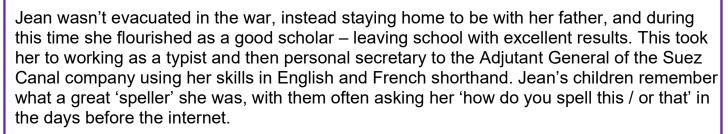
by Daphne Kitching, PP

Jean Elizabeth Jeram, 28/7/1932 - 24/2/2025

Family and friends joined together to celebrate the life of Jean Elizabeth Jeram on the 24th March at St Andrew's Trinty church. The hall was full, with family travelling from as far as Australia, and old dear friends from Yorkshire, all together to remember a wonderful lady, a wife, mum, granny, great granny and friend.

Jean was born in London in 1932, where she grew up with her family in very modest surroundings. Her great loves were reading and going to the cinema. She would visit the local library at the end of the road twice a week, reading three books after each trip. The cinema, or picture





Jean met William in 1950, both attending St Stephen's church in Wandsworth. They continued courting while he did his national service in Egypt, and they got engaged then married in 1955. William always says proudly – Jean gave up a very successful career to be with him and raise a family.

They had four children, moving to Basingstoke in 1966, when they joined the Methodist church here in Western way. Here she worshiped for nearly 60 years.

Jean continued her love of music, singing with the New Loddon Singer's with many of her friends from church.

As a mum, granny and great granny, Jean was the heart of her family, and alongside William, she created a home filled with love and warmth that held a special place in each of our lives

She had a way of making everyone feel special. Her hugs were the best, her smile could light up a room, and she always knew exactly what to say when you needed it most. Together with William, she created a family full of love, a safe place to visit, and their greatest supporter.

As a Granny she brought genuine warmth and kindness into the lives of her grandchildren. Her hugs were a thing of legend, and her smile was infectious. Always knowing exactly what to say and how to listen; she was quietly there, offering love and understanding, without judgment.

In the last years of her life, Jean's health deteriorated, with her spending her last 7 months in a local nursing home. During this time she was visited almost every day by her family, where they would sit, watch tv, chat and remember wonderful times gone by.

Jean will be forever missed by so many; for her strength, words of wisdom, kindness, and love. Her family will always feel her loss, but take strength in the fact she was not afraid to die. Her Christian faith kept her strong, and she now rests peacefully with God in heaven. (Written by Gill Harvey, Bill and Jean's eldest daughter)

And from Bill Jeram:

Wonderful celebration of Jean Elizabeth Jeram's life on Monday 24th March.

Thankyou for joining over eighty of Jean's family and friends at this time, from far and wide. Jean worked and worshipped at St Andrew's for over 60 yrs, when she came from London with her husband and children as part of the 'London Over spill'.

Thankyou for the, now St Andrew's Trinity fellowship, for this lovely afternoon of togetherness. 'Seek ye first .. 'Bill j

Basingstoke Chaplaincy Prayer Letter – April 2025

Christ is risen! This is a message that gives us hope & joy. It drives us forward as Chaplains to bring good news to others wherever they may be in their lives. Whether



this is un-mentioned in some conversations, or celebrated news in others, we listen to people and speak into their different situations to the extent that anyone wants to share with us.

We have been able to support several people in difficult circumstances recently. Sometimes other people, colleagues or family, are not aware of problems a person faces but a conversation with the Chaplain as she calls in to a shop or as he sits in the staff room will give a moment to share and get a fresh perspective. At a different level Hampshire Constabulary is conducting a survey into police suicides; perhaps no one wants to look weak in a tough job – and then something snaps.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another. A message for each of us and an attitude to share.

During the Muslim month of Ramadan there were open invitations to join in the breaking of the fast (iftar) which were accepted by some Chaplains. On Maundy Thursday we are organising a presentation of the Easter message to Muslim friends.

This Easter, with your support and prayers, we will be distributing Easter cards and some chocolate eggs as we seek to show that Easter has meaning for everyone. It carries a message of goodness. We can express it in our conversations, help bring peace and make Basingstoke a better place.

Thank you for your support and especially your prayers. We wish you a happy Easter, praying that you will feel the gratitude and joy brought by the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John

Prayer requests – Please: Give thanks for the invitations to be in places of work to support people there, and for the helpful conversations we have had.

