Mission Statement:
Our Mission is to proclaim the love of God, in Jesus to all people
FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

The 2017 list for flowers is on the Notice Board in the Vestibule. Please add your name for any special dates you would like to donate flowers.

Our flowers for February are being given by Gwen Mumby on the 5th; Maureen & Alex Smith on the 12th; Mike & Kathy Ashton on the 19th and Beryl Kemp on the 26th.

In March they are given by Felicity Sturt on the 5th; Rita de Keyser on the 12th; Doreen Holliday on the 19th and Sheila Mukumba on the 26th.

For any queries please contact Margaret Gannicott ☎ 01245 262399 or Doreen Short ☎ 01245 601321.

Pam Moss

We were saddened to hear of Pam’s death on 27th December. Her funeral will be held at Trinity on Thursday 2nd February at 11.30am followed by a private cremation. Please hold her family in your prayers.

Congratulations to John & Geraldine Cullum on the birth of their first grandchild Caspar James Bertie a son for Nicola & Marcus Rackowe born on the 17th of January

A thank you has been received from Pam Lewis for all the cards, flowers, messages and prayers sent over the past weeks. Thank you Trinity.

from Pam
We trust Mike is feeling refreshed, revitalized and renewed as he continues with his Sabbitical.

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Future of the Circuit

The recent paper circulated by the Circuit Leadership Team has been discussed by various Trinity House Groups some of whom have submitted reports directly to Circuit representatives. Additionally, on Sunday 15 January, Ian Armstrong chaired a small group which had come together to discuss the paper as preparation for further discussions in the Circuit Meeting early next month. Points to emerge included the following:

1. A shortage of ordained Ministers, together with fewer supernumeraries available to help within the Circuit, could force consideration of: the need for more services where different churches would meet together; the frequency of Communion to be reviewed or the venues where it would be celebrated to be considered; the need to permit designated lay people to administer Communion; employing additional lay workers to share some of the burdens on ordained staff; working with churches of other denominations, where appropriate, either in joining for worship or in seeking Ministerial help (eg as happened at Trinity over Christmas where staff from the Cathedral - with whom we have a Covenant - took two services.

2. The view was expressed that projects such as the Chelmsford Food Bank were bringing Christians of various denominations, or none, together and that this ecumenical work through service to the Community could be a way of growing the church.

3. Support from local preachers was recognised as invaluable but doubt was expressed whether younger local preachers still in employment would be able to expand their contribution in the way suggested by Circuit proposals. Those who were already retired, however, may no longer have the energy or health to do much more than currently.
Future of the Circuit cont....

4. While recognising that the four churches in Chelmsford were all different it was questionable if four churches make sense in the light of financial, staffing and internal resource requirements. Was there a way to share services or resources or for individual churches to identify their strengths and to concentrate on particular activities on behalf of the others?

5. Should some or all of Chelmsford’s churches close and be sold to provide the resources for a new building elsewhere in the town where people could unite in a new building? If so where might that be? If not in the centre of the city would this diminish the church’s ability to respond to the needs of the city community. They might find it more difficult if it was located in the suburbs.

6. In the City centre we are more remote from younger families and children from whom future workers and supporters will come. How would we reconnect with them?

Clearly there are many issues which will need much more discussion over future months. If you have any views or wish you had been part of discussions please contact Ian Armstrong (01245 251893; ianandbarbaraarmstrong@gmail.com) who is one of Trinity’s representatives on the Circuit Meeting and he will be happy to hear from you.
Women’s World Day of Prayer
FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2017

The Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

Through World Day of Prayer women around the world affirm their faith in Jesus Christ, share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs, affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

It is a movement symbolised by an annual day of celebration on the first Friday of March every year. The Service for the Day of Prayer for 2017 has been written by the Christian women of the Philippines and the theme is: "Am I being unfair to you?"

Full resources can be found at: www.wwdp.org.uk/resources/ or by writing to or phoning: Women's World Day of Prayer, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2RR Tel: 01892 541411 Email: office@wwdp.org.uk

Chelmsford’s service on 3rd March - 10.30-11.30am - will be held at Our Lady Immaculate Church, New London Road, Chelmsford.

DESPITE THE NAME EVERYONE, IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE OR GENDER, IS VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE SERVICES.
There will be a course for those interested in Church Membership during Lent, 8th March to the 12th April (six weeks) at the Manse from 8pm. We will be following the Compass course.
Trinity’s Christmas Card Tree

On behalf of Action for Children I would like to offer a big ‘thankyou’ to all who participated; this year we have collected £300.

