

**T**RINITY  
NEWS &  
VIEWS



**May the God of hope fill you with all joy  
and peace as you trust in him, so that you may  
overflow with hope by the power of  
the Holy Spirit.**

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## Message from our Minister

### The Five Principles

At the end of May our 'Five Principles' preaching series came to an end. It wasn't so much a full stop, but more of a comma. Rather than *closing* the chapter we hope it will be bridged into the next chapter of Trinity's life, which is yet to be written. In other words, the story goes on through our everyday life as a Church congregation.

The five principles cover the key areas of Church life, and whilst not exhaustive they do blanket most things. They are Worship (the most important), Children & Youth, Pastoral, Community Links, and Practical.

The main thrust of the series has been to at least try to express the interrelated nature of these principles from a biblical perspective; that they are all dovetailed together and cannot be separated by our own subjective attitudes towards personal gifts or callings. I may be a worship leader with little to do with youth work, but teaching children to worship Jesus is foundational. I may be called to pastoral care of the elderly and have no practical skills such as admin or maintenance, but without a smooth running and appropriate set of premises and the administration to work them, our care for each other suffers.

For too long we have each assumed that other people's gifts and callings are nothing to do with us. In many churches there is a 'you in your small corner and I in mine' mentality. In order to be a truly effective and supportive family we must break this attitude so that our central mission statement can be lived out.

I might have no ability to maintain buildings, and might not expect to get involved in such an area due to lack of time or skill, or I might just be utterly bored by the whole concept. That's totally fine! We cannot all join the Wombles (the affectionate name given to the buildings maintenance team) on a Monday morning – that would be chaotic! But we can (if I can put it this way) *take an interest in their interest*. We can be supportive, ask questions, pray, and tell them we appreciate them, even though there isn't a single reason in the world why we should be involved ourselves. Of course this is not just about Wombling, but about *everything* Church, both physical and spiritual.

It's the way a family works. We don't do everything together, but we are profoundly interested in our children's activities, or the aspirations and movements of our siblings. Trinity is a family full of gifts and graces, and we thank God that we can uphold and support each other, knowing that no area of Church life survives or thrives without the undergirding of all the other areas.

1 Corinthians 12

**Paul**

The graphic consists of a large circle with text written along its inner edge. The text is: "YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK: Modern, dynamic, colourful and real; attracting all ages. PASTORAL: Full of love for each other, the world and all people WORSHIP: Inspired and fed by the life of the Holy Spirit PRACTICAL: Ready to take up the work of God with enthusiasm and commitment COMMUNITY LINKS: Serving God's creation in our community with care".

In the center of the circle, the following text is written in green: **Trinity is a welcoming Church seeking to live in the love of God and share the message of Jesus Christ**

# Church Family News

## Funerals (See tributes pages 9 & 10)

John Wright 23rd April 2018

Ena Forster 23rd April 2018 (at the Surrey and Sussex  
Crematorium, Worth)

*May light perpetual shine upon them*



We offer our prayers and good wishes to all the young people taking their exams over the next weeks.



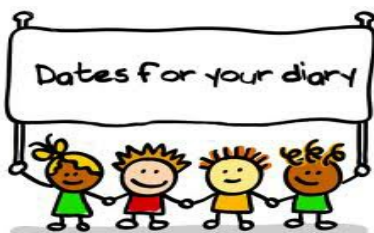
## Congratulations

To Josh & Emily on the safe arrival of Reuben Samuel Chesworth on 21st May 2018. A grandson for Paul & Liz.



## Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 2nd June	Prayer Day at Trinity	10am - 4pm
Sunday 3rd June	Circuit Service at Merrow	6.30pm
Sunday 10th June	Family Afternoon Tea at Gareth's house ( <i>see Sue Waddington for more details</i> )	3pm (tbc)
Sunday 2nd Sept. September	Welcome Service at Walton- on-Thames for Rev Keith Beckingham & Rev Sidney Samuel Lake	5pm for 6.30pm
Saturday 6th Oct.	Harvest Supper at Trinity	Time (tbc)
Sunday 7th Oct.	Harvest Festival	10.30am



## A Vision of the future

**A**t the recent church meeting I shared a vision (collection of ideas?) for the future of Trinity. I was asked to write a summary down, so here goes.

First, some background. I started life as 'not a Methodist', although I have always been highly ecumenical. Over the years I have grown to love & care for Methodism, indeed love & care for Trinity and its members. I have been troubled by our apparently inexorable decline. Surely God does not want our demise? Surely the vision and witness of those who founded this church can be captured to take us on another 150 years? Yet we are tired. Our energies are spent on sustaining ourselves. My prayer for many years has been "How, Lord, how?", or even "what, Lord, what?"

