



Trinity Methodist Church



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Mission Statement:

**Our Mission is to proclaim the love of God,
in Jesus to all people**

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Keith Gannicott

We were so sad to hear of the death of Keith Gannicott on 25th January 2022. His Thanksgiving Service was held at Trinity on 1st March. Our prayers have been for Margaret and family.

See page 6 & 7 for his tribute. Ed



Beryl Kemp.....

We were also saddened to hear of the recent death of Beryl on Sunday 13th February. Beryl was one of the first members of Trinity and founder of the Young Wives Group which later became Ladies Group. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Beryl's Thanksgiving Service was held at Trinity on 31st March, her tribute will be published in the June/July Trinity News.

NEWS FROM HEATHER.....



Dear Church family,

It is wonderful to see the church coming 'into blossom' again after the lockdowns. For those of you who were at the church service on Sunday there was a truly heart-warming moment when all the children were showing their Sunday club work, and helping Mark pray for peace. Their smiles, their enthusiasm for trying something new and their joy was a sight to behold.

Something new for me post-pandemic - I have been part of the all-age worship band. I have played piano since I was a child and I am ashamed to say I never practised as much as I should have (I moved on to vocals and the bass). So the opportunity to play in public with others who are willing, to put aside my 'basic' piano skills, has been great. I felt very included.

It got me thinking about what does **including** someone really mean? A warm welcome .. yes, but that's not enough to leave it there, is it? In Paul's letters to the Philippians, he writes "*Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others*" (Ch 2 vs 4). With regard to being in the church band, I am sure the congregation and indeed the band, would rather have a very accomplished pianist play, yet they have included me. They put my interest before theirs. In return, it is my job to not always satisfy my interest and to invite my hugely talented husband to play the piano instead! Watch this space....

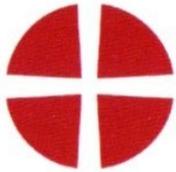
How can we be more inclusive in our church? Shall we ask different people to do the Bible readings? Do we **actively** encourage **everyone** to join us for coffee after the service? Does our worship reflect the different interests and cultures of our memberships?

Let us all give some prayerful thought to this and see if we can be even more inclusive.

God bless
Heather xx
(Student Minister)



Giving Cards



Chelmsford Methodist Circuit

I Give Online

I support this Church and its Ministry giving via a Standing Order.

I place this card in the offering as a way of
participation as an act of worship.

If you are interested in setting up a standing order, please speak to your Church Treasurer

Church friends will know that regular giving through standing order (or cheque) is a great help to the life of the Church. One of the issues this can cause for some though is people feeling awkward when the offertory bags are passed round. With this in mind we're offering a card to all those who are not putting cash in week by week to use instead. The small offertory cards, which state 'my offering is made by online payment' can be used when the collection is taken. They will simply be reused and a supply of them made available in the entrance vestibule for any who would like to use them; pick them up each morning on your way into church.

Mark Pengelly



FINANCE UPDATE AS AT CLOSE 28th FEBRUARY 2022



We have now reached the halfway point in the current financial year, with this in mind I thought it would be a good idea to give you a brief report as to where we are with our finances.

Mark has sent a letter to you all regarding our position and I am happy to say that a number of our congregation has answered the call. There is also an article in the Circuit News.

I think they say it all and how challenging the situation is for us now and going forward.

The main issue we have is the lettings in the church. These are not returning to the same level as they were before the pandemic. This is a major problem to us as this is one of our main sources of income. In 2017/18 we received **£37k**, in 2020/21 **we received £3k**. I managed to offset some of the difference with reduced utility monthly amounts; also suspending some contracts. We received a grant from the Council of £6k. Even then I had to use over £14k from reserves to keep us solvent. This year with agreement from the Church Council we set a budget with a deficit of £24k, this can only come from reserves. I don't have a crystal ball, but I think it won't be far from that figure.

Remember, we also agreed to pay our assessment of £63k for this year. I attended a treasurers meeting for all the churches in our circuit; unfortunately, we are not alone in our difficulties. Most of them reported that they will struggle to pay the assessment. There will be meetings ahead to resolve this one way or the other.

I will keep you updated with the position going forward.

Take care and stay safe. *Nigel*

KEITH GANNICOTT

(April 1928 - January 2022)



Keith was born in Walthamstow, East London, the eldest of four children. Epping Forest was nearby and a great attraction for Keith and his siblings. With the outbreak of war, Keith and his older brother were temporarily evacuated to Rutland until recovered by their mother when she discovered the poor state of the care they'd received, Keith then spent the rest of the war years in East London, experiencing the Battle of Britain (from the back garden), the Blitz and latterly V2 rocket attacks. Thankfully, the family survived intact.