- Pray for those in pressurised work situations dealing with crime, working alone or responsible for people's safety.
- Ask for wisdom for Chaplains in how they respond to information they are confronted with.
- Pray for others to join our team, especially that they will not be put off by the challenge but see that we are invariably welcomed and appreciated. We still need 2 people to join our team in the Courts.
- Pray for the well-being of the people of Basingstoke and the witness of churches here.
- Pray for increased understanding and engagement with people of other faiths, especially those in the Turkish Muslim community.

I Remember VE Day, 1945

An 80th Anniversary has some significance, particularly because it is possibly the last time we celebrate it, in a meaningful way.



I have asked a few friends for their memories of a day when peace was restored, and for many this meant going home, while for everyone it was a time of joy.

The weather forecast was given publicly for the first time since the start of the War. It would be a warm, Thundery day, with bright intervals. Temperature mid 70's Fahrenheit, (20 centigrade).

Whatever the weather, the public were out on the streets, with flags, bunting, dancing, singing, all against a background of ringing of Church Bells.

Miriam remembered VE Day well. She was born in 1933 and lived in Sherborne St John. On VE Day a big street party took place in the village. Miriam aged 12 years, was dressed as a Spanish troubadour. She had a toy monkey on her shoulder, and a tickly moustache. She loved the party, and her eyes still twinkle, when she recalls it. Miriam's family took in evacuees during the war, they joined in the celebrations.

Mervyn was a teenager in London. His family lived in rural South Wales. He was visiting London for the first time. His Aunty had brought him to the city. He loved all the dancing in the streets, so much so, that he was caught up with the dancers. His Aunty was panic-stricken, where was he? When she found him, he was unconcerned, just standing eating an apple.

Margaret was an evacuee in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. Her mother was working as housekeeper in the vicarage. She asked if Margaret could join her there, and the Vicar agreed. On VE Day, Margaret was asked by her mother, to go for Koray tablets at the local chemist's shop. These were for pain relief. The pharmacist joked, 'Perhaps you should be asking for Hooray tablets, now the war is over.'

Richard was not evacuated. He lived in Bromley, Kent, not far from Biggin Hill aerodrome. He used to cycle from his home to watch the 'dog fights' in the sky. The seriousness of the situation was brought home however, when a German plane crashed in his neighborhood. The reaction of the neighbors was to rush out to help the pilot. No longer the enemy, just a fellow human being, needing help. War makes strange bed fellows.

Many children were evacuated during WW2. There was no vetting of placements, and so for some the experience affected their lives, for good or ill. Town folk and country folk have different ways and customs, and just understanding the accents of speech could be a challenge.

Maureen was in her first place of evacuation for two weeks. Her mother deemed it dirty, so removed her daughter to Lancashire, where Maureen was happy with kindly people.

John remembers the street party in New Addington, near Croydon. He was away from London, when the local school was bombed. Fortunately, the children were in a shelter.

Heather visited the Isle of Sheppey on the Kent coast, which was heavily fortified

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I Remember VE Day, 1945 (cont'd.....)

during the war, so although a boom was along the coastline, the sea that formed a barrier against invasion could be seen.

Peggy lived in Brixton South London. Her father was serving in the North Atlantic convoys. What a debt is owed to these

brave men. Not evacuated, just searching all the time for safe lodging, she and her mother experienced the Blitz in Liverpool and London.

So, we the children of 1945, give thanks for deliverance. We went home; the experience made us the people we are today. Independent? Possibly Strong minded? Possibly. Thoughtful? Hopefully Kind? Always.

Life is for living, and we give thanks to God for his love and protection which brings us to the present day. 80 years – It has flown by!

God bless you,

Margaret Garland









St Andrew's Trinity Website:

https://e-voice.org.uk/ standrewstrinitymc/ (use control & click)

All of us and those running various groups & activities need to keep both Hazel and myself informed of what is going on, so we can include it on the website and in the E-News magazine. I welcome any suggestions for changes and / or additions you would like to see on the website, **Peter Harris.**

Quarterly Flyer – **latest is out now, March to May,** copies should be available in the Mug & Biscuit or the Spinner in the entrance area. A good way of telling people *(old and new)* what we have going on at our Church. Why not take a copy to pass on to someone new. Next **Flyer** out beginning of June, **Hazel H.**

Memorial flowers

We have a small group of flower arrangers who are happy to offer to do small flower arrangements, on our memorial book cabinet (Max cost £10). If you would like to mark a significant date in memory of someone special in this way, places appear to App Walker or a stoward preferably two wo

in this way, please speak to Ann Walker or a steward, preferably two weeks in advance.