I know I am not alone in praying this. The last few years have not been an easy time for Trinity. Many of us who love this church find ourselves at various times in despair. In my book, despair taken to God is prayer, and a lot of despair is powerful prayer! And I believe God is listening. I am not the only one noticing things happening. His Spirit has been working amongst us, working an answer to our prayers. Too many things are suddenly coming together or 'feeling right'. For me that has meant not keeping ideas born in prayer to myself, but sharing them. I will not pretend I find this easy – fear of being classified a 'religious nutter' is a powerful suppressant. But share them I have, and in general I find God blessing the conversation each time I share. I can honestly say that it is a long time since church business has excited me so much!

So what is the vision? My shorthand is to call it the Trinity Hub, Hub for short. It is not about buildings, but a collection of people

and groups who share common ideals. At the centre are leaders and administrators, lay and paid, whose primary function is to release people to live and witness as the Holy Spirit leads. People are not subservient to the Hub; the Hub is subservient to the people. The building serves the needs of the Hub. Sort out the Hub, and we know what we need to do (if anything) to the buildings.

To picture the Hub, imagine an open plan office where about a dozen people are based. Some may be short term interns helping out on special church projects (living in attached accommodation?). Others may be church workers – pastoral, youth, children, administration. Yet others may be professional people who in exchange for an office and base, covenant to give half their time to the service of God. Some charities may base themselves in the Hub. There may even be room for ministers and evangelists! However it looks, the Hub comprises a collection of people living their lives according to Christian principles and devoted to seeing the love of God and the saving gospel of Jesus Christ taken out into the community. It is there to welcome, encourage, support and send out the people of Christ into the world. It is a place ‘buzzing’ with the excitement of doing God’s work.

To help explain the Hub better, I have defined some preliminary guiding principles. The Hub would:

1. Enable and support multiple worshipping communities. It is our worship of God in Jesus that defines us. But people are very different, and how they express that worship will be very different. The Hub would seek a worship home for everyone. We already have several worship communities – traditional Methodist, Chinese church, Messy church. The vision would be to expand these styles.
2. Be evangelistic in outlook. This means that people and groups affiliated to the Hub should share the belief that taking the love of God and saving news of Jesus Christ out to those who have not experienced it is more important than promoting a

particular brand of Christianity. Although from Methodist origins, the Hub would be fundamentally ecumenical.

3. Encourage Hub groups and communities to work and support each other through prayer and practical action. This would include managing the coming together of groups in prayer to seek fresh ways of being church.
4. Provide a central resource to enable God's work to be efficiently undertaken as the Holy Spirit leads. For example, looks after administrative and legal matters relating to property, finance, safe-guarding, data protection, health & safety, employment, communication etc.

The above is a tip of an iceberg of possibility and opportunity. It remains very early days, and I expect that as we consider the implications, many obstacles will become apparent. But are they real obstacles, or are they excuses for not doing something? I'd also note that I don't doubt that we will need help. For example, it could be argued that if the Hub is to have a worship style to suit most people, then perhaps we need a more contemporary worship service, separate from our traditional Methodist service. Could we build such a service from within our current membership, or should we look more widely? Perhaps God is calling people from outside our current membership to be part of a new worship community at Trinity? Why not?

I would emphasise that this is only the very start of something. However, I can envisage something sufficiently different and sufficiently relevant to the modern world, that we could reverse the current trends at Trinity and provide something of real value to future generations. Is revival too strong a hope for us to express?

I would ask that you pray for the development of the vision, that our ideas may coalesce into something tangible, achievable and undoubtedly of God. And any ideas that you have, don't be like me and sit on them for 5 years, but please share them – none of us has a monopoly on ideas, just as all of us are able to hear God speak.

**Hugh Bowerman**



## John Wright

**J**ohn Wright, whose funeral took place at Trinity on 23rd April, was born and brought up in rural Lancashire. Educated at Ormskirk Grammar School, his natural shyness disappeared on the sports field. He was interested in many sports. He loved football and was often to be found on the terraces watching Preston North End. His real passion though was cricket which he played at school, university and club levels, excelling as both a bowler and a batsman.

He graduated in history at Newcastle university and whilst there met Grace, a Yorkshire lass, who was studying music at Durham. They married in 1959, a happy union between the red rose and the white rose!

They initially lived in Harrogate, then in Cheshire, but moved to Surrey in the 1970s, first in Chobham and then West Byfleet, when John secured a managerial position with the Westminster Bank in the City of London. From that time on Trinity became an important part of family life, and John and Grace became involved in various community work.

John had a keen interest in gardening, and also enjoyed the solitude of his two allotments at West Byfleet where he was for many years treasurer of the allotments association. He was always interested in world history and global affairs and he was a strong supporter of children's charities and the work of the international Church. Although he did not travel a great deal, he always followed with interest the extensive travels of his three sons, David, Richard and Christopher. Each has a partner from overseas (Turkey and the Philippines) who have settled in the UK.

