



Trinity Methodist Church



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Our Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to proclaim the love of God,

in Jesus to all people by:

Being a place of welcome, worship & nurture.

Belonging, learning & growing together.

Serving the community in whatever way we can.

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Lilian Scard

We were so sad to learn that Lilian Scard passed away on 27th July. She had been unwell and in hospital since late May. She is now at peace in the arms of her Lord. Her funeral was held on 7th September at Trinity and then at the Crematorium. See page 6

Jennifer Earle

It is with sadness Trinity heard on August 17th that Jennifer Earle died on 1st August 2023. Jennifer was a long standing member of Trinity, together with her late husband Don. Both Jennifer and Don were very talented folk. Don, a Bee Keeper collected a swarm of bees on more than one occasion from Trinity members' gardens, and would sell honey and bees wax candles at Trinity events. Jennifer was talented in needle craft amongst other things; she helped organise the making of the beautiful communion rail kneelers. We hold their family in our prayers.

Laurel Fletcher

On the morning of Sunday 17th September we heard that Laurel had passed peacefully away during the night.



***Trinity are holding all these families
in their prayers.***



The Church Office recently received this message from David Laycock, who was a member of Trinity some years back.

Rita Savage, died recently. A few folk at Trinity may remember that she was Hamer Savage's wife and was also Deacon in charge of Broomfield Methodist Church. She retired to Leeds with Hamer about 15 – 20 years ago.



Sue and David Exell are delighted to announce they are now grandparents. Their daughter Rosie had a baby boy on 16th September. Mum, Dad and Baby all doing well.

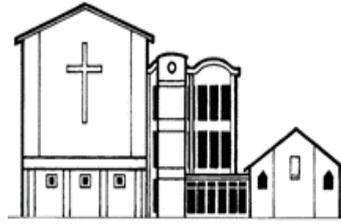


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HARVEST TIME



THE WORK OF GOD AT TRINITY



It was good to welcome Mark back from his Sabbatical as we began our new year. Our Awayday on 1st October at Roxwell Village Hall was well attended and, following discussions, several new initiatives were put in place.

We, at Trinity, were delighted to welcome those from the 4 Chelmsford churches to the first of our United services on 27th November - the 1st Sunday in Advent. It was heartwarming to join together with over 100 from our Church family on this special day.

Our Christmas services went ahead as planned for the first time in 2 years including the Big Sing on 18th December and Pyjama service on 24th December. Members of Trinity joined Mark and Sheridan at The Black Bull in Rainsford Road on 22nd December for Christmas Carols and songs. It was a joyous evening when regular customers joined us as we sang to the marvellous piano playing of Dave Cooke.

House groups are meeting face to face once more after the past 2 years when Zoom was the only option. We do have one group who include Zoom in their meetings to enable two members to join them who have moved to Wales. Our Pastoral Visitors are once again able to visit, which is so very important for those who are housebound or find it difficult to get out.

We continue with our twice monthly Coffee & Friends on Friday mornings and monthly Tea@Two on Thursday afternoons. Both are held in the Link and all are welcome.

Our Sunday Fellowship Lunch followed by a short service of Communion is held monthly and is very well attended especially by those who find it difficult to get to the 9.30 Sunday Services.

Trinity Music & Drama chose 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang' for their show at the Civic Theatre this year and this lovely, family show was a great hit with those who attended.

In early June we were treated to a wonderful evening when The Daisy Bowlers, comprising Heather, our student minister, her husband Dave & their friend Debbie, played for us and raised a considerable sum of money for the Chelmsford Circuit Refugee Fund.

Heather has been with us for 3 years and has been a true blessing to Trinity, and during the morning service on 9th July we said farewell to her as she leaves to take up her new post in the Southend Circuit. Heather will be very much missed and we pray that God's Blessing will be upon her as she begins this new phase of her life. There were more goodbyes during our United service on 23rd July when, once again, we wished God's blessing upon Rev Brain and Deacon Ramona, as they move to pastures new - Brain to his new stationing in Glasgow and Ramona as she spends time with her family in Antigua.

It has been a busy year but one in which we give thanks for some normality after the challenges of the Covid years.

Carol Kellingray

JMA

On 5th November the JMA Collectors will be presented with their awards during the service. We are always looking for new collectors so please speak to me if you are interested. The collectors receive a collecting box and a magazine. The magazine includes information on projects supported by JMA and also games and puzzles. All collectors receive a badge and certificate for each year that they collect. JMA is a good opportunity for our young people and their families to get involved in supporting worthwhile projects around the world.