 80 years ago, on 8 May 1945 VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of WW2. It was celebrated as a public holiday.

Oakley Methodist Church



Coffee Mornings on:

Tuesdays 13 & 27 May 10.30 am – 12 noon £1 for a bottomless tea or coffee & biscuits Paperbacks available, 30p ea

Oakridge Methodist Church

Proceeds to the Red Cross.

Plant Fair & Community Fun Afternoon Saturday 17 May, 2pm – 4 pm Oakridge Methodist Church Vivian Road, Basingstoke, RG21 5QB

'Welcome Hub' - Coffee & Craft EVERY Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon

Refreshments, some craft materials provided. No charge, donations gratefully received.

Why not come and give us a try?

Old Basing Methodist Church CAMEO Club next meet on:

Tuesday 20 May - 11.30 am - 1 pm

Light lunch provided. Please bring your crafts along. All Welcome.

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Gillian Smethurst

Around our Circuit – What's on & Where? (from our circuit notices) – Web: www.bhbcircuit.org.uk

- Monthly Zoom Events: 'Hot Potatoes' (first Monday);
 'Online Bible Study' (fourth Wednesday 7.30 pm).
- Weekly Zoom Events: 'Evening Prayer (Tuesdays 7.30 pm)
 'Men's Prayer Breakfast' (Saturdays 9 am).



Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Methodist Circuit

- **'Hungerford Memory Worship'** (2nd Thursday monthly, 2.30 pm), Hungerford Methodist Church, Bridge Street, RG17 OEH, Free parking, Step-free access, Accessible toilet.
- Fuller information for the above events can be found in our March E-News magazine.



'Pray in May 2025' – We are calling all Christians across the Basingstoke Area to see the month of May as a time to pray a blessing of 'Love, Joy, Peace and Hope' upon every home, school and business. The aim of 'Pray in May 2025' is for followers of Jesus to walk every street in Basingstoke and Deane and pray for every home and business in our town. All you need is to download the Oikos Outreach

app using: http://pray basingstoke.oikosoutreach.com

We have written a prayer that you can use if you prefer that to praying your own words:

Heavenly Father, Bless Basingstoke
with **Peace** and **Hope**, **Love** and **Joy**. Let children flourish,
the vulnerable receive compassion, women and the elderly
feel safe, minorities be welcomed, businesses thrive,
healthcare providers relieve suffering, and educational
institutions empower students. May police and law
enforcement administer justice and councils govern wisely.
Above all, let residents experience Your mercy and grace.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen **(taken from OneChurch)**

• 40 years ago, on 13 May 1985 the pop album 'Brothers in Arms' by Dire Straits was released. It became the world's most successful album released on compact disc & the first CD album to sell over a million copies.

PRAYING & LISTENING Sunday mornings



Anyone wearing this badge will be available to listen & pray quietly with you at the back of the church after the service.

The Fountain Prayer Group

meets in the **Main Hall or Small Hall** at St Andrew's Trinity

on: Thursdays 8 & 22 May



We gather at 2.30 pm and begin at 2.45 pm with a short reflection. The rest of our time together includes a period of silence and some prayerful sharing. We finish the formal part at around 4 pm. Please come even if you cannot attend every meeting.

Angela Webb (angela@webbfamily.org.uk)

'TUESDAY COFFEE CLUB'

Come and enjoy a 'cuppa & chat', everyone very welcome. Runs alongside the Mug & Biscuit at the back of the church 10 am to 11.30 am, finishing in time to grab lunch in the Mug & Biscuit! Aims to stay open all year apart from Christmas,

Di Spencer

 150 years ago, on 1 May 1875, Alexandra Palace in London was officially opened. It became the home of BBC television in 1935.

Trinity Circle Meet on:

Tuesday 13 May, 7 pm at St Andrew's Trinity for our AGM & supper. Please give your name and choice of food and £5 to Janet Gunton No Later than 6 May. Earlier meeting time for supper, Sonia

Northern Housegroup Meet on:

Tuesday 6 May, 7.30 pm at Sonia's home.
We are pleased to welcome Sarah
Whithorn as our speaker,
Sonia, Hilary and Edna

(JAM) - 'Jesus And Me' Meet:

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, *usually* the 1st Sunday of the month at St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church



The Next 'JAM' Dates are: Sundays 8 June & 13 July

Please NOTE – <u>NO JAM Meeting in May</u>, but come along & join the BB at the morning service.