After Grace's death from cancer 13 years ago, John carried on as best he could with all his interests, especially his charitable and community service, and was a regular attender at church until the end of his life. Despite his decreasing mobility, he remained fiercely independent, successfully resisting all efforts from family and friends to impose any assistance in the form of cleaners, meals on wheels, or care workers!



## **Ena Forster**

**O**n a lovely April day, five members of Trinity attended the service to celebrate the life of Ena, which was held at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.. Many of you reading this will remember when Ena was the administrator here at Trinity, and perhaps know that she had a military background, but as is always the case, we learn so much more when attending a funeral.

Ena had a very happy childhood, and throughout her life was devoted to her family, in later years caring for her parents. From an early age she showed an extraordinary musical talent and as a child played the piano for both Sunday and day schools, accompanying a pantomime performance when she was only 11 years old.

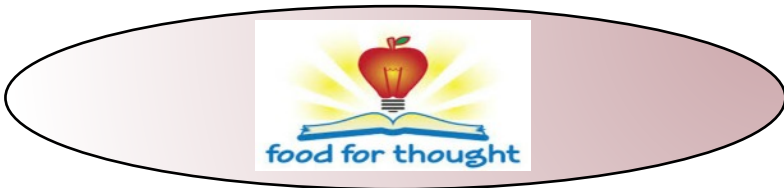
She attended the local Grammar School and rose to be Head Girl, gaining A-levels in Maths, Further Maths and Music. By this time she was also proficient in playing the oboe.

A little while after leaving school she joined the WRAC's Staff Band, and thereafter travelled widely to venues both at home and abroad, to play at military occasions, including the famous Edinburgh Tattoo. She was rapidly promoted, reaching the

rank of Major on her appointment to the post of Musical Director at Kneller Hall. To achieve this position she had to be able to play every instrument in the band - an incredible undertaking. At her funeral, we listened to recordings of The Staff Band of the WRAC playing Elgar's 'Nimrod' and 'The Lass of Richmond Hill' which is the WRAC march. We felt this was a fitting and touching tribute to her professional life. We later learned that when she was Musical Director in Guildford, she had a road named after her, so look out for Forster Road! The service was peaceful and calm, full of the music Ena loved and full of Ena's faith and confidence in the risen Jesus. We sang one of her favourite hymns - 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.'

After the service, her family made us extremely welcome, showing us photos and memorabilia of Ena's life. She was always busy, and someone said he hoped that she would have a choir of angels to organise in Heaven.

We remember Ena with affection and admiration.



**T**his is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

## Prayer Corner

There are various versions of The Lord's Prayer to read and pray with for this issue of TNV. You may find some words in The Lord's Prayer resonate with you because they are so familiar and so it may be worth thinking more about what is actually said in The Lord's Prayer. For example, "Give us this day our daily bread" may not make sense if you do not eat bread as a major part of your food intake so you could change the wording to suit the food that you do regard as a main part of your diet. Give us today our daily rice may sit more comfortably.

You may also discover that The Message Bible version startles because it is unfamiliar and so it becomes a wrestle with words and a discovery of what words do you feel you can say. I found myself questioning the phrase keep us alive with three square meals because it felt like a greedy prayer. Do I really need three square meals a day and is this all that keeps me alive? Give us this day our daily bread gives to me much more the flavour of God given provision for all I may need to feed, body, mind and soul. What do you think? Maybe come along to the Prayer Day at church to explore the role of prayer in your life or come to prayer group on Sunday morning or Friday morning at 9.45 am each week

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily  
bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer The Message Bible

Our Father in heaven,  
Reveal who you are.  
Set the world right;  
Do what's best— as above, so  
below.  
Keep us alive with three square  
meals.  
Keep us forgiven with you and  
forgiving others.  
Keep us safe from ourselves and  
the Devil.  
You're in charge!  
You can do anything you want!  
You're ablaze in beauty!  
Yes. Yes. Yes.

## The Lord's Prayer Modern version

Our Father in heaven hallowed  
be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and  
for ever.  
Amen.

*The Message (MSG) Matthew 6:9-13*  
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by [Eugene H. Peterson](#)

I have found it helpful to read the Lord's Prayer slowly and savour each phrase and think and pray around the phrases – for example using the modern words of the Lord's Prayer which are in blue

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,**

God you are God of all of us in the world – help me to pray this prayer with others all over the world.

I think of various people I know around the world who are also praying The Lord's Prayer such as friends in this country and those in The Gambia.

I pray, that I will work with you God to build your kingdom here where I am.

**your will be done,**

Not my will be done but your will God.

This can be difficult for me to think about – help me to listen to you God to discern your will.

