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Battle of Britain Memorial Flight over Buckingham Palace during the Jubilee celebrations in June. Battle of Britain Day - 15th September - no doubt the Memorial Flight will be in the skies again.

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Mission Statement:
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It was with great sadness we heard from Joy and David Petts that our long serving member, Joy Duke, passed away on 3rd July at the grand age of 97. Her family have been remembered in our prayers. Her funeral will be held at 1.30pm on Wednesday 17th August 2022 in the South Chapel at Chelmsford Crematorium. All are welcome to attend.

The funeral of another Trinity member, Les Davison, was held on 19th July at Chelmsford Crematorium. His family have been in our prayers.

It is with sadness I heard on Tuesday 19th July that Don Whelpdale died the previous Sunday at the grand age of 93. He was a longstanding member of Trinity. Although unable to attend church for many years he was always happy to be kept up to date with church news. The family are in our prayers.

The committal will be private followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Trinity on Monday 15th August at 11.30am.

Message sent to Rev Mark and forwarded for inclusion in Trinity News:
Hello Reverend Mark, my name is Alan Bagshaw, my wife Pam and I used to be a part of the congregation at Trinity Methodist church before we moved to Cardiff. I am writing to say that Pam passed away recently and I was wondering if you could please let anyone who remembers us know about the situation. Thank you in anticipation.

Alan
Dear Church family,

These last few months have been a roller-coaster for me......
I don’t know about you?

I have been part of some really joyous events, like seeing Rev Mark and Sheridan in The Sound of Music. I had the honour of speaking at the Men’s Supper Club and having inspiring talks about how we communicate as Christians with people from different faiths. On a much sadder note, I had the greatest privilege of praying with our dear Jan Green, who has now gone to be with Jesus, and spending precious time with Jeff and the family. I have had Covid and missed five concerts over the Jubilee. These were just a few of the things in the life of a student minister.

So, as I sit here and reflect on these and other events, it occurred to me that how we come closer to God on our Christian journey is through our Methodist Quadrilateral! What is particularly unique to Methodism is that we come to know God not just through Scripture, Tradition and Reason but through Experience. How do we feel during these times of joy, sadness, stress, illness? Do we speak to God differently during these times? Do we experience physical symptoms - actual heartache, tears, heart racing...? Do we stop and listen to what God is saying to us?

I believe that the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds to help us through hard life events and shares in our excitement when the blessings of life are showered upon us. It has reminded me to take some time each day to be thankful; to know that I am part of this beautiful earth with all its gifts. When I take care of my brothers and sisters, and the planet I share with all the animals and plants, I come closer to my Saviour. This makes me smile and fills my heart with a joy that knows no boundaries.

I wonder if you might take some time each day to do the same.

God bless,

Heatherxx (Student Minister)
Memories of Jan Green by Jeff
16th November 1944 – 19th May 2022

Jan and I met in June 1966, under the big clock over the concourse of Waterloo Station! We were joining a Methodist Guild Holiday party travelling to the Austrian Tyrol. She wore a pale blue, linen coat with buttons grouped in three. She was instantly “memorable”!

We had a fantastic holiday, got on well together and stayed in touch. Jan lived with her family in Hainault and I was in digs in Reading. In early September, we met up again in London, visited a theatre and afterwards, I took her back to Hainault. I “carelessly” missed the last train back to Reading, staying overnight with the family. This was the start of a 56-year relationship!

Jan’s family had lived in the Forest Gate area of London. At the outbreak of World War 2, her father, Ken, registered as a conscientious objector and had been instructed by a tribunal to undertake farm work in Somerset. He took along his wife, mother and sister and lived there throughout the war. Jan was born towards the close of hostilities. Soon after, the family moved back to the South-East to join Ken who had bought a house in Hainault. Jan was soon joined by brother Rob and sisters Sue and Marian.

After full-time education, Jan joined a bank in London, now known as HSBC, undertaking research into the financial reliability of client companies, the international nature of which she found to be most fulfilling.
I moved from Reading to Bath for teacher training, from where I made frequent journeys to Hainault to visit Jan. By September 1967, I took on a teaching post in Shenfield, we became engaged and were married at Grange Hill Methodist Church in August 1968. We bought a house in Writtle. Jan continued to work in London at the bank.

