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

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FLOWERS FOR JULY

During July the flowers will be given by John Parkinson and Mary Sachikonye on the 6th, Viv Gasteen on the 13th, Joan Neild on the 20th, Brenda Wragg on the 27th.

Baptism on Sunday 29th June
Dadirai Stephanie, Chido Alisha and Ruvarashe Dorothy, daughters of Richard and Beauty Mupunga.

I would like to say a very big ‘Thank You’ to everyone who came to my aid when I fell between the doors leaving the Link recently.
God Bless You All,
Marietta.

Chelmsford Cathedral Festival of Flowers

18th—21st July.

Chelmsford Cathedral is having a centenary celebration in flowers. Many talented arrangers have come together to create imaginative designs of colour, texture and form conveying the atmosphere of each decade.
Trinity have been invited to participate and will be providing a display for ‘The Good Samaritan’ window opposite the Chancel steps.
Admission: £5 in advance. £6 on the door.
Come and enjoy the beauty of all the floral exhibits.
Dear friends,

At last it is summertime; the days are longer, the sun shines, the skies are blue, the barbecues are lit, the strawberries are enjoyed. In the words of the song, “roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!”

Next week the Wimbledon Tennis championships begin; will it be Nadal, Federer or Murray who will lift the trophy?

And of course, love it or hate it, we cannot avoid the Football World Cup. There is a lesson to be learned from the tournament taking place in Brazil. Just pause for a moment and look at the groupings of nations: Cameroon and Croatia; Australia and Holland; Germany and USA; Bosnia and Iran; so it goes on. Countries from around the world drawn together regardless of past history and present differences. I know that on occasion the tackling is a bit over the top, tempers flare but after ninety minutes handshakes are the order of the day. And, of course football is a team game. Regardless of the tricky footwork of players like Sterling and Messi, the agility of keepers like Howard and Hart win or lose it’s all down to teamwork or lack of it, every member playing their part, however small, and the team captain marshalling his men, encouraging, urging them on, leading the way and when things go wrong, picking them up and giving them the confidence to start again.

If they play the game well it excites the crowd, we begin to feel a part of it. Last week we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, that wonderful gift from God bestowed on his church, the gift promised by Jesus, to lead us into truth, to challenge and encourage us and when we fail to pick us up and give us the confidence to try again.

We too are a team, made up of individuals from different places, cultures and with different skills and abilities but Jesus, has shown us the way to live, the way to be church, part of God’s team here in this community.

I wonder, do we excite the crowd?

May we be so open to, and filled with, the power of the Holy Spirit here at Trinity that Christ’s name be known and God’s love shown in all that we seek to be and do.

And to God be the glory now and always.

Love and peace to you all

Viv
Stewards’ Jottings

**Summer**

Summer has taken on a whole new meaning after surviving four really harsh and one mild winter. It is like watching a butterfly emerge from its chrysalis when you see people shake of their winter coats and re appear in summer gear. The most amazing transformation is that people smile and laugh again.

Towards the end of winter, especially if it has been a harsh and prolonged one, everyone seems to lose their joy. It is rather amusing to watch people in the first few days of warm weather and see the changes. Gone are the coats, boots and scarves and out come the shorts and summer dresses and flip-flops. The parks fill up and everyone soaks up every ray of sunshine and you hear children laughing and playing outside.

My all time favourite is that anyone who drives a convertible has the car’s top down the minute the temperature goes into double digits and the sun is shining – fascinating!! And the ice cream van comes past your house every day!

You have to endure a winter in the UK to really enjoy summer even if it is sometimes only a few really perfect days. They have to be savoured!

It is probably a bit mean but I do like to compare early morning temperatures with my children in Johannesburg at this time of the year especially when it has dipped down to minus in sunny South Africa. My son is still fascinated that I can “sun tan” when it’s only 22 degrees here.

Here is hoping that this summer is as good as the last one we had.

God bless

Marianne
Review of Pastoral Care

In the autumn of 2013 we asked members for their thoughts about how best we could provide Pastoral care to everyone having regard to changing lifestyle and growing numbers of worshippers at Trinity. For those who work, daytime visits are not appropriate and evenings are busy with travelling, family and mealtimes. We were therefore seeking to identify how best people might keep in touch or further their church contact.