JAM – Children & Families meet as above, usually the 1st Sunday of the month to hear stories of Jesus, Craft, Singing & Tea.

All very welcome, do come & join us.

Yvonne Hunt – is our Children's, Families & Young Persons Outreach Worker for our Basingstoke Methodist Churches, Contact Yvonne:

email: yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk or phone on: 2: 07462 040644

South Ham Churches Lunch Club

St Andrew's, St Josephs & St Peters run a Lunch Club on the 2nd & 4th Fridays, 12.30 pm, at St Joseph's Church,







St Michael's Road. Open to over 55's, cost £6 per head – (main course, pudding and a cup of tea). More info from **Churches' Co-ordinator**, **Hannah Lock**. If you would like to help, more information from **Bob Lock**, **Methodist Co-ordinator**.

'Singing Group Dates'

The 'Singing Group' meets next on:

Monday 12 May at 11 am and then on: Mondays 9 & 23 June also at 11 am.



We look forward to seeing you, everyone is very welcome, especially a **few more men**. Do come and join us for an enjoyable 'sing'. If you would like more information, have a word with Peggy,

Peggy and Hazel

The List of - Church Stewards & Congregational Representatives on Church Council can be found on the Notice Board at the back of the Church, also a copy of the most Current Church Council Minutes.

- If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for? Anon
- Middle age: that difficult period between juvenile delinquency and old age, when you have to take care of yourself, Anon
- One plus one equals one, may not be an accurate mathematical concept, but it is an accurate description of God's intention for the marriage relationship, Wayne Mack.
- Taxpayer: a person who has the whole government on his payroll, Anon

'Crafting Bits' – If anyone wants some Crafting Bits (we have paints, coloured sand, felt, google eyes, lollipop sticks and much more), please contact: Yvonne Huntt:
Outreach@BRMC.uk

Pixabay

Newsletter: 'Events / Dates / Contributions'

Please send me any: 'Events',

'Dates for Diaries', 'other contributions' you would like included or promoted in 'OUR' Newsletter. Thank you, Hazel, Ed. (Items can be: bible passages, prayers, poems, stories, outings, holidays, events, anything else you would like included).

Useful & Email Contacts:

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Church Contacts: Joint Senior Stewards:

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Down on the Farm (A humorous memory of a Trinity Deaf Service on Rogation Sunday)



This is one of my favourite photos. It was taken at a time when a good number of deaf and hearing folk from Trinity were awaiting the Chaplain for the Deaf; Rev John Studd, to start the Rogation Sunday Service, whereby we walked around the farm with John blessing the crops and the farmstead.

Standing to the right of John in the photograph is Colin Temple, a deaf worshipper from Trinity.
Colin was holding a banner with printed hands on it depicting the

language of deaf people praising the Father in heaven. John and Colin were wondering why we, the assembled congregation, were chuckling and smiling. John was about to open the service but they could not see the horse behind them who clearly wanted to be the centre of attention. To the left of the photo is George Thornton another Trinity deaf church member, engrossed in his hymn book and probably not bothered by the horse as he was a full-time worker at the farm.

This photo is one of my cherished memories, not because I took the photo but because I was in the right place at the right time with my camera ready to snap. I thought the whole scene was endearing. They say that film stars are reluctant to act with animals or children

for they steal the show and this was certainly the case on this particular day.

This service occurred every year during the summer. When the weather was fine we all sat outside and munched our tea together, sitting on bales of straw, all of us thoroughly enjoying ourselves in fellowship together. If it was wet we continued within the shelter of the farm. Oh happy days.



Mervyn

(Celebrating 80 years of peace in the UK)

The Bells Rang Out in England

The bells rang out in England and songs of heartfelt joy, but 'midst the cheers were bitter tears for each lost man and boy.

The six long years of fighting had such a dreadful cost in blood and sweat and mortal threat and countless lives were lost.

It now, at last, had ended -

in Europe's shores at least; our people brave feared not the grave to slay the Nazi beast.

The lessons learned stayed with us for eighty peaceful years. yet now, again, some brutal men are raising wartime fears.

We should be celebrating this coming VE Day; yet not at ease, but on our knees for lasting peace, we pray.

by Nigel Beeton, PP

Walking a Half Marathon in the Cotswolds



On 5th July, I have agreed to walk a Half Marathon in the Cotswolds! I'm probably mad, but it is raising money for a very good cause.