Julia Henderson

Lilian Scard

13th February 1926 -- 27th July 2023



Lilian's early life was very difficult. Her mother suffered with very poor eyesight and was unable to care for her daughter, so she was put in the care of the National Children's Home in Highbury near to where she lived. Lilian was placed with two foster families before she was taken in by a Mr and Mrs Perrin of Sawbridgeworth. They were able to provide the young Lilian with the peace, comfort and love she so clearly needed.

Lilian attended the Herts and Essex High School in Bishop's Stortford and received an excellent education, a solid foundation for her future life. The Perrin family attended the local Congregational Church; both Mr Perrin and Lilian became active members of the church choir and Lilian extended her interests into concerts and social activities, establishing a pattern of involvement in church life.

With the firm but loving support from the Perrin family, Lilian flourished at school and on leaving joined the Bank of England. A while later, Lilian met and subsequently married Harry Scard. Their desire to start a family was eventually fulfilled with the birth of a son, Paul. However, life dealt Lilian and Harry a cruel blow when Paul, aged 19, was killed in a traffic accident.

Lilian and Harry moved to Chelmsford and settled into life in the town including music activities at Trinity. Further trauma was to afflict them when Lilian suffered major injuries following a car accident. Although she overcame these, close friends believe she never fully recovered.

Lilian and Harry continued living happily in Chelmsford although Harry's health steadily declined. When he died, Lilian was left alone but she continued with her fellowship at Trinity. However, with advancing years she steadily withdrew from active participation.

With all the tumultuous events in her personal life, fate intervened with good news; a solicitor's letter advised that she was not alone but had a brother from the time of her family's break up. A meeting was arranged so, eventually, Lilian was able to enjoy a period of happiness with her extended family.

Lilian had a strong Christian faith which was a support and comfort through her sometimes difficult life. I recall our afternoon tea visits to Lilian. She was always immaculately dressed and never short of comments and opinions on all manner of subjects; woe betide if, when asked for your opinion, you gave one with which she didn't agree. We will miss you, Lilian. God bless you. Rest in peace.

Tony Taylor, September 2023

Taken from the notes Colin Porcher kindly provided.

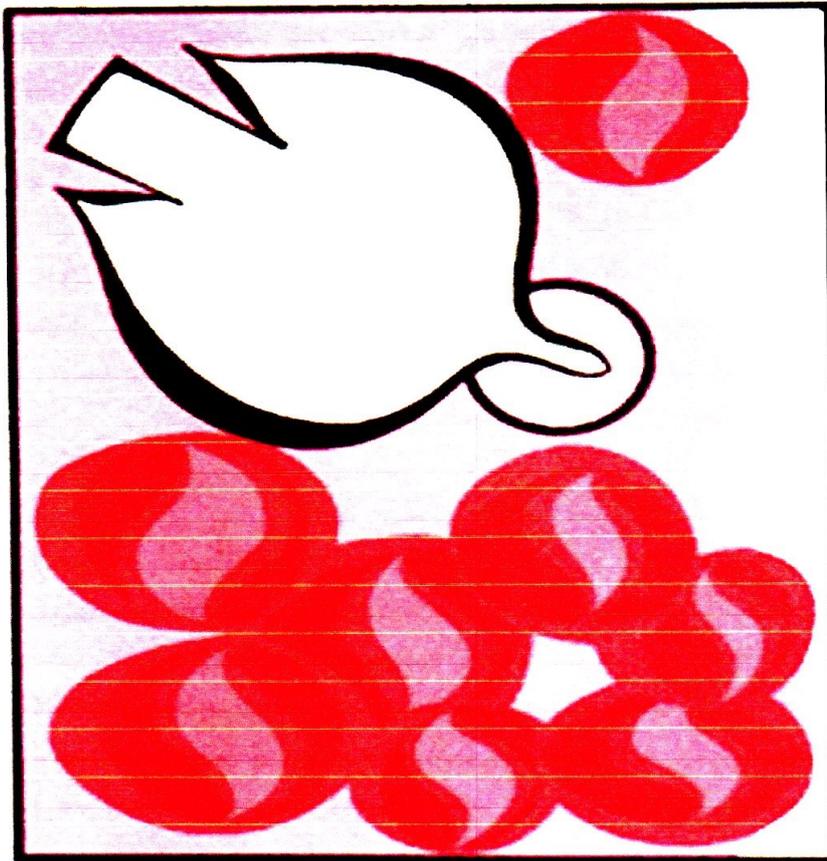


TRINITY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



We had a full church, and a lovely service .