The survey seems to show that most people appreciated the opportunity to meet and chat after church over a cup of coffee in the Link, and this seems to be borne out by increasing numbers taking coffee.

House groups and other gatherings came next as points of contact while the occasional phone call was a recognised means of keeping in touch. E-mails and text messages were less popular as a means of keeping in touch but this may be a generational thing, being more acceptable to the younger generation than to older people.

Home visits remain an important aspect of pastoral care for housebound members where there is a clear need for personal contact.

At a recent meeting of the Pastoral Team to discuss outcomes of the review we noted the above. It was suggested that more use could be made of IT in Church besides using the screen to tell us about coffee in the Link. Perhaps in the period before and after the morning service it could highlight information on House Groups, prayer meetings and other activities passing on information on whom to contact. This idea is being progressed.

The findings of the survey seem to suggest we should recognise pastoral care is at the centre of the Church’s life and Ministry and is wider than a pastoral visit. It is essentially about maintaining a pastoral link through which help and support may be delivered depending on circumstances of individuals. The whole idea is to keep people in touch and help cement relationships.

The Pastoral Team comprises Rev Viv Gasteen assisted by Mrs Barbara Armstrong as co-ordinator, and 29 people who have chosen to dedicate themselves to this work on behalf of all of the 290 people on the church membership.

If you might be interested in joining the team, please contact Rev Viv, Barbara, or any other member listed in the Trinity Directory or contact the Church office.

Barbara Armstrong
Towards One World

Be a Pet! Buy a PET!!

Well, we have actually bought twenty...........!

You will recall that our current project is to support the work of PET International. The PET is a Personal Energy Transportation vehicle, sturdily designed for those with no lower limbs or with limited lower limb facility. Provided the owners have reasonable arm strength, they can power their PET through use of an arm-operated crank and, for many, it has brought a new lease of life. PET International now distributes, from its USA bases, to one hundred countries.

We, at Trinity, committed last year to finance the making and distribution of forty PET vehicles, at a cost of around £6400. I am so pleased to tell you that we have recently sent a little over £3000, converting to just over 5000 US dollars, an amount which should finance around twenty vehicles. We have no idea where in the world they will end up, but we trust the distributors in USA to allocate them where the need is greatest. Grateful thanks, on behalf of PET International, go to all our supporters. (If you are new to Towards One World, do have a chat with me to find out what we are about!)

We now continue towards the next twenty...........!!

Jeff Green
Singles Lunches

I know you all read in the notices each month the date of the next Singles Lunch. However, since I took over as co-ordinator from Olive Ellis-Williams (who at this point I would like to thank most sincerely for the excellent job she did in this role for many years), I have been very concerned about how many people say things like “Oh I don’t need to come” or “I’m not old enough to come” or “I didn’t think I qualified”. The clue lies in the words “Singles Lunch” and this means anyone who is on their own for whatever reason and who would enjoy eating their lunch with a group of friends once a month when they would otherwise be eating alone. There is no age restriction and you would be made very welcome, so why not give it a try? There is a small charge to cover the cost of the meal but each month there is feedback that everyone has gone home happy and well fed, sometimes even clutching a second helping of the sweet they couldn’t quite manage whilst there!

In order to prepare, cook and serve the lunches of course, we need willing volunteers, maybe two or three friends, a family team, a husband and wife or two couples working together, possibly two or three people from one of the Church based organisations, to fill a space on the Rota from time to time. Everyone qualifies and offers of help are very welcome. If you feel you cannot commit to taking responsibility for preparing a lunch but would like to know more and feel you may be able to help in some way, please get in touch with me. There are always opportunities to help with table setting, getting the plates ready, serving meals, clearing tables and dare I say it, washing up and often many hands make light work. Sadly, of course, some of our members who have prepared lunches over many years reach the stage where they feel perhaps it is time to take a little rest and I have struggled this year to complete the Rota. There is presently an urgent need for Volunteers to prepare the meal on 20th July and if you think you might be able to help please speak to me after the morning Service, by e-mail (keithjenne@sky.com) by telephone 01245 461187 or by leaving a note in my pigeonhole. I will be delighted to talk to you and answer your questions.