Alzheimer's, and other forms of Dementia, are devastating the lives of sufferers, and also of their families and friends. In our family, two members of my parents' generation have suffered from it to such an extent that they were almost living in a different world. I also have friends whose family members are suffering, or have suffered, from it, and many of you will also have known people who have. I therefore look forward to the day when there will be a cure.

If you would like to support me with a donation to this good cause, please get in touch with me by email at organista@btinternet.com, or follow the link below to my JustGiving page at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TonyPitt-Trek26. (Note, on the JustGiving page it may say that I am walking in the Yorkshire Dales, but this is incorrect – the organisers are working to get that correct.)

Thank you, Tony Pitt

Canon Paul Hardingham Considers the Difference a Person can Make Barnabas – A Very Likeable Disciple

This month we remember St Barnabas, whose real name was Joseph, a wealthy Levite from Cyprus. However, he was better known by his nickname which means 'Son of Encouragement' (Acts 4:36). Throughout Acts we see him encouraging others in different ways. Barnabas was an example of generous giving (Acts 4:36-7), when he sold property and offered the money to the church for those in need. In the midst of a caring and sharing community, he was singled out as a symbol of generosity. Are we known as somebody who is generous to those in need around us?

Barnabas later *encouraged a new Christian* in the person of Paul (Acts 9:27). After Paul's conversion and knowing his reputation, Barnabas came alongside him and brought him into the fellowship of the church. Are we ready to help those who are new in the faith to find a place in our church?

Finally, Barnabas was sent to the church in Antioch where he 'saw the evidence of the grace of God' (Acts 11:23). It was a church which brought Jewish and Gentile believers together for the first time. Like Barnabas, do we rejoice when we see God doing new things in people's lives? Are we also willing to embrace these things and facilitate change?

Encouragement is one of the spiritual gifts in the New Testament (Romans 12:8). It can be greatly undervalued, but it is crucial in growing the church. Like Barnabas, will we nurture gifting; strengthen the doubters and those tempted to give up; show generosity to God's people and beyond the church; alongside strengthening people to move beyond their own comfort zones to help those in need?

Let's be prepared to ask the following questions: 'Are there people alongside us who will encourage us?' and 'How can we be encouragers to others?' **PP**

- Triumphant, Christ ascends on high, the glorious work complete; sin, death and hell low vanquished lie, beneath His awful feet, *Anne Steele*
- Our Lord is risen from the dead! Our Jesus is gone up on high! The powers of hell are captive led, dragged to the portals of the sky, Charles Wesley

Dates	Timings	EVENTS at St Andrew's Trinity unless advised				
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Weekly & Month	ly Events – T/T	(term-time)				
Tue, Wed, Thur weekly T/T only	10am–1.30pm	Mug & Biscuit is Open for drinks, biscuits, cakes, tea-cakes, light lunches, p20				
Tues, weekly	10am–11.30am	Tuesday Coffee Club, p15				
Wed weekly T/T	1pm-3pm	Knit One, Drop One				
2 nd /4 th Frid month	12.30pm	S/Ham Churches Lunch Club, St Joseph's Church, p15				
2 nd & 4 th Thurs monthly	2.30pm-4pm	The Fountain Prayer Group twice monthly unless otherwise advised, <i>p15</i>				
4 th Tues evening	6.30pm	Harrow Way Housegroup				
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Mon, weekly,	7pm–8.30pm	1 st South Ham Guides, (age 10–14),				
term-time (T/T)	7 pm=0.30pm	Leader: Sarah, New Members Sign Up via Girl Guides' website: www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus				
Wed, weekly, T/T	4.30pm-5.45pm	3 rd South Ham Rainbows, (age 4–7), Lena Ponting				
Wed, weekly, T/T	6pm-7.30pm	3 rd South Ham Brownies, (age 7–10), Lena Ponting				
Thurs weekly, T/T	10am-11am	Playtime U5 Group, Contact: Theresa Strachan				
Frid, weekly	6.30pm-10pm	3 rd B/Stoke Boys Brigade, Captain: Theresa Strachan, <i>p</i>				
Other Events (in	cluding events	that are once a month)				
May & Some Futu						
MAY, Sunday	-	There is NO JAM meeting in May				
Tues 6 May	7.30pm	Northern Housegroup at Sonia's home, <i>p15</i>				
Thur 8 & 22 May	2.30pm	Fountain Prayer Group, p15				
Sat & Sun 10 & 1	1 May	3 rd B/Stoke Boys' Brigade Celebrate 60 years, <i>p4</i>				
Sund 11 MAY	DEADLINE	For NEXT (June Issue) of St Andrew's Trinity E-News				
Mon 12 May	11 am	Singing Group, p16				
Tues 13 May	7.30 pm	Trinity Circle – Supper and AGM, p15				
Sun 18 May	5 pm	An Opportunity for Informal Worship, <i>p8</i>				
Monday 20 May	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting – PLEASE NOTE New Time				
Sat 7 June	5 pm	Circuit Musical, 'Zac' at Christ Church, Chineham, p5				
Mon 9 & 23 June	11 am	Singing Group, p16				
May Dates	Various times	Various Activities – Oakley, Oakridge & Old Basing, p1				
Ongoing & New	Various	Around our Circuit – 'What's On and Where', <i>p14</i>				
Sat 21 June	10 am – 3 pm	Silchester' Retreat, 'He makes me lie down', p21				