Confirmation and Membership Service, with Holy Communion



Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford
20th August 2023

By Confirmation: John Essam, Nina Harrington,
Sean Hombarume, Leyla Kaya, Tyrone
Madzivanzire, Aditi Paul, Noah Paul

By Transfer: Maureen Hall, Yvonne Magadzire,
Aaron Magadzire, Wilson Ndubisi, Alex Smith,
Maureen Smith

TOWARDS ONE WORLD

New Project 2023



LET THERE BE LIGHT

Onward we march at Trinity Methodist Church in Chelmsford!!!!

Towards One World initiative which has been running for nearly 42 years is at it again. A new project has been identified in Kenya, Africa that is being called “LET THERE BE LIGHT “

Like the Star fish story, we can't possibly change the world, but each initiative will make a difference somewhere in our world.

We launched the latest project on Sunday 10th September at Trinity Church with the target of raising £5000 over 3 years to pay for the installation of solar power to generate electricity for an orphanage in Kenya .

What is” Let There be Light”

Working together with ‘Kenya Thriving’ organisation we intend to install solar power to provide electricity to five children’s houses and the kitchen that make up an orphanage in Kenya.

To give some background to this ‘Kenya Thriving’, led by Ken and Coral Hart, have their vision to provide holistic care for 51 orphan children who live in 5 houses. The mothers who care for these children work together to cook for all the children on a stove that is fuelled only by firewood.

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Until a few weeks ago they fetched water from the river and never had electricity. They now have a well.

The benefit of installing solar power to generate electricity will mean they can read and do homework in the evenings without straining their eyes. They will no longer be sitting in darkness from 7pm each evening.

The ladies who work in the kitchen to make food for the children will have light to see better as food is prepared. In addition, a solar powered fridge and freezer will drastically revolutionise the way they plan meals.

Our contributions will make a vast difference to these children!!!!

Envelope System

Please use your existing envelopes if you already have them. Otherwise contact Lesley Crooks for more details regarding Towards One World Initiative envelopes and gift aid forms.
Contact Lesley Crooks

Cash and cheques

Cheques payable to Trinity Methodist Church with 'One World' clearly marked on the reverse. Please put inside an ordinary envelope and write on the front "ONE WORLD" Cash donations can be put in the same envelopes.

The first Sunday of each month there is a collection at Trinity TOWARDS ONE WORLD. Feel free to bring your envelopes to this collection.

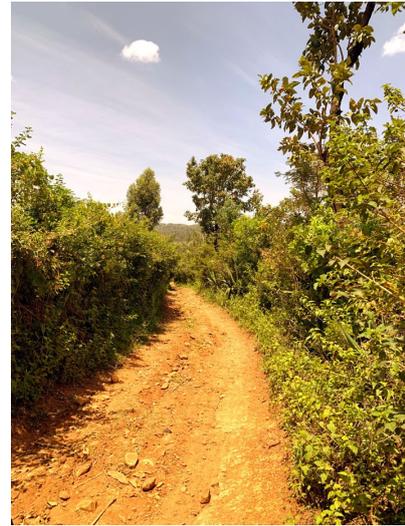
Acts 20:35 says "In everything I did I showed you that by this kind of hard work, we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus himself, IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE "



Sheila Mukumba
Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford



Kenya Thriving
WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Road to Otacho, Kenya



★ : approximate position of Otacho



Ken Hart with some of the students

NEWS FROM RAMONA

I am settling into being in Antigua. The heat is on a level that even locals are complaining but I am happy to be here.

Things have moved quicker than expected and I start a temporary job as a primary school teacher in a couple of weeks.

I'm also planned to preach at some local Methodist churches, so I'll be kept busy and out of trouble.

At the moment I'm staying with my adopted parents and it's a full house as my sister and family are also here, so I am very much looking forward to having my own space.

All that's left is for my stuff to arrive from the UK as I'm discovering that I don't have some things with me. I even had to buy a Bible! But maybe God is trying to teach me how to live with less.

Finally, but no less important, thank you for your prayers and support to me during my time with you, and for your generous leaving gift.

If anyone would like to keep in touch with me, I can be reached on WhatsApp.



ANTIGUA

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023



Trinity will once again be supporting this project and leaflets will be available from the Church vestibule explaining how to pack a shoebox from the beginning of October. Last year we were able to send 38 boxes plus a large bag of fillers and 8 footballs and pumps plus additional monetary donations. A number of people also completed boxes online. So, a big thank you to all who supported the project.

For those packing their own boxes the leaflet includes a list of what to include and what to leave out of your box. For this year again due to custom regulations, no toothpaste or sweets can be included. I have some of the flat pack boxes for those that don't have a shoebox and these will be available to purchase at 50p per box.

