



## Sunday 3rd February 2019

Welcome to TRINITY Church, Lewes

If this is your first visit to TRINITY then please introduce yourself to one of our welcome team members as we would love to meet you help you to enjoy your time with us today.

If you would like to join one of the many groups we run at TRINITY please contact a member of our leadership team. Pick up a welcome booklet, relevant postcards or visit our website to discover more about TRINITY and our vision ...

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... to see lives transformed by the love of Christ

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# WHERE WE MEET

8:00am	<b>Southover</b>
9:30am	<b>South Malling</b>
10:00am	<b>Southover</b>
11:15am	<b>St John sub Castro</b>
4:30pm	<b>St John sub Castro</b> (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays )
6:30pm	<b>Southover</b>

TRINITY is a multi-site church, made up of six congregations meeting in three locations: South Malling, St John sub Castro and Southover. Each week we meet at the times shown opposite.

For more details of the content and style of each service, please visit our website.

[www.trinitylewes.org](http://www.trinitylewes.org)

# TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell or facing difficulties:**

Digi Grant– Richardson (10am)

Chris Stanley (10am)

Gordon Moore (10am)

Jill Pelling-Fulford (10am)

Jane Hunt

Mike and Marie Brown (10am)

Will and Jane Perry (11.15am)

## DAILY PRAYER FOR TRINITY

We would like to encourage TRINITY Members to be praying for each other by focussing on a particular section of the alphabet each week. This week we are praying for those from Bracken to Canning.

### **Please pray for:**

Please pray for Jonathan Leeson (10am) - speaking on 'Thought for the Day' on Uckfield FM today, 3rd February. He would be very glad of TRINITY'S prayers as he seeks to uphold the gospel in an increasingly secular society.

# THIS WEEK'S FEATURES

## TRINITY STAFFING NEXT STEPS

As you may know, over the last few months our PCC and leadership team have been prayerfully considering the Clergy staff that we need to help TRINITY flourish going forward "and continue to see lives transformed by the love of Christ". Rev Jeremy Bamber, who has voluntarily served TRINITY with such full commitment, is planning gradually to reduce his hours over the coming years; and Rev Jules Middleton would normally be due to complete her Curacy and move on somewhere between July 2019 and June 2020.

After an extensive exploration of all the options available, the PCC unanimously concluded on Thursday that TRINITY needs two stipendiary clergy to lead us into the future.

Therefore, we would like enthusiastically to recommend to you that we create a new full-time post of Associate Vicar and that we explore offering this position to Jules for a fixed period. Whilst this will enable us to keep pursuing our vision, it also has significant financial implications which will need to be considered by our whole church.

Over the next 4 months, we would like to share our reasoning and hopes so that you might see, along with us, the incredibly exciting future that this will herald.

Please do pray about this crucially important recommendation. I shall be writing to you over the next few weeks to give you some more detail and respond to your questions.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

With love

Steve

## YOUTH MINISTER POST

As Dianne and Luke prepare to move on to Northern Ireland, we're seeking God's person to join the team here at TRINITY to head up our Youth Ministry.

The job is being advertised widely with an application closing date of 22nd February.

Please pass on the details to friends from other churches and anyone whom you feel would make an excellent candidate and please also keep Dianne, Luke and the recruitment process in your prayers over the coming month.

[www.trinitylewes.org/jobs](http://www.trinitylewes.org/jobs)  
[office@trinitylewes.org](mailto:office@trinitylewes.org)

# TRINITY-WIDE NEWS & EVENTS

## **Celebration Afternoon Tea for Dianne & Luke**

Sunday 24th February 2.30-4pm, TRINITY Southover. You are all invited to gather for a goodbye celebration for Dianne & Luke, with afternoon tea and a presentation. The Hamilton's have been part of TRINITY for 7 years, with Dianne serving as Youth Minister and Luke involved in the men's ministry and various memorable drama roles! We are sad to be saying goodbye but want to celebrate them before they go and send them off to this next season of their ministry with our blessing. Please RSVP to Jules so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. If you are able to help bake cakes for the tea please let Jules know.

## **Missions Prayer meeting**

Monday 4 February 2019, 7.30pm in Church End lower lounge, with cuppa beforehand. All welcome. John Etherton will be facilitating. Mission of the Month will be TearFund.

## **Gordon and Edith Moore**

We are sorry to let you know that Gordon Moore's wife Edith died on 17th January. Her funeral service will be held at Eastbourne Crematorium, Wednesday 6th February at 11.30am.

## **Antioch Group: Bible study of John 6.**

Tuesday 5th February, 7:15pm for 7:30pm in the Chapter House.

What's the connection between the feeding of the 5,000, and Jesus's statements, 'I am the bread of life', and 'unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you'? Wow! Thinking caps on! Please read the passage in advance. All welcome.

