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Eddie Cassels

It was with great sadness that Trinity heard of the death of Eddie Cassels on Sunday 27th March. He will be greatly missed and our prayers have been with Janet and the family. The service to Celebrate the Life of Eddie was held at Trinity on Tuesday 19th April.

Please see pages 6—9 for tributes for Beryl Kemp and Eddie

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Easter Monday 2022 in Roxwell

Mary Stevenson organised a walk on Easter Monday. Friends, Trinity members and, four legged Kodi enjoyed the walk, followed by lunch in Mary’s garden. Thank you Mary.

Nana and Grandad Pengelly are delighted to announce the arrival of Harriet Celeste—aka Etty born on the 25th April 2022.

Congratulations from Trinity to Grace and Owen.
Courage: Change Begins When You Unleash Potential

Scripture text: Esther 5:1-7

The story of Esther is a fascinating one, a sort of rag to riches tale of an unlikely hero, thrust into the world of political and ethnic conflict.

What does this story have to offer me, a 21st century female ordained Minister? Esther’s story has always captured my interest with its undertones of sexism and female exploitation, but more so because the story features an ordinary heroine, living in a foreign land, amongst people who would have preferred she suppress her culture and identity.

Three things stand out for me as I contemplate the idea of courage and unleashing potential:

1. **Context matters**

   *Esther could not speak and be heard were she not in the palace. She approached the king without being summoned; embedded herself into the palace community and lifestyle.*
   
   Familiarise yourself with your local community; join online/offline community groups.

2. **Connection matters**

   *Esther's relationship with the king made it easier to approach him. Who are the influencers in your community? Go out of your way to meet people and establish a rapport with them.*

3. **Clarity matters**

   *I love that the king asked Esther to tell him what she 'really' wanted. And that is exactly what she did. Know what you want and ask for it.*

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At the start of the pandemic I signed up to an online group. As a result, the possibility of partnering with a local initiative around faith/creativity was birthed.

Unleashing potential looks like having the courage to immerse oneself into a community, showing up, and having the courage to ask for what we want. I am reminded of James 4:2 which says, “You have not because you do not ask”. If we want to see change, we must take brave and bold steps, often outside our safe zones.

What about you? What potential is lurking behind the doors that you are too afraid to push open? Follow those three steps and see if you begin to experience change.

With Blessings, Ramona
The Church Garden - Just a very brief history. By Joy & David Petts

In May 2009, the lift was due to be dedicated and the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford plus a reporter from the Essex Chronicle were due to visit for the ceremony. We looked at the garden on the forecourt which had become very tired and overgrown during the building work and the folk who had previously looked after it were no longer able to do so. So we decided to dig it all out and changed the soil and planted it with marigolds so that it was colourful.

The garden was a dedication to Dave Ellis-Williams, and so we asked Olive, his widow, if she would like us to continue tending the garden, to which she readily agreed. And so the rest is history.

We have enjoyed planning for each season and hope it gives pleasure not only to the church and people using the premises but to folk walking past. We built up a rapport with Richard, the traffic controller from the building site opposite and he always came over and chatted with us when he saw us working.

We have planted the garden in red, white and blue this year to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.

The rose by the front door was a gift from Trinity Brownies to replace one near the wall that had been trashed by the lift builders. It is called Arthur Bell and seems very happy to welcome people into the church, particularly at this time of year.

Thank You

David and Joy
for continuing to care for our garden at Trinity!
Beryl was very much a “local lass”; she was born in October 1929 in Coval Avenue, Chelmsford, a three-minute walk from where Trinity is today. Her father and mother had recently moved from Colchester to seek work in Chelmsford. Beryl lived in the town for the rest of her life. Despite the early death of her older brother Dennis, Beryl had a happy but quiet childhood and attended local infant and junior schools followed by Rainsford Senior School.

At 15, Beryl undertook a secretarial course and with her new shorthand skills joined a local electrical engineers in Broomfield Road. Just three weeks after the end of WW 2, her father’s death cast a shadow over the family’s celebrations of VE Day.

Church played a significant role in Beryl’s life. The family attended High Street Methodist Church next to the river and it was here in the youth club Beryl became reacquainted with a young man, Eric Kemp, who had been a childhood neighbour years earlier. Beryl and Eric courted and in 1953 were married in the church where they had first met. Two years later Beryl and Eric moved out to Arbour Lane, Springfield which for many years was to be the happy family home where they raised three children.

Eric was a keen photographer and recorded many events of family life at home and on holidays including regular trips to Clacton, Southend and the Isle of Wight. These provided the family with some fond memories of their early lives. Beryl was a keen gardener and spent many happy hours developing and nurturing “her project”.

Beryl Kemp
October 1929 - February 2022
Church remained an important part of Beryl’s life. She was in the congregation that moved from High Street to Rainsford Road in 1961 and became active in the Young Wives, latterly Ladies Group, gardening club and Sunday School. Sadly, Eric died in 2011. Four years later Beryl found she was unable to do justice to her garden and moved reluctantly but decisively to a retirement home flat in Moulsham Street.

However, she continued to enjoy life with TV and radio keeping her up to date, reading magazines and books, knitting and seeing the seasonal changes in the garden. She enjoyed the friendship of near neighbours, the company of family along with the fellowship of Trinity members.

Her eldest son, Graham, spoke movingly at Beryl’s funeral of the Sunday evening ‘phone chats he had with his mother where they spoke of family history and events they’d shared in past years, of the photos Eric had taken of family life and the changes of the seasons. He reflected that he would no longer be able to share the joy of this Spring with his mother, but she would certainly have appreciated this send-off by her friends, family and fellow Trinity members.

