



Sunday 26th July 2020

TRINITY is a vibrant and outward-looking Anglican church in Lewes, East Sussex with a vision to see lives transformed by the love of Christ.

We are seeking to continue being church, sharing in fellowship over the phone & social media, studying the bible and praying together via video chat & worshipping together midweek and on Sunday via live video feed.

Find out more at www.trinitylewes.org/live
Join us on social media @trinitylewes

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WHERE WE MEET

In our effort to continue to “be Church” whilst we are unable to gather physically we are planning to publish a variety of online content including live video.

10:30am **Online**

This Sunday we will be able to worship together and hear Jules speak from 10.30am at www.trinitylewes.org/live

In addition to our Sunday service we intend to be in contact with all church members in the following ways:

- Telephone
- Social media posts & chats
- Daily Bible Notes via email
- Live video worship
- Live pre-school groups
- Content for children & youth sent to parents
- Homegroups via video link

TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

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

Pat Hill (8am)

Eve Empringham (9.30am)

Barbara Cornwell (10am)

Will Ellis (10am)

Zoe Tompsett (11:15am)

Brenda Noakes (4.30pm)

Sue Hamilton (4.30pm)

Hazel Hare

Vanessa Norris

DAILY PRAYER FOR TRINITY

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

Please also pray for:

All those suffering from prejudice and discrimination, racial or otherwise

Those who are sick, or suffering from dementia, or struggling with loneliness

Those facing severe financial difficulties

NHS staff, care workers and all those in the front line of the fight against COVID-19

Business owners as they try to open up in safe and appropriate ways

Those working to produce vaccines that should protect against COVID-19

THIS WEEK'S FEATURES

Dear Friends,

It has been over 4 months now since we suspended our Church services and went into lock-down. I thought it would be good to write to you about the financial impact of Covid19 upon TRINITY.

Firstly though, I want to thank God that so many of us have been able to continue to support TRINITY even though much of our church's life has been suspended or changed. Our church is a community built on relationships: with God, with each other and with the world we seek to love and serve. Meaningful relationships are much harder to achieve in isolation, at distance and over technology. Thank you that you have stayed connected during this tough time that we face together.

Since we suspended all our on-site activities we have lost income from our Sunday loose collections, the hiring of our venues and café 12/31 sales. Sadly, some of our church family have been unable to continue with their regular giving and we grieve alongside them for their own loss of earnings which this must reflect. Naturally we have tried to reduce our outgoings where we can. So, for example, we have placed our café, cleaning and administration staff on furlough which has helped reduce our losses and one member of staff has generously volunteered to waive their salary during the crisis.

Prior to the Covid19 outbreak a broadly-balanced budget had been approved by the PCC. We are now working with a revised budget which we anticipate will lead to a deficit of around £20-£30k for 2020. We intend to cover this by drawing from our reserves.

We are aware that the full financial impact of the pandemic has not yet been fully realised by our country and therefore the PCC has created a strategic planning team to review the affordability and cost-effectiveness of all our staff positions to see how best we can move forward in these challenging times. Please do continue to pray for all of our ministry as we emerge from lock-down with many challenges still in place, uncertainty over the future and new ways of being church. We rejoice in knowing that our God is sovereign, able to meet all our needs and who works for the good of those who love him.

With much love

Steve

THIS WEEK'S FEATURES (cont.)

ECO-MATTERS:

Eco-church Summer Holidays

TRINITY encourages congregations in celebrating and caring for Creation as part of being an Eco-church. Usually the Creation Care team would run some children's group activities in the three churchyards during the August Sunday services. As this may not happen this summer, we thought we would suggest eco-church activities that you might like to do with your families in the school holidays.

Big Butterfly Count: Run by Butterfly Conservation during the first two weeks of the holidays, this is one of the largest citizen science projects. Download the ID chart and spend a few minutes recording the butterflies you see in your garden or in the park.

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/about>

Making your own butterfly feeder will help attract butterflies to your garden:

<https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discover/go-wild-at-home/activity-sheets/indoor-activity-sheets>

Upcycling for Nature is a great way to reuse rubbish by making attractive artwork such as Bin Bugs and Lolly-Stick Waders or by providing homes for wildlife.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/activities/upcycling-for-nature/>

You could make lairs for creatures that are gardeners' friends such as Ladybirds and Lacewings, which eat

greenfly <http://www.uksafari.com/spottylodgers.htm> Or for pollinators like solitary bees <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/bees/make-a-bee-house>.

