



## Sunday 12th December 2021

### 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 and help you 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 postcard 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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# SUNDAY AT TRINITY

We're excited to welcome many back to our on site services each week but we're also aware that many will still want to worship online and so we continue to offer this each Sunday.

9:30am South Malling

10:30am Southover

10:30am St John sub Castro

10:30am Online

+ 6:30pm services onsite and online today

This Sunday we will be able to worship together and hear Anita speak from 10.30am at [www.trinitylewes.org/live](http://www.trinitylewes.org/live)

Much more Information about the life of TRINITY and all that is going on here can be found on our website:

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

or you can contact the office with any specific questions.

## TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

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

Eve Empringham (9.30am)

Amanda Gilmour (9.30am)

Denis & Shirley Edwards (10am)

Derek & Stella Hull (10am)

Charlotte Pepler (10am)

Jan Pepler (10am)

Joyce Stubbs (10am)

Fred Burgess (4.30pm)

Jean Cox (4.30pm)

Tony & Myra Idle (4.30pm)

Geoff & Shirley Williams (4.30pm)

John Cornwell

Alex Williams

The family of Jonathan Bacon

## 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 Benfield to Bridgland.

### **Please also pray for:**

Anita, Richard, Hannah and Rachel as they settle into life and ministry in Lewes

Our GPs and NHS staff locally, struggling to keep up with medical needs

All those who are exhausted and struggling from the ongoing pressures of life in a pandemic

Refugees fleeing war, ethnic violence, persecution, the effects of climate change or other trauma

# TRINITY UPDATE

We continue to review Covid guidelines and do our best to keep our church building spaces as safe as possible. We encourage you to continue to be mindful of one another, to keep on wearing masks at services and other times when we are gathered, only removing them to sing. Wearing a mask has become part of daily life for now and whilst it might be a pain at times, it really is a simple measure to help protect one another.

You may be aware that the government is now advising that anyone visiting a larger gathering does a lateral flow test before attending, and we know some of us are already doing this before coming to church. We would strongly encourage you to do this if you are able, tests are easily available from local pharmacies or by ordering them online. All of this is particularly pertinent as we approach our Christmas services, which will draw in more people than a normal Sunday morning. We will be strongly recommending that all attending our Christmas services do a lateral flow test before attending, to remain at home if they have any symptoms at all.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Sun 12th Dec

6.30pm / Traditional Carol Service / SM

6.30pm / Contemporary Carol Service / SJ

### Sun 19th Dec

10.30am / TRINITY Nativity Service / SJ *(NB no service at SM or SO on this morning)*

4.30pm Afternoon service with carols / SJ

4pm & 6.30pm / Traditional Carol Service / SO

### Fri 24th Dec / Christmas Eve

3pm Family Christingle Service / SJ

5pm Family Christingle Service / SJ

11pm Midnight Communion / SO

11pm Midnight Communion / SM

### Sat 25th Dec / Christmas Day

9.30am / Christmas Celebration / SM

10am / Christmas Day Celebration with communion / SO

10am / Family Communion Service / SJ

### Sun 26th Dec / Boxing Day

No service

### Sun 2nd Jan

10.30am – combined service TBC

# THIS WEEK'S FEATURES

## **TRINITY WOMEN ADVENT MEETING**

Join us for some festive cheer with drinks and mince pies on Thursday 16 December 2.30-4.00pm in Southover Chapter House. Do bring a Christmas reading, poem, song etc that you would like to share, or have someone share for you. A time to be together, chat and enjoy the Christmas Spirit we all missed last year. For more details please contact [women@trinitylewes.org](mailto:women@trinitylewes.org) or phone 483307.

## **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS MORNING Mon 20th Dec // 10am-12noon // ages 0-8 // £1 per child St John sub Castro**

Join us for Christmas crafts fun on Mon 20 Dec at St John's with Emma, Jean and team.  
Book online at [www.trinitylewes.org/craft](http://www.trinitylewes.org/craft) and then just turn up between 10-12 and have some creative fun with your little ones.  
Just £1 per child (adults go free and you get a cuppa thrown in!).

## **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

Consider buying an organic, or at least free-range turkey this Christmas, because we know God has entrusted all creation into our care so that we might reflect his love and compassion. Cost should not be our only concern; a cheap bird probably means intensively farmed with no concern for the bird's welfare. Or alternatively, have you ever considered a meat free Christmas?