Normal, Imperfect Heroes – the 'failures' God used to teach us about leadership, by James and Liz Grier, SPCK, £12.99

Heroes of scripture are more like us than we realise, with both their God-given strengths & profound weaknesses. The book, in four parts: explores the beginning of leadership in Genesis, through Moses, the first two Kings & finally Jesus' apostles. Bishop James of Plymouth & his wife Liz, add with insights & anecdotes from their own experience. A book for anyone who is trying, to follow Jesus, either as a leader or follower, offering reassurance to those who need it or to those who aspire to try to lead others. Published by St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church

The Mug & Biscuit, St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church is Open, (usually term-time but sometimes subject to change):



Tuesdays: 10 am to 1.30 pm (term-time) Wednesdays: 10 am to 1.30 pm (term-time) Thursdays: 10 am to 1.30 pm (term-time)



- 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

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RECYCLE Used Postage Stamps via the box in the Mug & Biscuit for 'St Michael's Hospice'.

THANKS, **Bob**

Image, Pete's photo

RECYCLE Bottle Tops – In the Brown Box on the right at the back of the church.

Proceeds to the Hospice. Please leave tops in the bag you bring them in if you can. I also recycle 'Milkman' foil milk bottle tops too. Thank you, Helen



'RECYCLE plastic milk bottle tops' (only 'milk' ones), by giving them to Pamela who has a contact with the Hants & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, or 2: 012546 467702





At 23.04.25, the Foodbank - Most Needed:

- **UHT Fruit Juice**
- Ladies Deodorant
- Hair Conditioner
- Hot & Cold Desserts UHT milk
- Tinned Fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Custard

At 23.04.25, the Foodbank -**Running Low:**

- Savoury Spreads, eq marmite
- Pet Food
- Household Cleaning
- Tinned Veg
- Small Packs of Tea
- **Tinned Meat**
- Rice Pudding

At 23.04.25, the Foodbank -

Running Low (cont'd):

- Tinned Spaghetti / Ravioli
- Sweet Spreads (Jam, marmalade etc)
- Tinned tomatoes

At 23.04.25, the Foodbank -

We have Plenty:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Baked beans
- Pulses
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Non-Dairy Milk
- Sanitary pads
- Baby Food, Formula & Nappies size 5 & below
- Hand soap



More info on web: www.https//basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

RETREAT CENTRE SILCHESTER RG7 2NY



Come and join us for a day of refreshment and reflection at Silchester Methodist Church.

Our retreats are to enable you to explore and experience meeting with God; to be explorers and journeyers. On each day, themed multi-sensory experiences are available to choose from.



Saturday 21st June

"He makes me lie down

He restores my soul."

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life"

Psalm 23 (NRSVA)



Wednesday 6th August

Just Peace

Becoming peacemakers

".....seek peace, and pursue it."

Psalm 34:14 (NRSVA)

Website: Silchester Christian Retreat Centre

For enquiries or to book for any of the Retreat Days please contact Angela Hiscock <u>angela.hiscock@btinternet.com</u> or phone her on 01256 850432 Numbers are limited.

All days run from 10am-3pm. Refreshments from 9.45am.

Please bring a packed lunch.

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

Suggested donation per person: £10.





Car parking and entrance to hall at rear of the Church.

Except where otherwise stated, all artwork & photos are by a member of the Retreat Leadership team.