We joined Trinity, where we have had many happy times and made many good friends, especially in the “Class of 1970” Young Adult Group, from which several of us still meet up annually for weekends away.

In the 1970s, Jan and I started a family, first Jon then Liz followed by Chris. They have been a source of great joy as we watched them grow and develop their own personalities. Jan was a wonderful, loving and caring home-maker. We holidayed in seaside B & Bs and latterly became campers. Many family holidays were enjoyed in our second-hand frame tent usually in South Devon.

In the 1990s, we became more ambitious with our camping holidays, travelling to France, which was a totally new experience and one which we thoroughly enjoyed. However, with Jon, Liz and Chris going their own ways, we became caravanners and had many memorable caravan holidays in this country and in Europe, including a three-week tour to the mountains of Switzerland and the Black Forest.

Through most of our married life, Jan had been a keen member of the Writtle WEA (originally Workers’ Educational Association). She attended courses on a wide variety of subjects and served for many years on the committee. She found this a good way of realising ongoing education and developing new interests.

A few years into the new millennium and we experienced a further change in our family, firstly the marriages of our children and then the arrival of Amelie, Samuel, Benjamin and Luca. Jan and I delighted in being with, and seeing the development of, our lovely grandchildren, for whom Jan was, and always will be, “Grannie”. Jan was never wildly
ambitious, being much more inclined to a philosophy of wanting everyone
to be happy, healthy and fulfilled, within their own capabilities. She was a
wonderful and truly caring wife, mother, sister, auntie and Grannie, also a
good friend to many, as witnessed by the moving thoughts that many have
expressed on cards and letters received recently.

In recent months, Jan’s illness gradually developed, she became
progressively less mobile and less able to do the things she loved doing.
She endured tiring courses of radiotherapy involving daily visits to
Colchester Hospital. Chemotherapy at Broomfield Hospital helped to
stabilise her condition but there was never a cure for her illness. In her
final two weeks, she received loving support from all the family, from
overnight Marie Curie nurses, from community nurses and, especially, from
the Farleigh Hospice at Home team; their collective care was outstanding
and unstinting.

I’m grateful too to Heather, to Ramona and to Mark for the loving
friendship they have shown to Jan and to me. Also, my gratitude to those
who have visited, phoned, written, emailed and brought us meals. It was
quite overwhelming to see the huge number of people who came to Trinity
to the service of celebration and thanksgiving for Jan’s life; a truly inspiring
occasion.

Jan is now at peace and will be missed enormously. God bless.

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Jeff and all the family would like to express their
sincere thanks to everyone who lovingly supported
them during Jan's illness and to the large number of
friends who came to the service of celebration and
thanksgiving.

Jeff
MHA today, or Methodist Homes for the Aged as we used to know it, has its roots in the 1930s when the only place available for vulnerable older people with little or no family support was the workhouse.

In 1937, a Methodist minister from Fulwood near Preston in Lancashire, Rev Walter Hall, was very concerned for his elderly community and together with a group of friends formed a working party to find a solution. Their aim was to provide decent homes. The result was that in 1943 METHODIST HOMES for the AGED was formed as an Independent Charity to provide care, support and accommodation for older people in need.

The first home, Ryelands in Wallington Surrey, was opened in 1945 . A second followed in Harrogate in 1946 and six more by 1950. Today the MHA has around 90 homes, including an Essex Home at Dovercourt, and it is one of the leading organisations providing care for the elderly. Care now extends beyond Care Homes to Sheltered Housing, Nursing Homes, Care Homes with separate Specialist units caring for people with Dementia, a Retirement Village and support for people Living at Home in the Community.

The Mission and values of MHA are to: Nurture mind, body and spirit; Inspire the best in each other and Respect every person, treating them with dignity. To help achieve this a constant is that every centre offers the services of a chaplain to clients, their families and staff whatever their background. Through its care MHA has won several awards as a Care Provider and also the Queen’s Diamond Voluntary Award. More recently MHA’s Music Therapy team won the Excellency in Dementia Care award in recognition of its Therapeutic care and research work.