Next year’s Rota will soon be in the course of preparation so please have a little think whether you can help and, even more importantly, come on you single people, don’t eat alone, give Singles Lunch a try one month!

Jenne Essam
PASTORAL BARBECUE

This year we hosted the 5th annual barbecue for members of the Pastoral Teams from the Cathedral, Church of the Ascension and All Saints and Trinity in the Manse garden. Rev Viv welcomed everyone and opened the evening with Grace. Around 50 people occupied the lawn area sat around small tables enjoying the warm June evening. The barbecue or should I say ‘braii’, was expertly cooked by our South African friends John Smith and Graham Shaw from Trinity while the salads were provided by Church of the Ascension and All Saints, followed by some delicious sweets from members of the Cathedral.

The air was full of chatter - the birds couldn’t compete! Just like our Pastoral Review this was a means of keeping ‘in touch’ making new friends and renewing old friendships.

In his summing up of the evening Father Ivor Moody used similar words to those of David Burton last Sunday morning when he said that by ourselves we are small and can do little but working together we can do so much more. Father Tom expressed thanks to Rev Viv for the use of her lovely garden. Trinity members give thanks to the stewards who worked behind the scenes. We look forward to next year which I understand will be hosted by the Cathedral.

Barbara Armstrong

Anyone for Tennis?

We are a small club (called the Beechenlea Tennis Club) that meets at the tennis courts in Admirals Park (near to Rainsford Road) on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. We would love to welcome some new members!

We are all people who have played tennis, and now enjoy hitting a tennis ball over the net in some non-competitive and friendly games and to gain some much needed exercise! All ages of tennis players are welcome. At the end of the season we meet socially for a Christmas dinner together. Cost is £20 for a weekly session that lasts from May to September - fantastic value!

Does this sound like you? Ring Ivor Moody on 07940800519 or email ivor.moody@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk if you would like to give it a go.
Bradwell Pilgrimage 2014: Long Distance Pilgrims

The Essex chapel of St Peter on the Wall will be a welcome sight for a group of long-distance pilgrims in July. The 7th century chapel will be the end of a very long road after hundreds of miles under their belts. The group from the Church of England’s diocese of Chelmsford will include Essex Christians from Chelmsford, Maldon, Boreham, Elsenham and Ongar who will set out on July 7 to follow in the footsteps of Essex Saint Cedd. Their journey will culminate in joining Bradwell-on-Sea’s annual Pilgrimage on July 12.

After visiting Lindisfarne, Holy Island – using two feet and four wheels – they will trace the evangelising steps of Saints Cedd, Aiden and Cuthbert as far as they can. On their journey south they will visit Lastingham, where St. Cedd, who brought Christianity to the East Saxon tribes, died, plus York and Lincoln Cathedral. It is not yet known how many pilgrims will join the trip but the group will include the Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt Revd John Wraw, and Archdeacon of Southend the Venerable Mina Smallman.

This year’s Bradwell Pilgrimage keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Kate Coleman, who is one of the UK’s most influential Christian women leaders. The Pilgrimage, which has the evangelical theme of “Sent”, breaks with tradition for 2014 by being held on the second Saturday of July instead of the first but it will return to the first Saturday in July of 2015.

The Pilgrimage day will begin with a service at St Thomas Church before pilgrims form a mass procession to walk more than two miles to the chapel where the main Pilgrimage activities will take place. There will be an increase in the number of activities for the young.

The afternoon on the chapel field will include Dr Coleman’s presentation, a further service, singing by a group of visiting Kenyan Christians and readings. Refreshments will be available in a marquee on the chapel field and at the nearby Othona Community.

For further information contact: The Rev. Lee Batson on 01245 451087 or Graham Lowing on 01621 776832
See also: www.bradwellpilgrimage.webs.com and www.othona.org
SENT
Bradwell Pilgrimage 2014
Bradwell-on-Sea
Saturday 12th July 2014 – 11.00am - 3.30pm

Worship * Creative arts * Workshops * Stalls
Children’s & youth activities * Refreshments

Gather for worship at St Thomas’ Church at 11.00am before processing to St Peter’s on the Wall.
Speaker - Revd Dr Kate Coleman
Bring a picnic lunch or lunches at Othona, £6.50 each, pre-booking is essential (01621 776564 / bradwell@othona.org)
Tea & cakes available 12.00 – 4.00pm at Othona & in the Marquee
Bringing a coach? Let us know on 01621 776832
http://bradwellpilgrimage.webs.com
SUNDAY CLUB
Increasing numbers mean we need Two extra adults for our rota. Can you help?