At the age of 14 Keith left school and took a job in Fleet Street as a messenger boy at the Evening Standard, running the gauntlet through London's bombed streets. As the war drew to a close, Keith joined the RAF for his National Service working as an aircraft mechanic.

In 1948, after demob, Keith returned to Fleet Street where he met Margaret, a lady, as he later recalled, he was attracted to for her kindness, warm smile and generosity of spirit, attributes that would keep them together for the next seven decades. They were married in 1957. Two years later, Keith and Margaret headed for Virginia in the US to join his brother. It seems the extremes of climate, too hot and too cold, may have influenced them to return to Loughton in the UK. Keith joined the Daily Telegraph and carved out a notable reputation for his record-keeping library skills, vital in supporting the paper's journalists. Keith was a keen cyclist and travelled far and wide on his bike. It was on one of these trips that he found an appropriate dwelling in Chelmsford which was to be their new family home.

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The settled life he and Margaret enjoyed permitted Keith to indulge in many hobbies, such as home improvements, creating a garden and cultivating an allotment. In establishing his roots in Chelmsford, Keith joined Trinity and became a valued supporter of the Drama Group as one of the back-stage crew. Along with this he lent his support to Margaret in running the Care Club, joined the Men's Supper Club and threw himself into CHES, a charity for the homeless. His particular passion was the Woodland Trust for whom he planted many trees, two, a beech and an English oak, near his home.

Keith was from that now diminishing generation who lived through the dark times of WW2 and survived, has seen unprecedented political, economic and social change but through all these retained the values of kindness and courtesy. He'll be sadly missed by Margaret, his family, including 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren along with the many friends he made at Trinity. At his funeral, granddaughter Felicity, spoke movingly of Keith on behalf of the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

It's been good to know you, Keith, you'll be missed. God bless.



message from the Gannicott Family

Margaret would like you all to know she appreciates and values being part of the Trinity church family, especially at this time.

The family would also like to thank you all, for your kindness and support over the last few months, at such a difficult time.



COFFEE AND



Thank you to everyone who recently attended our **Coffee & Friends** coffee morning and contributed to the donation made to the Myotonic Dystrophy charity.

Please see below their letter of thanks.

Ed

Dear Gwen,



Thank you for the donation of £146 that we have received today.

We truly appreciate all your help, support, and the generosity that you have always shown towards the Myotonic Dystrophy Support Group.

Please pass on our gratitude to the Trinity Methodist Church and to everyone that was involved. We appreciate it all and we hope that you all had a lovely morning.

We hope you are keeping well Gwen and staying safe.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret

National Co-ordinator



TRINITY'S FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNINGS

FUTURE DATES for your DIARY:

April 1st & 15th

May 6th & 20th

HOPE FOR GOD'S CREATION

ECO News at Trinity – Sheridan Pengelly



On January 1st I began a new yarn project. Nothing new in that perhaps, but this is something I've been wanting to do for a while. I'm making a temperature blanket. Each day of 2022 I'm adding a row of crochet to my blanket in a particular colour. That colour is determined by the temperature on that day. I've become a temperature obsessive, getting particularly excited when the temperature means I can change colour or even use a new colour. Making the blanket has made me acutely aware of our climate. And it's big...by December I'm not sure how I'm going to be able to manage without being overwhelmed.

A few days ago, Concordia station, high on the Antarctic Plateau, hit a record temperature of -11.8C, more than 40C warmer than seasonal norms. At the same time, some stations near the north pole reached 30C above normal. Every day we are watching pictures from Ukraine and what has been described as a 'fossil fuel war', a conflict that has caused western governments to hastily attempt to untangle themselves from a reliance upon Russian oil and gas.

How can we be people of hope in what seems like a hopeless world?

In a few weeks time, I'm hoping there will be a golden row in my temperature blanket, marking the arrival of our first grandchild. Now more than ever it seems important to cling to hope, to believe that there is a future for the planet. Being disciples of Jesus, our mission is to bring hope to a hopeless world. As we are reminded at Easter, the story of his death and resurrection reveal to us that even in the darkest times, there is reason to hope.



At times the task seems overwhelming, a bit like my blanket. But my blanket will be completed by doing a little each day, row by row. We can all do a little each day, and all of our small things add up to big things (and save money too).

Here are some ideas:

1. Plant some seeds and grow your own veg, or shop locally.
2. Turn off TVs and stereos instead of switching them to standby.
3. Take a brisk shower, not a leisurely bath, to save water.
4. Turn down your central heating and put on a jumper.
5. Drink tap or filtered water, not bottled.