Christian Resources still available:



Steve Wood, supplies Christian Resources to surrounding areas via 'Sonrise Christian Resources'. Contact Steve 2: 07396 825097 or email for advice about requirements. Happy to help source any item needed: General Christian books, cards, gifts & more'.

Website at: www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk Email:stevewood@sonrisechristianresources.co.uk www.facebook.com/sonrisechristianresources

- All my discoveries have been made in answer to prayer, *Isaac Newton*
- Genuine prayers will be looking out for answers, W Plumer

For the Young & Young at heart

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 5 verses 1-18

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

Sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.

Jesus went up to a live got no one to put me sick for 38 years.





Do you] want to be healed?





He was healed! The L man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath.

God had given the law that the Sabbăth day was a rest day (Ex20: 8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Tewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rule's so that anything that even might be work was banned.





and they went to Jesus

I don't know.)

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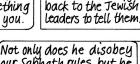
You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

so I keep on working as well (we definitely have to kill him

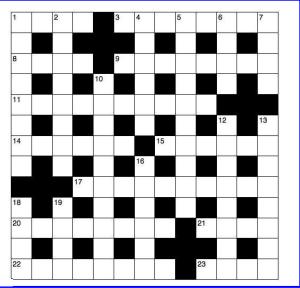


Now the man knew









Sudoku

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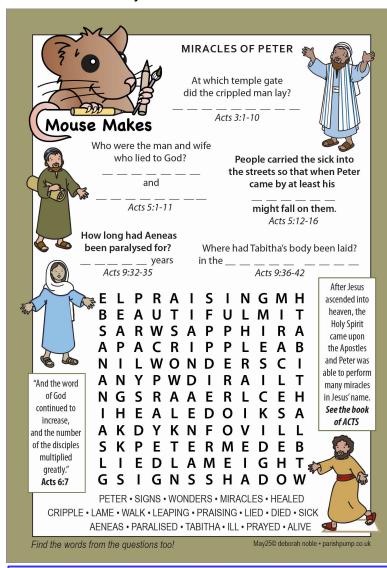
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stop working on the Sabbath

Wordsearch Clues and Answers

The Nicene Creed is one of the most important documents in the world, has shaped Christian belief for the past 1700 years, affecting hundreds of millions of lives. This year is the 1700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Athanasius is the theologian behind that creed and his feast day falls on 2nd May.

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Athanasius	Worship	Church
Nicene	Divine	State
Creed	Eternal	Exiled
Theologian	Flight	True
Egypt	Hiding	Alexandria
Council	Triumph	Christology
Bishop	Begotten	Scholarship
Debate	Substance	From
Christ	Devotion	One
Person	Light	God



Crossword Clues, Down:

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anaq.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30-31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)
- 30 years ago, on 13 May 1995, British mountaineer Alison Hargreaves became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest unaided (without bottled oxygen or Sherpas.) She died later that year, in August, in a storm, while attempting to climb K2.

Crossword Clues, Across:

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, "— here and keep watch" (Mark 14:34) (4)

Why You Should Draw your Curtains at Night (especially if you live in the country)

Most of us draw our curtains at night, in order to ensure privacy. But there is another very valid reason: to help protect local wildlife.

It seems that insects who live in the countryside are very susceptible to bright lights, which can badly disrupt their overall health and general behaviour.

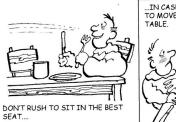
As one scientist explained: "We don't know exactly how fatal it is, but one estimate is that 33 per cent of all the insects attracted to light die before morning. And even if they don't die, they're spending all their time at the light instead of doing the things they're supposed to be doing."

Light pollution is now seen as adding to what some scientists have called "insect Armageddon", with a 75 per cent decline in insect populations in 30 years. As one scientist said: "Small individual actions such as drawing curtains can make a big impact to our smallest creatures."



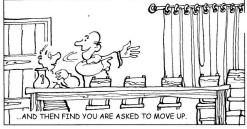
















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Jerusalem Water Sabbath Angel

Puzzle Pages Solutions

Across: 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus.

8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Episcopacy.

14, Eagles. 15, Clergy.

17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness.

21, Obed. 22, Bethesda. 23, Stay.

Down: 1, Believer. 2, Beatings.

4, Troops. 5, Musicology. 6, Like.

7, Sent. 10, Acceptance.

12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day.

16, Sensed. 18, Ahab. 19, Blot.

Sudoku Solution

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