I think of Jesus discerning God's will and take time to listen to God.

### **your kingdom come, on earth as in heaven**

Thank you, God that your will and your kingdom have come and are lived out in heaven.

I pray for your will and your kingdom God to be coming here on earth.

We ask God for the earth to become a better place as the people in it grow to become more Christ like.

### **Give us today our daily bread.**

Give us today the things we regard as being what we need.

We ask God for all the good things we need; We ask God that all the world would be fed; Feed the whole world God with all we need; Help me to work with you God so that all are well fed and nourished and cared for and we develop to be part of your Kingdom here on earth.

Feed the whole world God, body, mind and spirit.

Feed me, God, in my body, in my mind and in my spirit.

Help me God to think about how I can grow closer to you God each day.

### **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Give me space and time God, so I can ponder where I need to be forgiving and the situations where I need to be forgiven.

Be alongside me God as I ask for forgiveness.

Help me to be a generous forgiver and willing to be forgiven.

Give us the ability to nurture right relationships with You loving God and with each other.

### **Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

We ask God for protection and safety.

Enable me to see where I am tempted and to pray to you God for courage and strength to resist.

Deliver us from evil – evil around us in world in general  
Encircle us God with your protective love.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

It is your kingdom we are building God.

Your will be done – this is what we pray.

Fill us with your power God.

Fill me with your power God.

Enable us to use your power God to enlarge your Kingdom here on earth.

Then help us to give you the glory Almighty God.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all praise and glory to you. **Amen**

Feedback is always welcome please let us know how you get on with various versions of The Lord's Prayer or maybe you would like to write your own version and submit it for an issue of TNV.

The following prayer has been published by the Church of England ahead of the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and found on the Church of England website.

God of love,  
send your blessing upon Harry and Meghan,  
and all who are joined in marriage,  
that, rejoicing in your will  
and continuing under your protection,  
they may both live and grow in your love  
all their days,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**Ann Dawson**

## Working People of Faith Second Pilgrimage of Understanding

**W**orking People of Faith are a small charity set up over 10 years ago. Their aim is to draw together people of all faiths. They organize social and educational events which help to deepen understanding between people of different faiths and they welcome a wide range of supporters to all their activities. I was contacted by one of the Trustees, John West and asked if Trinity would host a lunch to mark the end of their walk. We were pleased to do so and the Rev. Barrie Tabraham agreed to give a talk about the roots and history of Methodism. It was good to meet with people of other faiths and Marian Nash has very kindly sent this account of the day.

**Daphne Lander**

The Second Pilgrimage of Understanding was due to be held on 3rd March 2018, but the heavy snowfall postponed it until 28th April. The day dawned cool, overcast and dreary, but it wasn't actually raining! About 28 pilgrims signed in at Christ Church and were given a warm welcome by Simon Trick. Our Chair, Rev Martin Smith then gave a talk about the church's history; the kind of services that were held; and the congregation's participation in the community. We were able to see where their baptismal pool was located and a beautiful stained glass window from a distance. Then it was off to the Al Asr Centre. When we opened the door and went in, we were amazed at the welcome we received. Many of the members were there and had prepared a sumptuous feast of sandwiches, cakes and biscuits washed down by tea and coffee. Dr Naqvi gave an address expressing his desire that we would all acknowledge our similarities and not dwell on our differences. A smile was all that was needed to make friends. The Centre began in 1995 and the building served the community too. It was a great opportunity for the pilgrims to chat to the Muslims there. Then Dr Naqvi and three young men joined our walkers. The High Viz jackets caused some comments



and questions from other pedestrians as we wended our way to St Mary's, Horsell. Mike Couper gave us a talk about this historical building and pointed out several 'must-see' features. After ten minutes wandering around the church, he treated us to his excellent homemade cakes and more tea or coffee. Tearing ourselves away, we continued along scenic footpaths to Trinity Methodist Church, where we were served a chicken and/or vegetable curry with rice, crispy poppadum and salad delivered by Thali Thali Indian and Nepalese Restaurant. Rev. Barry Tabraham clearly felt passionate about John and Charles Wesley, some of the founders of the Methodist Movement, and gave us a detailed account of their lives. Then Daphne Lander explained how the Methodist Hierarchy was constructed and then how their church was organised. Once again it was clear that the Trinity congregation were concerned with and were helping in the local community.



Simon closed the pilgrimage at about 2.15pm after a brief look at future events. Everyone agreed that they had thoroughly enjoyed the event, especially the opportunity to talk to others whilst walking around Woking. We were very grateful to all the speakers, sound engineers and helpers at the various venues. At the last count there were over 54 people involved in some way."