FRIDAY CLUB
We meet once a month from 7-8.30pm boys and girls aged 7-11 years. Adults, we need 2/3 extra helpers. Please come and help us.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S GROUP
One or two adults needed to help with our growing group of teenagers. We meet once a month on Sunday evenings—sometimes with the group from Moulsham Lodge.

TRINITY OFFICE
We are looking for a volunteer for one day each week. The office is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Computer skills and good telephone manner are essential.

COOKS WANTED for Friday Lunches! Once each month we serve lunches in the Link and are looking for more folks to volunteer as cooks.

For more information speak to Rev Viv.
Sunday Trini Bus

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are desperate to recruit a couple more drivers and escorts for the Trini Bus on Sundays. You are ideally under 70 (although not essential) and have D1 on your driving license. The old paper style automatically has this. Check on the back of the new photo license to see if you have the code.

At the moment we pick up, at the most, 6 people from the Chelmsford area, setting off from church approx. 9.30 am and arriving at church at 10.15 am. We run on a rota system. You would drive / escort on a day to suit you. It could mean you only drive / escort once every 6 weeks. Our drivers and escorts work as couples and this works very well.

If you are worried about driving the bus my husband Nick is very happy to take you out on a trial. Please consider this. Without more drivers we will not be able to run a regular service.

Anymore information please contact me on 01245 252146  Janet Wintle
and the CARE GROUP

The Trinity Link Care group meets at the Church most Wednesdays. It is a social occasion for the elderly and partially housebound in our community and is greatly valued by those who come along. Margaret Gannicott and her team do a great job in providing not only interesting activities but also an excellent meal.

Some of those who come need to be transported to the Church and we have the use of the Trinibus for this. Currently, a team of five volunteer drivers is available, one per week, to collect people between 9.30am and 10.30am and then to deliver them home again in the early afternoon. Most drivers have a minibus driving authorisation (D1) on their driving licence.....at least, until the age of seventy, at which point the regulations to continue with a D1 require fairly intensive medical and optical screening. As two of our team of five have now reached this age, we are looking to recruit new drivers of the Trinibus, who would join the rota and be available approximately once every five weeks or so.

I have to say I took some persuading, a few years back, to drive a minibus, but did then find the Trinibus quite easy to drive! Could you now consider doing the same? Margaret is of the opinion that, for the TLC group to continue to function effectively, the Trinibus is essential. If you might be able to help, do have a chat with me or with Margaret. It would be good to get the team of drivers up to strength again.

Thank you!

Jeff Green
A Trip to Coventry

On May 31st at 8.30am a group of us waited expectantly for the Lodges coach to takes us to Coventry. After a brief comfort stop we arrived safely at Coventry Cathedral. The initial impact of the cathedral was overwhelming. The enormous Graham Sutherland tapestry ‘Christ in Glory’ caught your eye immediately. Then you saw the beautiful windows, and the Coventry Cross of Nails which is now a powerful and inspirational symbol worldwide of forgiveness and reconciliation. We moved on to Methodist Central Hall where we were treated to an excellent meal. Someone had whispered that Rev Viv was around, and she was greeted by a number of Zimbabwean ladies who arrived to see her and talk about old times. We persuaded them to sing to us and we all enjoyed their infectious joy and happiness. After lunch we had some free time in Coventry. Keith took the opportunity to play the organ in Central Hall and many of us went to listen. During the comfort stop on the way home we were treated to wonderful cupcakes generously given by Dr Bassey Okon. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Rev Viv for organising.
TRINITY METHODIST MUSIC AND DRAMA

SUMMER FOLLIES

(An evening of music from the shows including Wicked, A Chorus Line, Sister Act, Les Miserables & more)

SATURDAY 26th JULY 2014
7.30 pm

At
Trinity Methodist Church
Rainsford Road
Chelmsford

Tickets £8.00

Box Office
01245 252146
Brownies have been, and still are, celebrating their 100\textsuperscript{th} Birthday in 2014. There’s been so much going on it’s been madness. There has been a special challenge badge, special events, and all for Brownies, here are a few of the things;

**The Challenge**

The Brownies Challenge incorporated so many things which brownies have been doing from 1914 to 2014, We worked on semaphore, team building, clay cakes, there was so much happening that it’s hard to remember everything. The girls and leaders were awarded with the badge on the left.