Boxes can also be made up online through the Samaritans Purse website and these cost £20 each and you can choose from selected items to include in your box.

The final date to receive your boxes will be Sunday 5th November.

The project is organised by the Christian charity the Samaritans Purse and since 1990 more than 208 million children in over 160 countries have received a shoebox filled with gifts. Last year 252,022 shoeboxes were sent to children in seven countries across Eastern Europe, Africa and Central Asia.

The shoeboxes are given to children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, famine and disease as an unconditional gift of love. The shoebox is sometimes the first gift some children have ever received.

Please consider supporting this appeal. If you are not able to pack a whole shoebox, donating a couple of gifts to include in a box or by giving a small donation to help with the transport costs would be welcome.

Thank you once again for your support to this worthwhile project.

Julia Henderson

Friendship Lunches.....



.....or previously, as many of our friends still refer to them, ‘Singles Lunches’. These have run with that name for many, many years on a non-discriminatory basis and are open to people of all ages, Students upwards who enjoy the opportunity to eat a cooked lunch with friends sometimes when otherwise they would be eating alone or may be unable or do not have the facilities to cook. It was decided that we needed a new name; after much discussion, it’s now Friendship Lunches!

How time flies. Here I am again appealing for help to enable me to prepare a rota for lunches in each month of 2024. First a big thank you to those who have come forward to serve a lunch this year and in many previous years. You will appreciate how much this was anticipated and enjoyed by everyone who came along, not least by myself. The task of filling the monthly rota gets harder as advancing years and ill health mean people are no longer able to help, Our ability to provide a lunch each month gets almost impossible. This is a sad situation when people who so look forward to eating a meal with friends each month are likely to lose out. Our family and Mary Stevenson have for a long time tried to step in when possible to make sure this doesn’t happen. I am therefore asking for offers of help and enquiries from anyone who is willing to give it a try. If necessary we could work with providing a full lunch on dates when we have volunteers willing and able to do this, perhaps two or three people working together. On other occasions a lighter lunch option could be offered, such as soup and maybe a jacket potato with a filling or similar and a simple dessert. Offers of help by people willing to contribute a dessert would also be very welcome. I would stress that our cooks are not out of pocket as all our diners contribute to the cost of their meal. All we ask is that those wishing to dine with us on any particular month, please telephone the cook named on the rota, by the previous Wednesday, so we can work with accurate numbers. This can be a problem when unexpected guests just turn up. Thank you for this.

There are so many other ways too in which help can be given: offers to help setting up tables; serving up food; washing up (with the help of the machine we luckily have available); offers with transport to or from the meal (this can sometimes prove especially difficult for those unable to make it to the 9.30 service but who wish to come to the lunch at 12.30 and to the Communion Service following the meal at 2.00 pm).

These are only a few ideas and I would ask everyone to have a serious think about them and please speak to me at Church or by telephone if you can offer help in any way.

Jenne Essam

Whitechapel Mission

Just a few lines to say a big thank you to all who have donated towels, clothing, shoes, rucksacks, sleeping bags, toiletries, etc to Whitechapel, meaning we are still able to take our heavily loaded car up there on a regular basis. These donations are all desperately needed and are so greatly appreciated, especially as Covid times have changed considerably, more donations are needed and many Churches who previously donated have closed.

With Christmas coming up I will be asking the Stewards if I can put a box in the Vestibule and am inviting donations of items for their Christmas goody bags, gloves, bobble hats, scarves, warm socks, small rucksacks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, in fact toiletries of any kind are especially welcome.

Another special plea, since Jean Plush passed away we lost our regular supplier of knitted bobble hats, we are very grateful to Joan Layzell who has stepped in and is now busy knitting. Can you help? We would be delighted as they are always in great demand.

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We can supply wool and if anyone has spare balls of double knitting wool in suitable colours for bobble hats they would like to donate, this would be appreciated. We will be making our next trip in late October and another trip taking more donations plus the Christmas gifts in mid-December. Many thanks.

Keith, Jenne and John Essam



Advanced notice..... dates for your diary:

- 10th December 2pm 4 Churches Service at Hall Street - Carols and Farewell.**
- 15th December 7pm Music & Drama & Men’s Male Voice Choir Concert**
- 17th December 6pm Trinity’s BIG SING**
- 24th December (Christmas Eve) 6pm Pyjama Service and at 11.30pm Midnight communion service.**
- CHRISTMAS DAY 10am service led by Rev Mark**

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