The stats are:-

23 Christians; 6 Muslims; 1 Sikh; 1 Baha'i took part in the walk at some point. There were also approx. 12 Muslims who were just in Al Asr Centre. 1 Christian speaker was at St. Mary's. Another 5 Christians plus 2 children and 1 Muslim joined us for lunch at Trinity Methodist Church plus a speaker and sound engineer – both Christians.

Total number taking part 33 Christians; 19 Muslims; 1 Baha'I; 1 Sikh = 54 people.

**Marian Nash**

## Happy 60th Birthday

The Epworth Choir was launched in 1958 by Walter Deakin with a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" at Trinity, so this year the choir is celebrating its 60th Anniversary.

A composer was commissioned to write a special celebratory piece, and the result was "Air & Angels" by Ian Assersohn. He chose to set four poems by John Donne, who lived and wrote many of his works in Pырford Place on the banks of the River Wey, to music.

This piece was performed on 21st April in Holy Trinity Church Guildford alongside Vaughn Williams' "Five Mystical Songs" (a series of settings of poems by the meta physical poet George Herbert) and "Gloria" by Bob Chilcott.

Ian Assersohn came to the world premier of his work, and was pleased with Epworth's performance.

Epworth will be ending the summer term with "Music for a Summer's Evening" at Trinity on Wednesday 27th June at 7.30p.m. It will be a free concert of easy-listening pieces, followed by tea and cakes.

The choir has also been invited to take part in the Civic Service on 1st July.

**Barbara Phillips**

## Early Morning Communion

The dates for our 8.45am service in the coming months are:

24th June

22nd July

26th August



# Beyond Trinity



## Charity of the month July & August

Age Concern Woking is a local, independent charity whose aim is to give FREE support to older people in the Borough. The Charity's mission is to promote the well-being of older people by offering:

- Friendship
- Information and Support
- Home from Hospital
- and emergency support Home fire safety checks.

Established in 2004, Age Concern Woking receives financial support from various sources but is in constant need of funds to enable them to maintain their activities and to enable them, as they aspire to do, to treat everyone of their clients as they would treat a member of their own family.

## Plant Sale in Aid of Christian Aid

At the time of going to press, nearly £500 has been raised by the sale of plants, gardening books & cake & coffee. Thank you to everyone who generously donated plants, books and homemade cakes.



## Auckland to Falklands via Cape Horn

**W**ith the New Year well and truly finished, I set off for my next adventure, flying to New Zealand by way of Abu Dhabi and Sydney – a journey not for the faint hearted, especially when there is a four hour delay at Heathrow and you've only 30 mins to transfer aircraft at Abu Dhabi. Luckily it was a same-airline transfer and they held the connecting flight for us.

Leaving the cold of a January day in Woking and arriving 36 hrs later into the summer sunshine of the southern hemisphere was a pleasant start to what was to be yet another voyage of a lifetime.

Unfortunately, due to a fault in one of the generators, which caused other problems, our departure was delayed by over a week. However, this gave us plenty of time to take in the sights and sounds of Auckland and the surrounding area. We even managed to take a few coach trips to local places of interest and we were invited to a typical Maori "Hangi" - a meal slowly cooked in a pit of hot rocks and covered with leaves and earth. When uncovered, the food is absolutely delicious, and the hospitality of the locals was second to none. One of the down sides to living in a confined space with 50 others is that if one person brings in a 'bug', perhaps from an airplane, then it rages around the living accommodation like wild fire; and so it was with us. Luckily (due to the delay) I caught the bug and recovered before our departure.

Having finally slipped our moorings, we knew that we would need to keep up a good average speed to reach the Falklands

on time, and therefore often needed to resort to our "iron topsails" (i.e. engines) when the winds failed us.

Having left the City of Sails and the Hauraki Gulf, we were all getting into our regular watch routine as we turned south and headed for the Roaring Forties. Our last sighting of land was White Island, an active volcano off the east coast of NZ which has a permanent smoke plume trailing out over the ocean. By this time our new companions were Albatrosses and other ocean birds, which were to be with us all the way to our destination.

As we sailed south, the weather moved from late summer sunshine to chilly autumnal weather in a matter of days and the shorts and T shirts were quickly discarded in favour of warmer clothing.

As this was a major voyage for both the ship and the crew, it was decided that it would be a good idea to have a weekly 'newspaper' which I volunteered to edit. Very little was submitted in the first week, so I wrote most of articles myself which then, luckily, prompted others to contribute to future editions.

On the first Sunday of the voyage, a service was held on the foredeck for all who wanted to attend. It was great to see so many of my fellow crew mates both lead and join in the services on that day and every Sunday for the rest of our time at sea. Mainly the services were held on deck, but occasionally we moved down into the bar area due to the severity of the weather on deck.