Few things sum up British summertime better than a scramble through a blackberry bush clutching an empty margarine tub or Tupperware box. And provided you're not trespassing on private property; blackberry picking is a great way of sourcing a cheap summer pud. Here are a few tips on picking blackberries and what to cook with them:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-pick-and-cook-blackberries>

Have a #Plasticfree Picnic. Enjoy summer al fresco, make the most of the good weather while meeting in small groups safely outdoors. Pencil in a picnic date with a few friends and get everyone to agree to the rules (and some fun socially distanced games) before you meet, so that everyone can be at ease when you gather. You can BYOB (blanket) and eat separately but still chat and even pray together. And don't forget - take your litter home, pick up some along the way, and if you can't reuse it, recycle it! <https://arocha.org.uk/wildchristian/>

Why not see if you can spot any of these plants and animals on your picnic: <https://assets.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/Files/picnic-spotting-sheet.jpg>

Enjoy your summer!

If you would like more advice or information about Eco-Church, Creation Care or have any tips of your own: Please contact Martin Pett on <martinpett@gmail.com> or any of the Creation Care team.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS DELIVERED TO YOU!

Mon 27th	Genesis 31: 43-55
Tue 28th	Genesis 32: 1-21
Wed 29th	Genesis 32: 22-32
Thu 30th	Genesis 33
Fri 31st	Genesis 35: 1-15
Sat 1st	Genesis 35: 16-29
Sun 2nd	Psalms 111

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. You can access the same content via our website at www.trinitylewes.org/daily

TRINITY SERVICES

Thank you to everyone who filled in our questionnaire about TRINITY services as we emerge from lockdown.

- 170+ people responded.
- More than half preferred to attend TRINITY services online at the moment.
- Of those who expressed a preference for a live service: 2/3s wanted a Communion service, 1/3 wanted Morning Praise.

Proposals for live worship will be considered by the PCC this Thursday. Please do pray for their guidance and wisdom and watch this space.

PRAYER MINISTRY

This week we are again offering prayer ministry after the service via zoom. If you would like someone from the prayer ministry team to pray with you, please use the zoom link below. This week the prayer team will be Mike & Elaine Robson. We will be using the 'waiting room' feature of zoom which means that we'll only allow entry to one person at a time in order to pray in confidence. This may mean waiting for a short while if someone else is being prayed for, so please do be patient. The team will be available for prayer from 11.30-12.30, but if you would like someone to pray with

you at another time please do let us know. Email: jules@trinitylewes.org

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223679618>
Meeting ID: 842 2367 9618
Passcode: 545676
Dial +44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

AFTER SERVICE COFFEE ONLINE

This Sunday we are again providing opportunity to chat after the 10:30 online service. Join us on Zoom, starting 5 minutes after the service. to chat and see people you may not have seen in months! The 8am, 10am and 4:30pm congregations will have a joint coffee meeting while the 9:30am, 11:15am and 6:30pm congregations will all have separate meetings. We will email the electoral roll each week with the Zoom details.

OPEN FOR PRAYER

TRINITY Southover is open for individual private prayer Monday to Friday, 9:30am till 4:30pm. Please feel free to come and use the building to pray by yourself or in your household, we are unable to accommodate group prayer at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Charlotte Overton-Hart and James Evans on their recent engagement and we pray for God's blessing on them as they plan to get married on 29th August this year.

BRING AND SHARE

Sunday 2nd August at 2.00-3.00 p.m.
Zoom Bring and Share lunch for all on staycation.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5048834515?pwd=VURXbGc4TTBtanExSUItOU96SjdUQT09>
Meeting ID: 504 883 4515
Passcode: Sharing

THIS MONTH'S MISSION FEATURE

SERVING IN MISSION



Depending on the circumstances in the area where they are working, SIM will work with local churches, or with other Christian ministries, or send a team to an area to initiate new work. Sometimes they also form links with established local ministries or “approved projects” in a supportive partnership. SIM-Middle East has such a link with Think and Do.