In 2017, the Chaplaincy Team also won an Award for their work on its end of life care booklet ‘The Final Lap’. This is presented as a training plan for staff about life after entering a care home. It recognises that this may well be where clients will spend the last stages of their lives. The training encourages discussion of clients’ expectations and how to make the most of their stay while broaching the issue of death and possibly planning for that event.
Besides its front line work the MHA is much involved behind the scenes. It was a founder member of ‘Your Care Rating’, a not-for-profit organisation developed with the support of the National Care forum and Care England. Its purpose is to maintain standards in care homes in Britain, to drive improvement in the sector and to provide a voice for all involved. Currently it is involved with the project #FixCareForAll through which it lobbies Government seeking to improve adult social care for all regardless of income. During the Covid pandemic MHA was very active in pressing the case of all Care Homes and you may remember the name of Sam Monaghan, the CEO, who was frequently interviewed on TV.

Methodist Churches throughout the country continue to support the MHA’s work and annually, in June, the MHA promotes a special service to give thanks and to celebrate their specialist care and support services. This year’s theme is ‘Growing Together’ inspired by Isaiah 43 v19. It features MHA Aigburth care home in Leicester where a client talks about how a new garden has had a hugely positive impact on his Dad’s mental and physical wellbeing. John is wheel chair-bound and the sensory experience of being able to see plants, touch and smell flowers, and to see the changing seasons, brings joy and serenity to him and his family.

MHA will be using funds raised from MHA Sunday donations to enable them to enhance Homes’ outdoor areas and, where appropriate, to involve residents in so doing. For more information visit [mha.org.uk/Sunday](http://mha.org.uk/Sunday); this includes a short video from Aigburth.

What would Rev Walter Hall think today? He’d be delighted with the standard of accommodation and I think he would be overwhelmed with the efforts to cater for the well-being of older people.

*Barbara Armstrong*
WELCOME

to Esme born on 21st June 2022 in Sydney, Australia.
A daughter for David and Isy and granddaughter for
Diane Potter.

COFFEE SHOP NEWS

Please note, Jan Roberts is stepping down from being Treasurer of the Link Coffee Shop as from 21st August, which is the end of the financial year.

Thank you Jan for the many years of taking care of the finances.
Seed of Grace has continued to grow by the Grace of God.
The founder of this vision is an active member of the Trinity Methodist Church in Chelmsford, United Kingdom.
Seed of Grace Vision was shared with the church congregation at this church by Rev Mark Pengelly, Superintendent of the Circuit.
Immediately, it was unanimously agreed to support the work of Seed of Grace. One concern that was identified by most sponsors was the transport difficulties for a number of these Ministers which hampers their ability to carry out the work of God in their respective circuits.
Trinity Methodist Church in Chelmsford agreed to raise a total of £4000 towards buying bicycles for the circuits in need through the “ONE WORLD. INITIATIVE”.
Seed of Grace would like to truly appreciate Jeff Green who diligently manages this initiative.

A total of £2000 has since been raised towards the bicycles. 20 bicycles have been purchased in Zimbabwe thus far.

Seed of Grace is aware that not all areas in Zimbabwe can use a bicycle due to the rough terrain and also not all Ministers will be able to ride a bicycle. Perhaps, as the work of God within Seed of Grace grows, it could buy even motor bikes and vehicles for use by the Ministers in these challenging areas.

You can access the full brochure on: https://www.trinitymethodistchelmsford.org/our-charities/one-world/

Prepared by: Ms Sheila Mukumba, -Seed of Grace Founding Member (For and On Behalf of Seed of Grace)
You will see from Sheila’s Seed of Grace article that we have, at the time of printing, bought and delivered twenty bicycles. Our original target was to raise £4000, over two years, to buy twenty bicycles - we have achieved this number in little over six months, at a cost of only £2000!

I am delighted now to announce an upwardly revised target. The aim is now to fund the purchase of forty bicycles, over the two years from December 2021 to December 2023, still raising a total of £4000. The first twenty bicycles came in at a very favourable price - we do not know whether the price will be higher for the next ones.

Many thanks to all supporters!

Jeff
WELCOME BACK!!

to Rev Mark from your Sabbatical! We hope you have realised all you set out to achieve. We trust you return to Trinity and the Chelmsford Circuit refreshed, revitalised and renewed.

Don’t Forget!

Coffee with friends in the Link

August 5th & 19th
September 2nd & 16th

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