Members who contributed:

Pam French
Susie & Rosie Nankivell
Tony Bender
Rita De Keyser
Carol Kellingray
Felicity Sturt
Phil & Frances Couch
Sheila Webber
Beryl Kemp
Brian & Elizabeth Whitfield
Val & Dave Pitt
Russell, Kay & Jo Burton
Brenda & Peter Hindes
Ann Marshall & family
Barbara & Ian Armstrong
Anthea & Tony Tayler
Carole & Roger Fairclough
Kit Wells
The Walden Family

Pat Robinson & Henry
Doreen Short
Margaret & Keith Gannicott
Jose Durand
Doreen Holliday
Judi Marie
Kathy & Mike Ashton
Joy & David Petts
Maureen & Alex Smith
Mike & Shirley Durgan
Lillian Scard
John & Geraldine Cullum
Anne Ward
Julia Henderson

Christmas cards were also received from:

Ian & Joyce Bearne
Quita Brain
Bernard & Ruth Arnold
Tom & Muriel Laurie
The Editor has been asked to put in the following:

£1000 for the Link Extension fund was generously donated during the last quarter of 2016 by Stephen, Sheila and Stella on behalf of the Meg and Tony Davies Estate.

They said the following: “we know that our Mum and Dad would have been very humbled that we wanted to donate this money to the fund as they were both very involved with the church throughout their lives”.

Trinity is very grateful for this donation and many others as well, which have enabled completion of the new Link kitchen and clear the outstanding debt.

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2017 Cathedral Theological Society programme.

There are seven lectures, all on Wednesday evenings:

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Nativity

On Sunday 11th of December some Trinity children and adults, with support from the choir, performed ‘On Christmas Night’. Written originally for the Chelmsford & District Infant Music Festival in 1994 by our own sadly missed Margaret Rolf, it tells the Christmas Story from the perspective of the Innkeeper’s family.

Everyone played their part beautifully and there were many complimentary remarks from the congregation.

Valerie Byatt directed with assistance from Val Scott and Liz Tiplin. Ken Rolf narrated.

Brian Bettley-Cooke

Brian, a former member of Trinity Methodist, sadly died on Friday 23rd December. Brian suffered from Parkinsons for many years. but his condition deteriorated throughout 2016 and he died after contracting pneumonia for a second time.
Our thoughts and prayers are with his daughter Margaret and the rest of the family.
Singles Lunches

Plans are now in place for the singles lunches this year and once again I would like to express my sincere thanks to the band of volunteers who come up year after year to ensure that the lunches take place on a monthly basis. I know all those who come along for their lunch really appreciate not only having a lovely meal cooked for them, but also being able to eat and enjoy a Sunday lunch in the company of others. Here I would like to stress once again, singles lunches are open to all who are on their own no matter what their age and I would urge anyone, male or female, who is alone for whatever reason and who feels they would like to come along, to take the plunge and give it a try. Meals are served in the Link between 12.30 - 12.45pm and a small charge is made to cover costs. The dates planned for the lunches this year are as follows: 19th February, 26th March, 23rd April, 14th May, 18th June, 16th July, 20th August, 17th September, 15th October and 19th November. A reminder or notice that a date has been changed for some unavoidable reason is always shown in Trinity Notices two weeks before.

I would also like to put in a plea here. If anyone reading this feels they would like to help with singles lunches, whether as a cook, server, table layer or helping to clear up afterwards, your offer of help would be gratefully received. Most of our cooks have been preparing and serving singles lunches for many years and I am conscious that for all of us the time comes when we need to step back a little. It would be good to have some more names on the list who are willing to share in this very worthwhile service when preparing the rota each year. If you think you can help or would like to know more please give me a ring on 01245 461187. Thank you.

Jenne Essam
A new recruit to the ranks of community panto.
Tony Brett's production turns out to be a traditional, vintage romp through the familiar story. Though the music includes Buble and Beyonce as well as Flanagan and Allen. There's a nod to the Disney show, as well. And of course a generous helping of songs from the shows: Flower Drum Song, Grease, Annie Get Your Gun, Mary Poppins and more ...
There's a great ghost, UV skeletons, a shrinking Wishee and a custard pie. Not to mention a splendid Sand Dance [Wilson Keppell and Betty style] and an impressive production number to Siegfried Line. Cultural references range from policemen on point duty to Pokemon Go.
The settings are simple, with a backcloth which looks as if it's been too often to Twanky's laundry. But the pyrotechnics look good, as do the costumes, with a magnificent walkdown outfit for the Dame.
She's nicely played by Howard Brooks, with George Robey eyebrows and a pleasant baritone. Emma Byatt makes a fine principal boy; her Princess – more fabulous frocks – beautifully sung by Charlotte Reid. Best make-up goes to Paul Osborne's evil Abanazar; Neil Tuttlebury's Emperor is a sadist to rival the Mikado, Alison O'Malley brings an attractive innocence to the mute mime So-Shi. And Alex Wilson works hard as Wishee Washee, forever afraid someone will try to pinch his Pikachu.
Sue Edwards is the MD at the keyboard, with Mark Edwards on the hi-tech drum kit.
It's back to G&S for Trinity's Civic show in May; following their inventive Pirates of 2015, we're promised a fresh look at Trial by Jury and HMS Pinafore, though Music Director Gerald Hindes assures us that Sullivan's music will be heard as the composer intended.