Having reached the Roaring Forties, we turned almost due east and set about heading directly for Cape Horn. Occasionally our course needed to be modified to avoid hurricanes and other strong wind areas coming up from the Antarctic, but day after day we lessened the distance to the Cape – some days in light winds, other days in winds of Force 11 (defined as a Violent Storm with speeds of 64 to 72 mph).

By this time normal clothing had definitely been replaced by multi layers; from thermal underwear through light and heavy fleeces to top layers of breathable waterproofs with fleecy hats, gloves, neck warmers and scarves keeping us cosy. Rain turned to sleet on occasions and waves broke over, and swamped, the decks on most days.

However, it was not at all a bad experience. Some of the highlights were spotting dolphins and whales a-plenty and with running our watch routine, steering our true course, keeping the ship clean and tidy as well as helping the cook by preparing veg etc. we were fully occupied. As well as the routine, as we were such a diverse crew we were often given talks on subject our shipmates knew well. These included Blind Sailing Match Racing from Ryan who has been totally blind since about 4 years old and was World Champion in the event in 2014, the Spanish Flu (which had nothing to do with Spain!) from one of the doctors on board, Round the World racing from the Cook's Assistant and Navigation from Roy, one of the other crew members.

Our daily sailing varied from under 100 miles on a bad day to over 200 miles on a good one, but each mile brought us nearer and nearer to the Cape, which we finally reached on 15th Feb. Having withstood rain, hail, sleet and howling winds, the 15th dawned fine and bright and with the light came our first sighting of land for 33 days. The clear visibility and light westerly winds gave us the ability to see the lowest point of S. America with rocks and glaciers spreading from the Patagonian Mountains to the cold Southern Ocean. We also spotted the Chilean Navy's outpost on the Cape itself and were pleased when they called us up on the radio to wish us Bon Voyage for the rest of our journey. As we passed the Cape mid-afternoon nearly all the crew took a few seconds on the helm and had their photos taken for posterity. I, for one, don't think I'll ever pass this way again (it was great, but not that great that I want to repeat it).

With the Pacific behind us and the Atlantic under our keel, we turned north for the first time and headed for the Falklands. As dawn broke on Friday 23rd Feb we furled our sails for the last time, made everything ship-shape and motored into Stanley, passing large flocks of penguins, to a welcome from family members, friends and members of our armed forces stationed there. Everyone was overjoyed at seeing us and we had congratulations all round for our accomplishment. Our first priority was to 'scrub up', and get our 'land legs' back on, as the Governor had invited all the crew to a reception at his residence. Here we met government officials, local personnel from both the radio and TV station, members of the local press and even some of the crew who were already on the island, ready to take the ship on to her next port of call – Cape Town, S. Africa.

**Mike Tozer**

### **The Last Supper**



Daphne & David took this photo of a sand carving of The Last Supper on the beach at Maspalomas, Gran Canaria. It took the sculptor 40 hours to make. He was raising funds to help two disabled people. It struck them as God appearing in the most unlikely places!!

## USE YOUR TALENTS

"If only I were someone else  
The things that I would do" –  
Some people always talk like that,  
I've heard them, so have you.

Why envy other peoples' gifts  
When you have talents too,  
For in God's service there is work  
Which only you can do.

The chance to speak a kindly word,  
Or maybe just a smile.  
That cup of water in His name,  
Small things but all worthwhile.

God only asks that each of us  
Will do our very best  
To use what talents we may have  
And he will do the rest.

Next time there's something to be done,  
Whate'er the task may be,  
Let's say as once Isaiah said,  
"Lord here am I, send me."

W.E. Blackburne

*Matthew 25 v 14 - 30 - Parable of the Talents*



## Visit to The Gambia - A Personal View

**A**fter returning from The Gambia in February, I felt a real need to share stories about my journey 'up-country'. It is the most bizarre country I have had the pleasure to visit – the people are such God loving people. I often find myself asking 'how can they have such a strong faith when they have so little?' I believe they have put their lives and trust in God, as they have no other distractions to blur their faith.

When I was up-country, I stayed in a very basic room: the bed was made of concrete with a foam topper and a simple bed sheet cover, plus a toilet that was plumbed in with a string to flush. My sink was a bucket and my shower was an outside tap with a showerhead fixed to it and no hot water, but at least I was privileged to have water.

I was also blessed with a mosquito net. I can react badly to insects and, as I have to carry an EpiPen, this net made me feel safe and protected against nasty infectious insects. On the way back down country, it got me thinking about how we can help parents keep their children safe.

A treated mosquito net is only £7.00 to buy: to us this is the same as a cup of coffee and a piece of cake, to the Gambian families it can save their children's lives.

At church, I asked if we could help by trying to get 100 mosquito nets onto a container. These nets would travel up to the poorest areas of Gambia, to the beautiful families I had the privilege to meet.