God Bless you Beryl.

Jan Green died peacefully at home on 19th May surrounded by her family. Trinity holds Jeff and all the family in their prayers. Rest in peace, Jan.
Edward Campbell Cassels—“Eddie”  
(November 1946 – March 2022)

Eddie was born in 1946 in Glasgow where he lived with his parents and his brother Ian who sadly died in Canada 5 years ago. He attended the local primary school before going on to Allan Glen’s secondary school in Glasgow.

He attended Balshagray Church of Scotland where he enjoyed being in Lifeboys and Boys’ Brigade where he ended up being an officer. Eddie joined the Royal Bank of Scotland in 1963 and worked in several branches in Glasgow while attending night school to study for his banking qualifications which he passed in 1969.

He met Janet in 1967 at a Highland dance hall in Glasgow. The romance blossomed and 2 years later they were engaged. Their plans to settle in Glasgow were upset when Eddie was sent to a London branch. This involved Eddie buying a house on his own, a daunting prospect, but he came up trumps.

Eddie and Janet were married in 1971 and moved to Essex. This was supposed to be for 5 years but at the end of this time they decided that they were enjoying life in southern England and so remained there.

The family was made complete when Andrew was born in 1977 and Lorna in 1979. Family was very important to Eddie; he took great delight in spending time with them particularly when Andrew married Georgina and later when granddaughter, Alba, was born. He and Alba seemed to have a special relationship which was a joy to see.

Eddie’s family hold many fond memories of holidays together, of packing the car, fun on the beach building sandcastles, exploring rock pools, entertaining Alba and, in particular, trips to Scotland to share in the memories of the places of Eddie and Janet’s youth.

Andrew and Lorna loved and respected their father for his patience, generosity and loyalty; he taught them to drive, assisted in homework,
mainly maths, and had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the obscure, an occasional source of mirth when Eddie’s sense of humour was seen to be leading them on.

Eddie retired in 2006 and Janet in 2007. From then on they became regular globe trotters visiting many countries and having a wonderful time. Andrew and Lorna were often to be heard asking” where are you going now?”

Eddie enjoyed various activities. At one time he was a member of the local rifle club, but his main hobby was golf which delighted and frustrated him in equal measure. He was an active member of Chelmsford Rotary club where he made many friends and took part in many of their exploits.

He was also a member of Trinity Methodist Church. He was on his second stint as steward at the time of his death. Eddie’s faith was quiet but very important to him. He firmly believed in doing anything he could to help those less fortunate. As a retired banker he was much in demand as treasurer of local charities and indeed he ended up looking after the finances of three different ones.

Although Eddie enjoyed spending time with friends, his greatest pleasure was to spend time surrounded by his family; they will miss him immensely. We will too; Eddie has been a good friend and a loyal colleague. It’s been an honour to know him.

A celebration of Eddie’s life was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford on Tuesday April 25, 2022. Eulogies to Eddie were delivered by Andrew Cassels, Rev Mark Pengelly and Councillor John Spence.

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A thank you from the family.............

Janet, Andrew and Lorna would like to thank the Church for all the support and love shown to them over the last few difficult months. It was much appreciated and helped a lot.
Amazingly, the men’s supper club has survived the pandemic and we have continued to meet – mostly face to face rather than by our typical medium last year – Zoom! It has been good to get back into a normal pattern of working and meeting together once again.

Looking back to October for our first such meeting, we found ourselves being forced to have a members’ evening as our intended speaker was struck down by covid. The theme for the evening was ‘My Home Town’ and every member present outlined the place in which they were born and grew up. Ironically, not one member was born in Chelmsford, and all were incomers to the city. But this made for a most entertaining and informative evening where members’ memories were tested, and many had rekindled fondness for their birthplace. In November, Gerald, our church organist, gave us a piano recital, playing some of his favourite pieces and this was a very pleasant diversion from our normal type of talk. His efforts were warmly applauded. In January, having recognised that one of our members was born and bred in Chelmsford, we invited Brian Greatrex along and he was a man who was indeed born and bred in Chelmsford. How captivating his talk was, enlightening us all about how the city of Chelmsford has changed over the years. His knowledge of the city was nothing short of astounding and, so much so, that we have invited him back later in the year to give us Part 2 as we simply ran out of time first time round. We are already looking forward to that. In March, our scheduled speaker was unable to attend so we invited Rev Mark to deliver a talk on a topic of his choice. He was delighted to step in. We were not surprised that the title of his talk was ‘Restoration / why has the minister got a tractor?’ We learned a lot about Mark that evening from his light-hearted delivery on the topic very close to his heart. We continue to be indebted to all those who provide us with our delicious suppers.

Eric Smart – Club Secretary
Student Minister Heather organised for the........

Waterside Choir and The Daisy Bowlers to come to Trinity and entertain many folk on Saturday 9th April; it was such an enjoyable evening. Thanks to the Waterside Choir, Daisy Bowlers and all who helped selling tickets, collecting money and helping the evening run smoothly........ Ice creams were sold as well in the interval!!!

Money raised was donated as follows:
Trinity Methodist Church £390.00
Towards One World Project
‘Seed of Grace’ £603.55 —

This includes donations that Sheila Mukumba had previously collected and donated on the night.

On Sunday morning it was All Age Worship in church. Our talented musical folk performed, joined by Dave (Heather’s husband.) Ramona’s service was enlightening, she treated us to her singing voice and............... Ramona can skip as well. We then processed outside singing and waving our Palm Crosses.
Enjoy!

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Revd Mark Pengelly is now on his Sabbatical until the end of July.
We wish him well in his time of reflection, study etc.

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