## **BEREAVEMENT SERVICE TEA**

Many thanks for all the delicious cakes for the bereavement service. Please pick up cake boxes from Chapter House kitchen. Janette

## **THANK YOU!**

In TRINITY we have raised at least £800 for Angel Tree this year, thanks to all of you who have given to the appeal so that dads in prison can send gifts to their children at home.

Thank you so much for supporting the families in this way, and please also pray that the families may get back together again and have hope for a better future.

## **FROM JULIA RUDEBECK**

Dear Church Family,  
Andrew and I are moving to Rye and I wanted to thank you all for the love and support we have been given over the years. My lovely house group have been so faithful in prayer and support. I will give our new address and contact details to the Church office and a warm welcome awaits you in Rye. God bless you all,  
Julia Rudebeck

## **A GIFT FROM PRIORY SCHOOL**

Trustees of the Memorial Chapel on the Priory School site have donated a silver communion chalice and plate to TRINITY Southover.

These items were made in 1961 for the chapel, which now no longer has need of them, by Mr Gourlay, a talented silversmith as well as a Science teacher at the Boys Grammar School until it became Priory School in 1969.

The Trustees asked if these would be of use to Southover, their local parish church, which once held regular school services. The church will dedicate them shortly and they will be put to good use.

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS DELIVERED TO YOU!**

Mon 13th Colossians 2: 16-23  
Tue 14th Colossians 3: 1-4  
Wed 15th Colossians 3: 5-11  
Thu 16th Colossians 3: 12-17  
Fri 17th Colossians 3: 18 - 4: 1  
Sat 18th Colossians 4: 2-18  
Sun 19th Psalm 26

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

## **DECORATING TRINITY SOUTHOVER FOR CHRISTMAS**

Friday 17th December 2pm  
If you can come can you let me know via the church office please. Lin Pilfold.

## **ECO-MATTERS: WEEK'S TOP TIP**

We ask the Lord to 'Give us today our daily bread'. But an estimated 40% of bread produced every year is wasted in the home. Bread should be stored in a cool, dry place such as a cupboard or breadbin, not in the fridge as it will go stale faster.

## **GIVING**

If you would like to give to support the mission of TRINITY please visit our website <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/>, or you may give cash or cheques to the clergy or post cheques to the office. If you wish to gift-aid your donation, please inform our Treasurer by emailing [finance@trinitylewes.org](mailto:finance@trinitylewes.org).

Anyone wishing to join the PGS scheme, and set up a regular Direct Debit gift to the church, can call the dedicated telephone number 0333 002 1271. Our church name is TRINITY Church Lewes, PGS parish code 100610471.

## **FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS**

Items for the Lewes Food Banks may be left in the porch at TRINITY St John's or TRINITY Southover.

# THIS MONTH'S MISSION FEATURE

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

The Christmas collections at TRINITY in 2021 will be split between two charities: 'Off the Fence' and 'Hope House Haiti'.



Resisting poverty.



Empowering people.



Restoring hope.

### OFF THE FENCE

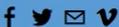
Off the Fence is a registered charity committed to making a real difference in the lives of many that are 'most at risk' in our community. This is a Christian charity that offers spiritual, practical and emotional support to the homeless in Brighton and Hove. TRINITY will be donating in support of the work with the homeless and 'Off the Fence' runs two projects to help the homeless:

Antifreeze – Their outreach teams are on the streets in the evenings seeking to meet the basic needs of those who are homeless and sleeping rough. The charity also runs a drop-in centre which is open four days a week. Homeless people can drop in, get some food, a shower, talk and

seek help. The Centre also has internet access and provides advice, information and specific care, including help with housing, benefits and addiction issues. Hygiene for All – This new project provides mobile hygiene, laundry and shower vans for the homeless. These vans are a modern and immediate response to addressing some of the issues surrounding homelessness. Establishing proper hygiene helps to improve health and a sense of self-worth. This life-saving work is only possible because of the generosity of those who support the charity by giving time, money and other gifts that are so desperately needed. Further information is available: Winter Appeal 2021 — ([offthefence.org.uk](http://offthefence.org.uk))



Inspiring kids to be world changers



## HOPE HOUSE HAITI

Hope House Haiti is a registered Charity in the UK with strong links to the Point Church. This charity was set up to support a Haitian couple, Yvrose and Pierre Richard Telfort as they established Hope House after the earthquake in 2010. They are currently 'Mammy and Pappy' for 38 children.

