JUNE & JULY 2023

(Our Church flowers on Sunday 30th April. Thank you to our Flower Team)

Our Mission Statement:
Our Mission is to proclaim the love of God, in Jesus to all people by:
Being a place of welcome, worship & nurture.
Belonging, learning & growing together.
Serving the community in whatever way we can.
Ian and Barbara Armstrong would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and messages of support during Ian's recent stay in hospital. Recovery will take some time but Ian is progressing satisfactorily.

New Home New Address for Kit Wells

Contact church office.

Good news from Hilary and Andrew Walden, their daughter Clare had twins, Charlie and Leon, on Friday 5th May. They are very small but doing well as they came rather early!

Our prayers are with them.
Message from the Manse...........

Learning from Life

Some of you may know Trinity has a Music and Drama society which has been a long standing and cherished part of its life for decades. When Sheridan and I arrived here we decided we'd try and get involved. Not being very experienced in this type of hobby we thought a small part in the chorus might be wise!

Just as well as we have both found it incredibly difficult to learn any lines! In May (24th to 27th, tickets available from Chelmsford Theatre website!) we'll be going up up and away with a production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and hopefully, when we get the blasted words in our head, it will be amazing (not because we're in it obviously!).

This week in every spare moment in the car or the shower (!) I've been listening to recordings of 'Grow the Roses', my trickiest song. I think it's distilling itself very slowly into my memory, but gosh, it seems like hard work! I compare that with the fact that I learnt 100s of songs in childhood, can still sing them now and seem to do so without any effort at all! It's a mystery. Ask me to recite anything from a Methodist Sunday School song (Zacchaeus was a very little man) to Ernie the Fastest Milkman in the West (a song my friends and I acted out for Drama in the 4th year) and I can be word perfect! Now it seems that my brain has other ideas about acquiring new songs!

It's got me pondering about the business of how we go about learning in life generally and this has led me to reflect on how we continue to be 'learners of Christ'; the very essence of 'discipleship'.

I am hoping that the more I work on learning song words the easier the task might become; that certain 'brain muscles' that are required for this process will be awakend out of their slumber, and will be exercised!

I wonder if it's the same for learning as disciples? Do I sometimes forget that the challenge of being a disciple of our Lord is a lifelong project; that I should get out of the habit of that learning as well? Better ensure I keep those muscles exercised too! How about you?!

Blessings,

Mark

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During the period of the next preaching plan (June, July August) we will be saying farewell and *bon voyage*, with sadness, to three people who have been very involved in preaching around our Circuit. Firstly, after five years in the life of the Circuit here Deacon Remona will move on to another chapter of ministry. Ramona’s creative approach to spirituality has been a blessing around the Circuit, as has the fact that, although it is not a requirement of the Diaconal role, Ramona has been enthusiastic to take a good number of preaching appointments every quarter. We hold Ramona in our prayers as she first spends sometime after this appointment visiting family in Antigua.

Secondly, after nearly 3 years as a part time presbyter-in-training student, Trinity will say farewell to Heather Simmons. Heather’s training draws to a close this summer and with it her time at Trinity which has been her ‘Link Church’. Despite the challenges of the Link Church experience being at the height of the pandemic restrictions, Heather found many ways to broaden her experience and share gifts with friends at Trinity and beyond. Heather’s probationary appointment is in her home Circuit at Southend, where she will continue to minister through the work of the Fisherman’s Chapel and to the musicians.

Finally, Rev’d Brain Magadzire, a Methodist presbyter originally from Zimbabwe, has been accepted to serve in the British Methodist Church and has been stationed to the Strathclyde Circuit from this coming September. Brain will be working with three churches in the Lanarkshire area. We wish Brain, his wife Yvonne and the family every blessing. Go well friends, near and far.

*With blessings,*

Mark
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CIRCUIT LADIES AFTERNOON TEA CLUB
(Formally Ladies Luncheon Club)

The next meeting will be Tuesday 6 June 2.30pm
at Trinity Methodist Church

Speaker: Jim Lowe

Topic: 3 (In)famous women of Essex

Please let Janet Wintle or Judy Molyneux
know by 31 May if you wish to attend.
Cost will be £5.00 as previous meetings

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd August  21st November
Following on from my introduction to this topic in the last Trinity News, I have prepared my own personal profile and would ask you all to consider preparing one for yourselves. These should then be submitted to Anthea for inclusion in future editions. It need not be as elaborate as mine and can be any length that you feel appropriate.