Think and Do “offers integrated ministry for the development of the whole person, spiritually, psychologically, physically and materially, empowering needy people to obtain their rights and live with dignity”. Community development work is carried out in villages, involving such activities as loans for micro enterprise; life schools that provide basic education and training in life skills to women and girls who have dropped out of school; raising awareness of health and social issues, including children’s rights; and capacity building of local civil society organizations. Vocational training courses equip young men and women with the basics of marketable skills by which they can earn their living. Training is also offered to preschool teachers and

managers, to help them to establish or develop preschools. A community centre is being developed in a densely populated urban area to offer vocational training, a preschool, a shelter for women at risk and other facilities. And lay Christian workers visit village homes, start cell groups and Bible study groups and run leadership training schools for members of local churches.

COVID-19 has been very challenging to Think and Do as many of their normal activities have been restricted, some sources of funding have dried up and some staff members or their family members have been sick. The team have done what they can to address the growing needs around them, such as providing food parcels and disinfecting village churches and community facilities. Recently they have been able to resume some vocational training activities, with appropriate measures in place. The aim, as always, is to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways and to

promote transformation in the lives of individuals, families and local communities.

Please pray for Think and Do’s team of workers and for those they seek to serve and empower.





Designated gifts for Think and Do may be sent via sim.co.uk .

FEATURES

SOUTH DOWNS AWAKENING

Here are some ways you can take part:

- Plan a route and get out walking and praying, any part of the South Downs Way, through July and August.
- See the SDA website and our local blog for prayer resources.
- Pray in a car park, pray from your home, pray online with others in a virtual prayer room on the website.
- Use the prayer room to share your stories, your experiences, of praying and walking, to encourage others.
- Visit the online Revival Conference on the SDA website, for inspiration.

Consider inviting a friend or two to join you - let's be church together.

Further info: trinitylewes.org/sda south-downsawakening.com michaelrobson.org/wordpress (our local blog)

Any questions? - email, message or call robson.mike@gmail.com 07814049598

MOIRA PATON

Many of you will know that Moira is now living in Nightingales Care Home in Newick. She has really appreciated the cards from friends at TRINITY. We can now phone Moira on the residents' mobile phone 07384 396848 - 11 am is usually a good time - or phone Nightingales on 01825 721120 to book a visiting slot from 2- 2.30pm on any weekday. Nightingales is totally free from the coronavirus and visits are managed with social distancing, facemasks and hand gel. Only one visitor at a time is allowed.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 1 August, 10-2, at the garages behind The Course. Household items, Books, Odds 'n' ends. Proceeds in aid of Lewes Food Banks.

NEED HELP?

We are getting lots of requests for help at this time, so here's how you can get help.

PRACTICAL HELP

If you are self isolating or sick and need practical help eg: food deliveries/ prescriptions etc - the best way for us to support you is through the combined volunteer effort and we are working closely with Lewes Coronavirus Volunteers to make sure no one is left isolated or without help. If you visit the website at this link you can fill in a short form to request help: <https://trinitylewes.org/2020/03/cvresponse/> This is the quickest way to get help to you. Someone will be assigned to you based on their skills/ locality and your needs.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

If you need spiritual support or someone TO TALK to, and are a TRINITY congregation member please contact: 8am/ 10am/ 6.30pm - Steve. 9.30am - Jeremy. 11.15am/ 4.30pm - Jules
If you are struggling and need someone to chat to but are not a regular TRINITY member, please contact jules@trinitylewes.org

If you have a notice...

All events, ministries or notices for publication in any of our media should go to 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 - Lead representative,

Amanda Burgess - Deputy Safeguarding Representative for Children

Jenni Taylor - Deputy Safeguarding Representative for Vulnerable Adults.

Jane Lee 07825576936

safeguarding@trinitylewes.org

TRINITY LIVE ONLINE

Tuesday

8:00am Morning Prayer
www.trinitylewes.org/live

Friday

8:00am Open to God Prayer
Zoom Video Chat
Email office for details

Wednesday

8:00pm Homegroups
Zoom Video chat

9:00pm

Night Prayer
www.trinitylewes.org/live

Thursday

10am Light Bunch
Preschool music group
www.trinitylewes.org/live

Sunday

10:30am TRINITY Live
www.trinitylewes.org/live

8pm Prayer & Praise
www.trinitylewes.org/live

Prayer Ministry and post service virtual coffee via Zoom each Sunday. Details on screen, in notices or by email.

TRINITY Live By Phone

From 10:25am Dial 0330 606 0403 (Charged as a standard local call)
Enter access code when prompted 4603170 followed by # (hash symbol)