With the generosity of Trinity Methodist Church, our Chinese Church, and family and friends we managed to raise £700.

This means we have enabled parents to keep their children safe, in the same way I felt safe at night under the net that was prepared for me.

It was then brought to my attention that teenage girls miss school due to their periods, without going into too much detail, so I decided to raise this issue with my fellow youth and children workers. Together we managed to put 650 pairs of underwear on the container.

It isn't just Gambia where parents are struggling, it is happening all over the world. If you feel you want to do something, just remember it doesn't take a lot of money or time to help transform someone else's life.

Jesus walked alongside the broken, he spent time with them, he broke bread and healed the sick. As disciples of God, we can share God's Love by walking alongside people that really need a little help?

I believe the above is evidence we can by working together, thereby building His Kingdom here on Earth.

If you would like to support the Gambian families, please do contact me.



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*Update -70 nets were purchased in UK and a further 35 untreated from Brikama market, these have now been treated and transport arranged for all 105 to go to Methodist school Banni*



## **Welcome Service**

for

**Rev Keith Beckingham**

**our new Superintendent Minister**

and

**Rev Sydney Samuel Lake**

**Probationer Minister**

The word "WELCOME" is written in a large, bold, white font with a thick red outline and a black drop shadow, giving it a 3D, bubbly appearance.

Light refreshments will be served before the service at 5pm

**Sunday 2nd September 2018 6.30pm**

**Walton-on-Thames Methodist Church  
Terrace Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2SR**

## Tales of a Travelling Preacher Part Two

**O**n returning from Cliff College I went to work at the Railway Children's home, here, in Woking to get some experience of working with children before starting my Teacher Training. It was here I met a Young Housemother who was responsible for 'The Pickles' a mixed group of 5-7 girls and boys. In true romantic parlance – 'it was love at first sight,' for me anyway. We built our relationship all through my Teacher Training at Bishop Otter College, Chichester from 1970-1973

Whilst at College my preaching was very curtailed, but I was invited to preach at Shiphams Paste Factory, Christian Fellowship. Fortunately, they were not having a run of either Bloater or Chicken Paste on the two occasions I was there.

In 1973 I returned home to Bournemouth and taught at Homefield College for a year. I worshipped at Springbourne Methodist Church, when not travelling to Woking to visit Christine and the 'Pickles'. I also became one of a group of Bournemouth Local Preachers who travelled to various chapels in Dorset, Hampshire and Somerset. The furthest afield being Wincanton in Somerset a ninety-mile round trip taking both the morning and afternoon services.

I was also planned to preach at Crendell Chapel where I attended as a child from 1956-63, when the congregation from the Congregational Chapel at Cripplestyle, where I lived, joined with their actual and church families to celebrate Easter, Whitsun, Christmas and Church Anniversaries. I also took the services at Sandheath Methodist Church where I had been a member of the Youth Club in my teens; they were special memories. It was

at Crendell that I first discovered the Methodist Hymnbook and learned two of my favourite traditional hymns:

*'Yes, God is good, in earth and sky from ocean depths and spreading wood.'* and *'God has given us a book full of stories which was made for his people of old.'*

Christine and I were married in August 1974 and I came to live with her at the Children's Home in Oriental Road. She worked as a Housemother and I supported her in the evenings and at the weekends while teaching at Horsell Secondary School during the daytime.

The 'Travelling Preacher' did not get out as much or as frequently, we only had one weekend off in three. I took my place on the Circuit Plan and regularly visited Knaphill, Sheerwater, Byfleet, Ripley, Chertsey, Addlestone, Weybridge, Shepperton and Walton-on-Thames Methodist churches and occasionally at West Byfleet and Walton-on-Thames URC churches and the Free Church at the bottom of Walton Road. Woking Trinity was my home church and I first preached here one evening in the late 1970's then not for another ten years, when I took a winter evening service in the Choir Room with a congregation of less than ten.

Then another long spell before Barry Tabraham came in the 1990's. I was privileged to share in the planning and delivery of his and Trinity's first Christingle Service. Since then I have frequently preached here.

I was often requested to take the Boys and Girls Brigade Parade Services at Sheerwater and all-age worship at Knaphill. Consequently, I was asked to lead a Circuit Youth Service at Sheerwater. Which was a challenge but had a very positive outcome.

In 1988 the 'Railway Children's Home' celebrated its Centenary. I had tried to arrange for the Bishop of Guildford to preach at the Centenary Celebration Service at St Paul's, Maybury where the children used to attend Sunday School, but it didn't work

out. Then with about two weeks' notice I was approached by the Vicar of St Paul's, the Homes Chaplain, to preach at that service. He would have but felt it would be right for me to do it. I accepted and was given permission to preach in an Anglican Church for the first time.

It was also my largest congregation ever with over 300 people mainly old Boys and Girls.