## **TRINITY Creation Care Annual Meeting -Something for Everyone**

Friday 22nd February, Southover Chapter House 7pm for 7:30pm

Come along for a feast of fabulous local snacks & cakes from TRINITY'S very own Cafe 12/31. Discuss ideas, hear reports, and enjoy our guest speakers including Deborah Colvin from St James' Church Picadilly, encouraging us on the theme of "Eco-Church - Something for Everyone!". We will also be joined by our new Diocesan Environment Officer Rev Debbie Beer, and others, forming a panel to help discuss and answer questions.

A great evening for all!

## **Morning sermon series**

This month we're running a new teaching mini series in our morning services looking at "tough questions". We hope these will be really helpful for our own growth but even more as a tool to enable us to answer such questions when people ask us in daily life.

As always we'd love to hear how you've found each teaching series we run so please do contact Steve with any feedback.

## **Winter Night Shelter Update**

The Lewes Open Door night shelter plans have been put on hold until the autumn due to a lack of volunteers. L.O.D are still keen to hear from people who would still like to volunteer and can offer an evening or two a month to help at the shelter through the autumn/winter months. Please contact David Griffiths or Emily Blake Dyke for more information and to volunteer.

## **British Sign Language**

TRINITY is looking at the possibility of using British Sign Language in some of our services. Anyone who has any experience or is interested in learning please contact Emily Wiles

## **Daily Bible readings delivered to you!**

Mon 4th	I Kings 11:1–13
Tue 5th	I Kings 11:26–43
Wed 6th	I Kings 12:1–20
Thu 7th	I Kings 12:21–33
Fri 8th	I Kings 15:9–24
Sat 9th	I Kings 16:23–34
Sun 10th	Psalms 39

This week we hope you will enjoy receiving these notes which we are emailing to everyone on our Church Family List so that we can explore God's word together.

If you have any questions about the passage please email Steve and he will add his response in a following broadcast. You can, of course, unsubscribe at any time.

We believe God speaks to us through his Word and Spirit. Part of a living relationship with Jesus is to take time to listen and to learn God's will for our lives. As a church we encourage each other to set aside a portion of the day meditating upon God's word.

One way of doing this is to use the Scripture Union WORDLIVE programme which is a simple and practical way to pray, read, reflect and respond to God's word, with additional material to help you go deeper into the background of the Bible passage. <https://www.wordlive.org/Session>

## **The Children's Society**

Saturday 30 March 2019 9.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Lewes Town Committee Street Collection and Coffee Morning. A date for your diaries. We are also hoping to recruit collectors and cake makers for this fund-raising event. If you can help, please contact Barbara Cohen as soon as possible.

## **Retirement Workshop - Last few spaces!**

Saturday 16th February from 10am to 4pm, Chapter House. Whether you are just about to retire, or at midlife onwards and would like to take the opportunity to reflect, take stock, and look ahead, this free one day workshop will explore issues around retirement and later life's crossroads. There will be a mix of considering ideas, sharing experiences and individual reflection. For more information and to reserve your place contact Charlotte Overton-Hart

## **Lewes Passion Play**

Saturday 9th February at 7pm in the Christ Church hall, Prince Edward Road. A bring & share supper, which will also have a silent auction; If you have gifts, activities or services you would like to donate then please let us know. It will also be an opportunity to find out more about getting involved in 2020 preparations. Please let us know if you are coming by calling 07971 398146 or email: [thelwespassionplay@gmail.com](mailto:thelwespassionplay@gmail.com)

# THIS MONTHS MISSION FEATURE

My name is Catriona Dejean and I have been worshipping at TRINITY Southover for the past 7 years with my husband. We enjoy the community of TRINITY and it is a living embodiment of how the church is called to be community and to reach out to those around us. I still recall the first sermon I heard from Steve around 8 years ago when we were deciding if we should move to Lewes, when he talked about the church as being salt and light in the community and I was particularly moved by all that TRINITY is and does. I felt it was a community I wanted to be part of. I work for Tearfund where we see the global and local church as critical agents of change to bring life, hope, and opportunity to some dark and broken places. So Steve's message resonated with what I do! I am excited when I see the church active in service where I live as much as in the many communities around the world that I have the privilege to visit, to be in fellowship with, and to learn together with.



Over this month of February I want to share with you about what we do at Tearfund, and to share about the impact we have seen over our 50 year history. This is in part to say thank you to TRINITY for its many years of support to

Tearfund, but also to inspire you and share the stories of the church around the world. I will also be speaking at several services over February. So join me on this journey to Liberia, Peru, and across the world.