Sheridan





THIS EASTER
CHRISTIANS TOGETHER
IN CHELMSFORD

PRESENTS
TOUGH TALK
CHELMSFORD CITY CENTRE
15 APRIL | GOOD FRIDAY | 11AM

Tough Talk is a registered charity dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in an informal way that appeals to people who would not normally go to a church meeting.
COME AND LISTEN TO SOME AMAZING TESTIMONIES



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IN CHELMSFORD HIGH STREET GOOD FRIDAY 15th APRIL

This year, we are delighted to be able to gather once again in our city centre to be a United voice and to share the gospel message.

As this is a public event, we are making a couple of changes to make it more engaging for the wider community. With that in mind we have invited Tough Talk, a group of evangelists to be a part of the event.

There will also be live worship and an opportunity for us to pray together and give thanks. We would love everyone to come along and get involved.

Maybe your church would consider bringing small wrapped chocolate eggs to give away to passers by as we celebrate the good news of Easter. Join us for an 11am start, for about an hour near the town sign on the High St.

Look forward to seeing you there!



Chelmsford High Street
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CHURCH FLOWERS

Sunday 20th March



Now that we're back to regular Sunday worship, our small flower team led by Mary Stevenson has recommenced working hard to make sure we have flowers in the church. These arrangements give pleasure to our congregation.

Mary explains volunteers are urgently needed to join her team. No specific skills are necessary, guidance will be on hand and you could start on simple small displays before, possibly, moving on to larger arrangements; if you're interested in joining the flower team or to try flower arranging do contact Mary.

The list for those wishing to donate flowers on a specific Sunday has been reinstated in the Vestibule. If you feel able, monetary donations are always welcome to help boost the flower fund. This would ensure the team can regularly buy high quality flowers.

Ed

GREETINGS FROM.....

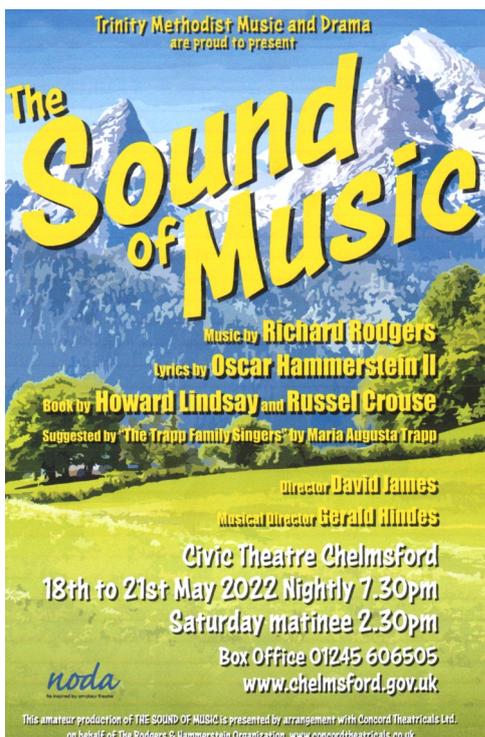
Dear Trinity Friends,

My wife and I have just received the latest Trinity News from the Methodist Church at Chelmsford, and we thought it would be good to send greetings to all our friends who knew us when we were at Trinity.

For those of you who don't know us: I was a Member of the church from about 1955. My mother and father were members before that and my father was the organist and choirmaster. I was senior steward in 1973. I married in 1961 to Anne and we lived in CHELMSFORD until 1974 when we moved to Solihull in the Midlands. We have known a lot of people at the church and made a lot of friends. We still keep well, and our three children Helen, Jane and Clare have each married and have had 2, 3 and 1 children respectively. Helen, Clare and families live in New Zealand, Jane and family live in Sheffield.

My wife and I are retired and enjoy the Solihull Methodist Church where we are members and have made many friends there. We hope to visit Chelmsford one day and would like to come to see you all when we do!

Best wishes, Peter and Anne (Stoakley)



**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK
YOUR TICKETS!**



Trinity Methodist Church
SATURDAY 9th APRIL 2022 @ 7.30pm
Tickets from the Church Office (Monday or
Wednesday) or contact Karen

**EXTRA
VAGANZA**

CONTEMPORARY
AWARD-WINNING
WATERSIDE CHOIR
AND
THE DAISY BOWLERS
PRESENT

A MUSICAL



SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 2022
7.30PM | TICKETS £10*

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46 Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2XB

*All proceeds to Trinity Methodist Church and One World

The Methodist Church 

Tickets: Available from the Trinity Church Office Monday & Wednesday 10am till midday. Or you can email Karen to reserve and pay CASH on the night. kmurrell1956@gmail.com. Cheques payable. Trinity Methodist Church



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