Hope Christian Academy: Initially a school was established for the poorest children in the community, with the addition of a secondary school in 2014, it offers around 950 children a free education, health checks and a hot meal – often the only meal the children get in a day. In 2019, 4 classrooms were added and vocational training offered for the older children.

Social enterprise: The aim long term is sustainability, with the development of a small farm at Hope House. They grow papaya, mangoes, sugar cane, chillies and tomatoes. Various animals are kept including goats, chickens, bees and cows.

Another natural disaster: On 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021 another earthquake struck Haiti with a magnitude of 7.2 and a volcanic eruption causing damage, devastation and destruction. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world and has been hit by these natural disasters in recent years. Hope House Haiti continues to offer hope in extremely challenging circumstances and it seems timely to support this charity in 2021.

Jules brought Hope House Haiti to our attention a few years ago as she has close links with the charity through the Point Church. It seems fitting as Jules is preparing to move on to a new ministry linked to the Point Church, that we chose this charity for the Christmas Special Collection.

Further information is available: HOPE HOUSE HAITI - Home

## Loose Collections

Every loose collection will be shared amongst our mission partners. This month 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 £30 or less, no details are required. Please ask a Church Warden if you cannot find the correct envelope.

## Bookings

To hire any of our rooms, please email [bookings@trinitylewes.org](mailto:bookings@trinitylewes.org)

## TRINITY Office Contact Details

The TRINITY Centre, Abinger Place, Lewes BN7 2QA

Phone: 01273 474377

Email: [office@trinitylewes.org](mailto:office@trinitylewes.org)

All events, ministries or notices for publication in any of our media should go to the office by email. Please note that the **deadline for the notice sheet** is Wednesday 9am.

**Please note** Monday is the Clergy and Youth 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, 07825 576936, [safeguarding@trinitylewes.org](mailto:safeguarding@trinitylewes.org)

Amanda Burgess - Deputy Safeguarding Representative for Children

Jenni Taylor - Deputy Safeguarding Representative for Vulnerable Adults.

# THIS SUNDAY AND NEXT

## 12th December 2021

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Bible Reading: John 13:31-38

### 9:30am(SM) Holy Communion

Anita Colpus Id & pr

### 10:30am(SO) Morning Praise

Jeremy Bamber Id

Anita Colpus pr

### 10:30am(SJ) Café Church

Anita Colpus

### 10:25am(SJ) Sunday Club & Pathfinders

**10:30am** TRINITY Live Online  
[www.trinitylewes.org/live](http://www.trinitylewes.org/live)

### 6:30pm(SM) Traditional carol service

### 6:30pm(SJ) Café Carols ((·))

## 19th December 2021

The 4th Sunday of Advent

### 10:30am(SJ) All Age Nativity

Dave Sinclair & Emma Dyer

### 4:30pm(SJ) Communion with Carols

Dick Field Id & pr

### 4:00pm(SO) Carol Service ((·))

### 6:30pm(SO) Carol Service ((·))

((·)) Also live streamed

Please note that the online service on the 19th will be the carol service.

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

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00am(SJ) Alpha

10:00am(CE) Monday Club

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30am(SJ) Lighthouse

7:00pm(HL) The HUB

7:00pm(SJ) Lewes Sings Gospel

7:30pm(SO) Bell Ringers

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00am(SO) BCP Communion

9:30am(SJ) Lighthouse

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

10:00am(SJ) Boogie Bunch

7:30pm(SJ) Gaming Café

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Open to God Prayer  
*Live on Zoom*

7:30pm(HL) The Edge

TRINITY Southover is open for prayer  
Mon & Wed 12:00 noon - 3:30pm  
Tu, Th & Fri 9:30am - 3:30pm

**SO** = Southover

**CE** Church End (SO)

**CH** = Chapter House (SO)

**HL** = Church Hall (SO)

**SJ** = St John sub Castro

**SM** = South Malling

## TRINITY Live By Phone

If anyone is reliant on the telephone service to join with us in worship, please call the office to make yourself known and we can discuss the options for connecting you.