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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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NOTICES 2 May 2021

Dear Friends,

During my Sabbatical (1st May - 9th August inclusive) the life of Trinity continues, and of course that may mean that things arise that you might ordinarily have kept me informed about. While I am on sabbatical, please contact:

Rev Keith Underhill keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk 01235 763321 or

Deacon Selina Nisbett selina.nisbett@methodist.org.uk 01235 521868

Between them, they will be covering my sabbatical and will bring me up to speed when I return.

It is a real gift to be able to take a sabbatical and even more, to know that you will be in such safe hands while I take it.

Every blessing,

Ian

CHURCH NEWS

This week's rhyme

April showers bring May flowers,
But not this year, I fear.
The brave May blooms have food in store
But as for rain, they'd welcome more.
Do we have adequate spiritual resource
To keep us on an even course
Till lockdown ends?
But help from G, is always near, no need to fear.

Margaret Langsford



Dates for the Diary

As we look forward (Covid permitting) to being able to worship together as a full congregation, the Trustees have suggested some special events in the autumn. Please put these dates in your diary:

Sunday September 5, 10:30am - Welcome Back Service - Ian to lead
Followed by Lunch in the Conduit Centre

Saturday September 11 - a simple Open Day to coincide with Ride and Stride.

Sunday September 26, 10:30am – A Memorial Service

... for us, as a Trinity family, to remember and give thanks for the lives of those amongst us who have died during the months we've not been able to attend funerals and services of thanksgiving.

Sunday October 10, 10:30am - Harvest Festival

Thy Kingdom Come: May 13 - May 23 2021, a global wave of prayer calling Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. Please see the accompanying letter.



If you would like a prayer card, a leather band and / or a Prayer Journal please contact the office and these will be posted to you.

Further resources and information are also available from:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/thy-kingdom-come/>

Can you help? I am looking for people of faith over the age of 18 years to complete an online questionnaire, which will take approximately 10 mins as part of a study for my Psychology MSc At Oxford Brookes University. I am interested in the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on people's religious belief and practices. This study has been approved by the Psychology Department Research Ethics Committee at Oxford Brookes.

If you think you could help with this research, then please read the participant information sheet:

https://brookeshls.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_et8nCRIqLQKZrL0

or email Katie Doney on 19043493@brookes.ac.uk

thank you, Katie

DENOMINATION NEWS

New Plan for Immigration: I have recently received an e-mail from the Joint Public Issues Team, which represents Baptists, Church of Scotland, Methodists and URC. The Government has recently published this new plan aimed at increasing the fairness of the asylum system and deterring illegal entry into UK. JPIT considers that many of the measures included risk creating more injustices in the system which will increase

the trauma experienced by asylum seekers coming to UK.

The Government has produced a consultation document, responses to which must be received by May 6th. It is long and complicated, and I have yet to decide whether I can make an adequate response, but if you are concerned about this issue, copious information is available from:

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/the-new-plan-for-immigration/>

Ruth Dams

COMMUNITY NEWS

Are you looking to support children and young people and learn new skills?



TrinityLearning are planning to restart regular volunteering projects in Abingdon schools. Our *Thinking Books* project involves mentoring young children through shared reading and discussion of carefully chosen books. This project helps children to develop empathy by reflecting on their own and other people's feelings. Our *Kingfisher Singing Group* visit Kingfisher School one morning a week in term-

time to sing simple songs and nursery rhymes. We hope to be able to restart both projects from September 2021, with training in the summer term to prepare volunteers.

How can I get involved?

Please pray for TrinityLearning, that we might find the right people to support children through these projects. If you are interested in helping out with either of these rewarding projects you need to be over 18, willing to volunteer regularly - usually on a weekly basis in term time, preferably have some experience of working with children and be willing to undertake a DBS. For more information or an informal chat, please contact Nicola at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

WORSHIP

At Trinity

In-Church Worship: has now resumed. Arrangements will be the same as previously – ie book in advance, masks to be worn, no singing. If you would like to attend please call the office - 01235 520282 - or book online.

Worship at Home Materials will also be produced, and circulated in the usual manner.

Sunday 9 May: Morning Worship led by Peter Hemmings

Sunday 16 May: Morning Worship in Trinity led by Malcolm Newton

In the Circuit

Orders of Service for Worship at Home are made available on-line or in hard copy.

Keith leads an on-line Zoom service, Sunday mornings at 10:30am. If you would like to join in or know more about this, please contact him -

keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk.

A short *Act of Worship* will also be posted on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#)

By phone

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

or News: 0808 281 2478 or a

pastoral message from the President and Vice-President of Conference 0808 281 2695

More widely the Methodist and URC are making resources available on line:

Methodist or see [https:// Methodist.org.uk](https://Methodist.org.uk)

Methodist Central Hall – weekly Service and catch up

Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission – daily Service and catch up

URC or see <https://urc.org.uk/>