**Take over for a tenner / Stay Away**

On 24\textsuperscript{th} May we headed over to Mersea to spent the afternoon and overnight there. The girls had chosen to do aerial runway which they all tried to do. They then had It’s a knockout with many inflatables and they were trying to get more points than the other team.

We didn’t come in the top three, but had fun doing it.

After dinner there was a disco, and then a surprise, we all went on an onesie walk around to the beach to renew our Brownie promise together. We all slept in new bell tents that night, leaders in one and girls in another, it was a real experience which most won’t experience in Brownies. The girls gained their first night away, second night away or their five nights away badge, alongside a takeover for a tenner badge. When back at the meeting place we got the girls a Big Brownie Birthday Stay Away badge.

Other events coming up are BENE Bop and Division Fete.

**Sainsbury’s Active Kids**

The Rainbows and Brownies would like to say a great big THANK YOU for all the active kids’ vouchers that were placed in our box. The vouchers from the church alone added to a whopping 1433 vouchers, this will go towards some great equipment for the Girlguiding unit who meet at the church. We will be collecting these vouchers again next year.
15th Chelmsford (Trinity Methodist) Rainbows are a few months over their first birthday.
These are a few things we’ve done…

During the past year the girls have learnt what Rainbows are and what they do. They’ve all received their Ready for Rainbows / Pot of Gold flipbook. They work on these every week at the start of the meeting. There is so much for the girls to do in them and they stay with them the entire time they are in Rainbows.

The girls started to get uniform and it really looked like a Rainbow unit. We started to enrol the girls, a few at a time, they walk over the rainbow before making their very important promise. The girls get their promise badge, a certificate, and a special Rainbow bag which they all love.

And, we’re looking forward to the year ahead.

Rainbows learn by doing - they get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, cooking and playing games. Rainbows are girls aged five to seven who follow a programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw, through which they can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.
If you’re interested in your daughter joining Rainbows, please place your details on Girlguiding.org.uk/interested
Circuit Service

On Sunday 27th July at 3pm at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church there will be a Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving for the ministry of Rev Stephanie Hibberd as she prepares to “sit down” and move to a new phase of ministry.

Please come along and join the members of Moulsham Lodge church on this occasion.

Visit to Rochford Methodist Church

Sunday August 3rd.

Two years ago the congregation of Rochford Methodist Church joined us here at Trinity for Afternoon Tea and Evening Worship. We have been invited to join the congregation at Rochford on Sunday 3rd August at 4.30pm for a “Bring & Share” Tea followed by evening worship at 6.30pm. Please sign the sheet in the vestibule if you will be joining us on this occasion.

Thank you. Viv.

The following items are in extremely short supply:
Sugar
Cereals
Longlife fruit juices
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned meat (excluding corned beef)
Tinned fish
Longlife milk
Tinned potatoes
Packets of mashed potato (Smash)
Packets/tins of instant custard
# EVENTS DURING JULY

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SERVICES FOR JULY

Sunday 6th
9.00am  No Service
10.30am Worship led by Sunday Club
6.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 13th
9.00am  No Service
10.30am Worship led by Mr Jeff Hosking
6.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 20th
9.00am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Sue Lambert
10.30am Worship led by Mrs Esther Hume
6.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 27th
9.00am  No Service
10.30am Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Viv Gasteen
3.00pm Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Stephanie Hibberd at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church.
6.30pm No Evening Service

AUGUST

Sunday 3rd
9.00am Worship led by Rev Viv Gasteen
10.30am Worship led by Rev Viv Gasteen and Mr Neil Dalley
6.30pm At Rochford Methodist Church
(See page 18 for details.)

Closing date for the Aug/Sep Edition of Trinity News
Wednesday 16th July
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