For the past 50 years, we have been on a journey to shape and outwork a distinctively Christian, faith based approach, with the communities, individuals and supporters we partner with, at home and overseas. It is not enough for us simply to be 'Christians doing development': we want our faith to be tightly interwoven into how we work and the impact we have. We have pioneered, adapted, trialled and learnt to



ensure faith is intertwined with all three core strands of our work: development, humanitarian response and advocacy. As we pursue our vision to go where the need is greatest, that means integrating our faith in ways that are responsive and sensitive to the context and culture – while remaining true to our values. This requires us to think carefully and prayerfully about where and how we work. One of our distinctives is putting the church at the centre of all we do. God calls the church to help release people from poverty, regardless of their faith or

background, and we see part of Tearfund's role as enabling the church to live out this calling. By this, we mean the local church, the congregation on the front line, battling the same injustices as the wider community. And we mean the global church, a movement of Jesus' followers, playing their part in ending extreme poverty. Faith is what motivates us to tackle poverty and injustice and what drives us on to do better. So prayer and biblical reflection have been constants along the way, guiding our steps. We pray into our decision-making and we pray for each other; collective worship and Bible study are part of the Tearfund culture. All our work is rooted in our understanding of scripture.

Our experience tells us that faith-based approaches can make a distinctive contribution to development, humanitarian response and advocacy. More recently, the wider sector has given greater recognition to the role of faith in people's lives and the value of working with faith based organisations. Our Faith in Action report is part of our contribution to a conversation that the World Bank, USAID and European government ministries including Department for International Development have joined. It looks back over Tearfund's first 50 years, during which we have worked in more than 112 countries with 860 partners.

Our Mission Partner representative is Catriona Dejean who is the Director of Strategy and Impact, Tearfund. You can help us transform the lives of families around the world through praying, acting and giving. For more information please do see our website <https://www.tearfund.org/>

## Loose Collections

Every loose collection will be shared amongst our mission partners. This week we are focusing our prayers on Tearfund.

If you would like to give to the Church and not to the current mission partner please use the appropriate envelope: either a Gift Aid one or a non-taxpayer's one. **Non-taxpayers please note:** under the *Gift Aid Small Donor Scheme* (GASDS) the Church can claim gift aid on **cash** donations of £20 or less, no details are required. Please ask a Church Warden if you cannot find the correct envelope.

## If you have a notice...

All events, ministries or notices for publication in any of our media should go to [office@trinitylewes.org](mailto:office@trinitylewes.org). Please note that the deadline for the notice sheet is Wednesday 9am.

**Please note** Monday is the Clergy, Youth Minister's and Children's Minister's day-off, and Friday is Janette Watkins' day-off (Pastoral Minister) so they are not available on those days except for emergencies.

## Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults seriously. Therefore if you have any concerns please speak to any of our Lead or Deputy Safeguarding Representatives: Jane Lee is our Lead representative, supported by Amanda Burgess who is Deputy Safeguarding Representative for Children; and Jenni Taylor who is Deputy Safeguarding Representative for Vulnerable Adults.

Jane Lee 07825576936  
[safeguarding@trinitylewes.org](mailto:safeguarding@trinitylewes.org)

# THIS SUNDAY AND NEXT

**3rd February 2019**

The Fifth Sunday before Lent

**8:00am(SO) BCP Communion**

Jules Middleton

**9:30am(SM) Informal Communion**

Jeremy Bamber

**10:00am(SO) All-Age Service**

Jules Middleton Id

Neil Chisnall pr

**11:15am(SJ) All-Age Service**

Jules Middleton Id

Neil Chisnall pr

**4:30pm (SJ) Sung Evening Prayer**

Ken Bridger

**6:30pm(SO) Informal Communion**

Steve Daughtery Id

Jeremy Bamber pr

**10th February 2019**

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

**8:00am(SO) BCP Communion**

Steve Daughtery

**9:30am(SM) All-Age Service at  
Malling school**

Jules Middleton Id

Helena Pearce pr

**10:00am(SO) Holy Communion**

Peter Markby Id

Steve Daughtery pr

**11:15am(SJ) Informal Worship**

Jules Middleton Id

Steve Daughtery pr

**6:30pm(SO) Informal Worship**

Steve Daughtery Id

Jules Middleton pr

Non alcoholic wine and gluten free wafers are available at communion services. Please make your requirements known to the servers. Thank you.

## TRINITY HOME GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

Monday 4th

10:00am(CE) Monday Club

7:00pm(SO) Youth Worship

7:30pm(CE) Mission Prayer meeting

1:45pm(CE) CAMEO

2:30pm(CH) Links

7:00pm(CH) Prospects

Tuesday 5th

11:00am(SJ) TRINITY Voices

7:00pm(SO) Bell Ringers

7:30pm(CE) Alpha

7:30pm(CE) Antioch Club

Friday 8th

08:00am(SJ) Open to God

10:00am(CH) Inspire

5:15pm(HL) Xcite

6:45pm(SO) Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm(HL) The HUB

Thursday 7th

10:00am(SJ) Boogie Bunch

12:00pm(SJ) Lunch Bunch

Sunday 10th

4:00pm(CE) International Students Tea

8:00pm(CE) After Hours & 18:25

**SO** = Southover

**CE** = Church End (SO)

**CH** = Chapter House (SO)

**HL** = Church Hall (SO)

**SJ** = St John sub Castro

**SM** = South Malling