Review: Michael Gray’s Arts Blog. Photo: Val Scott
We ran two sessions of 4Families over the Christmas holidays, one at St Andrew’s, Melbourne and one at Trinity Methodist Church. Fifteen families in total were fed and supported by a team of around twenty volunteers. The food as usual was of a high standard and was very much enjoyed by all!

Families were able to take part in various activities before and after the meal and at Trinity were able to watch an excellent seasonal puppet show put on by Sarah from the Imagination Station. We were also delighted to be able to give both adults and children at least one Christmas present as we had many appropriate gifts donated over the Christmas period. Many went home with knitted goods including hats and toys in addition to their presents, as well as mince pies from Foodbank stock!

At both venues, families were incredibly grateful both for the meals and the opportunity to meet up with others.

We also received some good coverage on BBC Essex – the Peter Holmes show on Sunday 8th January aired a report at about 7.15am – you can listen to it on i-player for the next 28 days:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04lt1r8

Many thanks again for your ongoing support

Ruth Leverett
Project Manager, Chelmsford Foodbank
A MUSICAL EVENING

Nigel Ward and Friends
will be performing another musical evening at Trinity
on Saturday 25th March
It will again be in aid of
Research into Children’s Cancers
www.wardiesway.com
The concert will be at 7.30pm,
with a rehearsal from 1.00pm for soloists and those singing in the choir.
Tickets £10: Concessions £8
will be available from 01245422471 or 01245261933
Book early to avoid disappointment

A Date for your Diary
Lunchtime spring concert!
Thursday, 6th April 2017.

Join Kayleigh McEvoy
and other musicians from the
Guildhall School of Music and Drama
for a concert, filled with a variety of music, here at Trinity.
Further details will be found on the website
and in the Weekly Notices
EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Week commencing Monday 30th January

**Monday 30th** 8.00pm  Admirals Housegroup - Newspaper items - National/local at Eddie & Janet’s

**Wednesday 1st Feb** 7.45 for 8.00pm  Ladies’ Group - Members’ evening

Week commencing Monday 6th

**Monday 6th** 7pm training 7.45pm meeting  Local preachers’ meeting
Venue tbc.

**Tuesday 7th** 7pm for 7.30pm Circuit meeting at Trinity, chaired by Revd Dr David Chapman.

**Wednesday 8th** 7.45pm for 8.00pm  Ladies’ Group - Ian Armstrong Travel Tales

**Thursday 9th** 2.30pm  Women’s Fellowship
ABC of Favourite Hymns

Week commencing Monday 13th

**Wednesday 15th** 7.30pm  Ladies’ Group - Annual Dinner (NB time)

**Thursday 16th** 12noon-1.30pm  Christian Aid Hunger Lunch

**Saturday 18th** 8.00am  Prayer Breakfast

**Sunday 19th** 12.45pm  Singles’ Lunch

Week commencing Monday 20th

**Wednesday 22nd**  NO Ladies’ Group - Half Term

**Thursday 23rd** 2.30pm  Women’s Fellowship
Foodbank with Carol kellingray

Week commencing Monday 27th

**Monday 27th** 8.00pm  Admirals Housegroup - DVD/Book: “What’s so amazing about Grace”, at Carol’s

**Tuesday 28th** 12.30 for 12.45pm  Circuit Women’s Luncheon Club.
“The Journey of the English for Women’s Project”- Sarah Carter
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Sunday 5th  10.30am  Worship led by Kay and Russell Burton

Sunday 12th  10.30am  Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Guy Goodall

Sunday 19th  10.30am  Worship led by Mr John Clemo

Sunday 26th  9.00am  Worship led by Rev Mike Lewis
                10.30am  Worship led by Rev Mike Lewis and Rev Hannah Bucke
                12noon  AGM

SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday 5th  9.00am  Café/Breakfast
                10.30am  AAW led by Rev Mike Lewis
                5.00pm  Lent

Sunday 12th  9.00am  Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Mike Lewis
                10.30am  Worship led by Mrs Sue Johnson
                5.00pm  Lent

Sunday 19th  9.00am  Worship led by Rev Mike Lewis
                10.30am  Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Mike Lewis
                5.00pm  Lent

Sunday 26th  **Mothering Sunday**
                10.30am  Worship led by Mr Clive Pickett
                5.00pm  Lent

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