ERIC SMART

PERSONAL PROFILE

I was born in Forfar, Scotland in 1948. My father was a plumber and my mother was a weaver. My maternal grandparents had a big hand in my upbringing. I attended the local primary school and the only secondary school in town. I had intended to go to university as I thought I wanted to teach but when my dad died at the age of 40 (when I was only 12) I decided to leave school after completing my ‘O’ levels. I joined the Clydesdale bank as a junior clerk and remained in my local branch for four years. I decided that I wanted to go to London to work and I was transferred to one of the Clydesdale’s London branches in 1968. I stayed with the Clydesdale for a further 4 years and then moved to Hill Samuel and joined their investment management arm. I progressed through their ranks and ultimately achieved a post as a pensions investment manager. I then took the unlikely step of moving back into administration to head up the newly formed pensions administration team. From there I went to work for Phillips & Drew Fund Management (PDFM) to head up their administration team, having 94 staff to manage. PDFM was then the subject of a takeover by UBS (Union Bank of Switzerland). I was promoted into the role of Executive Director in charge of Client Services, the role from which I retired in 2005.
During my early times in London, I became acquainted with a girl, Wilma, who used to work next door to me in Scotland and with whom I was a member of the local amateur operatic society. I was unaware that she had moved to London 3 months ahead of me. Our relationship blossomed and we married in 1973. In 1976 our first daughter, Claire, was born and five years later Melissa came along. They are now both happily married – Claire has two children, a boy of 16 and a girl of 13. Melissa has one daughter, just 6 months old.

Wilma and I have always enjoyed travelling and for over 30 years have done a city break annually with two friends to different capital cities throughout Europe. In our time, we have also travelled to Australia, USA, Canada and have also cruised a couple of times.

My principal hobby has always been the theatre – watching, participating, and directing. I became heavily involved with NODA (National Operatic & Dramatic Association) in 1995 and was honoured and privileged to be installed as their National President in 2005 and their first ever Chairman in 2006 until 2010. I continue to support them in my role as Chairman of their Limited Company which is the arm of the charity which generates the income to support their activities and benefits to members. Over the years I have directed well over 80 shows not only in Chelmsford but also in London, Bury St Edmunds, Tunbridge Wells, Sudbury, Southminster & Witham. In addition to my theatrical endeavours, I have volunteered for other charities, including Hospital Radio where I have been broadcasting to the patients of Broomfield Hospital for over 11 years. I have also undertaken roles in Trinity and the Chelmsford Circuit.

We have recently moved house and are getting truly settled in our new bungalow in Great Notley.
What’s your favourite piece of music? Into The West’ sung by Will Martin means such a lot to me having heard it for the first time at my aunt’s funeral.

What’s the best place you’ve ever visited? San Diego in California. This is a place where I could easily have lived had I discovered it in my early years.

What two things are at the top of your bucket list? I have a pie-in-the-sky wish to attend the New Year’s Day concert in Vienna (that was our honeymoon venue). I would have liked to see New Zealand which is probably unlikely now. I also had an ambition to conduct an orchestra – that’s never going to happen now.

What one thing can you not do that you would love to have been able to do? I never learned to play the piano. I took lessons when I was young but didn’t put in the rehearsals to become accomplished.

Do you have a regret that you would be prepared to share? Having lost my dad at the age of 12, I regret not having had the time to spend with him that I would have liked.
Dear Trinity,

I am emailing you on behalf of Sanctus to say how incredibly grateful we are for your recent donation of £162 raised at the Coronation Lunch on Sunday 7\textsuperscript{th} May 2023.

Sanctus is the only day centre in a significant part of Essex, providing food, warmth, companionship and support services. The cost-of-living crisis and associated recessionary conditions have impacted our funds and also increased our operating costs. At the same time it has also meant the number of people attending Sanctus and requiring help has significantly increased. Your donation will help us be able to continue to support so many homeless and vulnerable people.

The purpose of our organisation is to provide a centre in the heart of the city where individuals, with various complex needs, can come and receive food and support. This is a community space, which we invite other key service providers to utilise, to generate an integrated approach to supporting individuals. We do not try and overlap or repeat services, merely integrate them to provide a highly successful holistic provision.

We believe that everyone should have a safe and secure home, food on the table and a network of support. Our aim is to be there for vulnerable people in a moment of crisis and provide them with the necessary help. From that moment, we then work alongside them in their journey to help them to take steps to lead a positive life.

Donations such as yours enable that to happen, we are truly grateful for your generosity and support.

Kind Regards, Emma Lusher

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Trinity members and friends will, no doubt, be aware that, for many years, the church has had a Bowls club, Trinity Methodist Bowls Club. Sharing the bowling green at Chancellor Park has been another club, Hall Street Methodist Bowls Club. The two clubs have amicably run alongside each other, sometimes playing friendly matches against each other and with their members knowing each other very well.

Now, it is quite unusual for just one bowls club to bear the name of a Methodist church, let alone two! In the “old days”, the only people who could join the clubs were church members but, in recent times, rules have been modified, allowing members of any church or faith, or none, to participate. Over recent years, both clubs found their membership numbers were declining, almost to the point of non-viability, so the possibility of a merger was pursued and now we have......Chancellor Park Methodist Bowls Club! We are in the early stages of our first season and some things are still settling down, but I believe we have retained the best practices of the two original clubs.

We are always happy to welcome new members, no matter whether they are experienced bowlers or complete beginners. There are opportunities to play league matches against teams from other clubs, or against individuals or pairs from those clubs in knock-out tournaments. There are also friendly matches (slightly less competitive!) against other clubs, internal club tournaments and “roll ups”, when we just play informally against anyone else who rolls up! If you, or people you know, would like to try out playing bowls, do have a word with me or with any other member. We would love to see you at Chancellor Park!

Jeff Green
It will certainly be a great evening, 
do hope you have booked!
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