By 1990 services were changing – chapels and churches were closing – Ripley, Shepperton and West Byfleet URC, and other congregations were noticeably ageing and shrinking. Then out of the blue I was asked by Chris Bishop, the Superintendent, if I would conduct a service at Send Prison. Now that was a challenge and a real adventure in faith but there will be more about that in the next chapter.

For the last eighteen years the shrinking and ageing congregations have become even more apparent. As a preacher the message has subtly changed. I always keep a Children's item available but often don't use it. Sometimes there may be one or two little ones and I do take a story and often one of my puppets just in case.

The new Circuit has brought more travelling and the opportunities to explore new ways of worship.

However, the Gospel has not changed but how it is presented has and I have been challenged to present it in different ways for different congregations.

It has become clear to me that God wants us as Christians to share the Gospel by talking about our faith with confidence and openness both in and outside church.

To support our young people and families by encouraging them to develop and try new forms of presenting worship – sometimes things we don't understand, find uncomfortable or even dislike.

The Gospel message is for us to be like Jesus and to love, not judge, not negatively criticise, but always to encourage and support. Try to understand, share compassion as Jesus did wherever we are and whoever we are with and to celebrate his love for us all by sharing it.

God willing, I will complete 50 years as one of 'Mr Wesley's Preacher's in June 2020. I thank my Lord and Saviour for 48 years of learning and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the opportunities to share what I have learnt of his Gospel of Love and Redemption.

*In all things we are more than conquerors through him  
who loves us.  
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,  
nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor  
depth, nor anything  
else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the  
love of God in  
Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-38*

**Graham Warr**



## Fit for Purpose!

**I**nterested in becoming the 'best version of yourself' with energy for your God-given purpose in life? Come and talk about gaining better overall health and having some fun whilst re-energising yourself! Carol Mote is starting a 'Fit for Purpose' group at Trinity Methodist, introducing Herbalife Nutrition as part of your diet. (Voluntary £2.50 contribution with monies going towards supplying provisions to the Woking Foodbank.) More details contact Carol on 07595772843 or via email at [carolmote@me.com](mailto:carolmote@me.com). Starts **Tuesday evenings from 5th June 7-9pm**, in the Music Room - All Welcome.

## Thank You !

**I**would like to offer my thanks to so many Trinity members who have been encouraging and helpful in their interest in my recent move to Mayford. This is only ½ mile in distance but 62 years in time. You have been a big comfort to me.

Can I also offer my thanks to the loyal customers of the Traidcraft Shop. Sales have become fewer on Sunday mornings but even one purchase is an aid to an improvised grower or maker, so please be compassionate and think of giving your support.

**Margaret Davies**





**Name of event** Woking Choral Society Concert

**Location of event** Christ Church, Woking

**Date, time** Saturday 30 June 2018, 6.30 pm

**Programme** Celebratory music including favourites from Handel, Parry, Vaughan Williams, Bernstein, McDowell and Lauridsen.

**Conductor** Victoria Longdon **Organist** Marko Sever

**Tickets** £10, students in full time education and children £5. at [www.wokingchoral.org.uk](http://www.wokingchoral.org.uk) or obtained from the Lightbox, Chobham Road, Woking, or Christ Church Shop, Town Square, Woking, or Brittens Music, 13 The Broadway, Woodham, New Haw KT15 3EU.

Website : [www.wokingchoral.org.uk](http://www.wokingchoral.org.uk)

Twitter: @WokingChoral

## Press Release

### **Woking Choral Society appoints new Musical Director – VICTORIA LONGDON**

Victoria is a London-based conductor and arranger. She graduated with Distinction in Choral Conducting from the Royal Academy of Music in 2016 and now directs the Lea Singers of Harpenden, the Hanover Choir and the Hertfordshire County Youth Choir and is an assistant conductor for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and the Philharmonia Britannica.

## What's on at Trinity

Prayer Group	Sunday (weekly) 9.45am Friday (weekly) 9.45am	Ann, W 770400
Y Group	Monday (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 8pm	Allison W 725439
Coffee & Chat	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Margot, W 762059
Bible Study Fellowship	Weds (weekly) 10.30am	Sarah Jo W 892067
Bible Study	Friday (monthly) 10.30am	Peggy, W 763605
Phoenix	Friday (fortnightly) 8pm	Joyce, 722457
Quest Group	Sat (monthly) 9.30am	John, W 762059
Family Club	Friday (weekly) 5pm	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Junior Church	10:30am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Messy Church	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10am	Sue Waddington, 01932 859636
Trinity Toddlers	09:30:00	Kim Wilson,, 07791 763241

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### **From the Editor**

Thanks you to all who have helped with the preparation and distribution of this issue of TNV. David Lander will be editing the next edition

**Jean Normington**

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