



Sunday 5th 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 ...

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

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

This Sunday we will be able to worship together and hear Jeremy speak from 10.30am at 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

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)

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 Alderton to Beckley.

Please also pray for:

Rev'd Anita as she settles into her ministry among us

Fred and the Burgess family after the death of his wife Joy

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

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 when seated. 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, and wear a mask until sat down.

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

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE TODAY

All are welcome to join us for our annual service, organised alongside Cooper & Son Funeral Directors, to remember loved ones. The service will be held at 3pm today, Sunday 5th December, at TRINITY Southover.

JOY BURGESS' FUNERAL

will be held on Wednesday 8th December at 11am in TRINITY South Malling. Afterwards there will be some light refreshments in the church. All who knew Joy, and would like to pay their respects by attending, are very welcome.

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 or phone 483307.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Saturday 11th December at 12 noon at Church Hall, TRINITY Southover. Cost £5 per person. Please let Janette know if you are coming, for catering purposes, on 07866 301384 or 471142.

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?

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.

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 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!).

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 6th	Malachi 4
Tue 7th	Colossians 1: 1-8
Wed 8th	Colossians 1: 9-14
Thu 9th	Colossians 1: 15-23
Fri 10th	Colossians 1: 24 - 2: 5
Sat 11th	Colossians 2: 6-15
Sun 12th	Psalms 25

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS REFRESHMENTS

We're hoping to have refreshments after some of our Christmas services again this year, but if we are going to, we'll need your help! Can you help in any of the following ways?

1. Help to serve mulled wine and mince pies at either SM or SJ at the carol services on 12th Dec (6.30pm)
2. Help to serve at SO for the carol services on 19th Dec (4 and 6.30pm)
3. Help to serve tea and coffee at the nativity at SJ on 19th Dec (10.30am)
4. Make cakes or mince pies for the nativity service at SJ on 19th Dec (10.30am)
5. Make or buy some mince pies for any of the carol services. These can be dropped at any church location, before 12th Dec (make sure they will be in date!)

If you can offer any of these please drop Jules an email **by today, Sun 5th Dec**, this will give us an idea of whether it is feasible to go ahead.

BRING & NO SHARE LUNCH

Festive bring and no share lunch today, Sunday 5th December, from 12ish Church

End and Garden (dress accordingly please: festive plus wrap up).

ECO-MATTERS: WEEK'S TOP TIP

Huge amounts of paper and card go into wrapping and sending Christmas gifts and cards each year. But it is quite possible - apart from re-using paper or gift bags from last year - to buy re-cycled, biodegradable wrapping paper, and cards from re-cycled sources too. Please consider the environment, and take this opportunity to prioritise use of environmentally friendly materials. Available from shops here in town, or online eg www.amazon.co.uk/recycled-wrapping-paper/s?k=recycled+wrapping+paper www.nlwa.gov.uk/news/tis-season-wrap-single-use-christmas-paper Avoid shiny or sparkly paper and cards as they contain plastic and are not biodegradable.

Thank you!

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.

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

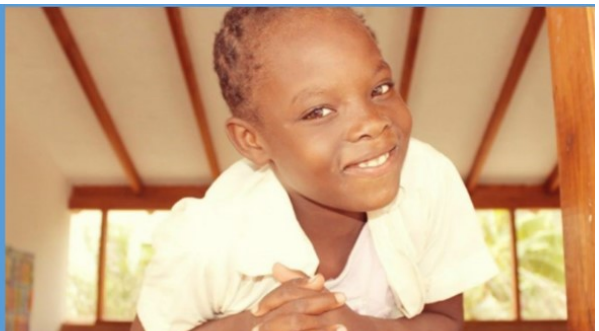
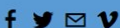
Off the Fence is a registered charity committed to making a real difference in the lives of many that are 'most at risk' in our community. This is a Christian charity that offers spiritual, practical and emotional support to the homeless in Brighton and Hove. TRINITY will be donating in support of the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



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 'Mummy 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 14th 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

TRINITY Office Contact Details

The TRINITY Centre, Abinger Place, Lewes BN7 2QA

Phone: 01273 474377

Email: 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

Amanda Burgess - Deputy Safeguarding Representative for Children

Jenni Taylor - Deputy Safeguarding Representative for Vulnerable Adults.

THIS SUNDAY AND NEXT

5th December 2021

The 2nd Sunday of Advent
Bible Reading: John 13:18-30

9:30am(SM) Morning Praise

Jeremy Bamber Id & pr

10:30am(SO) Holy Communion

Peter Markby Id
Jeremy Bamber pr

10:30am(SJ) Informal Worship

Anita Colpus

10:25am(SJ) Sunday Club & Pathfinders

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

4:30pm(SJ) Evening Prayer + Hymns

Ken Bridger Id & pr

Post service virtual coffee via Zoom each
Sunday. Details as in previous weeks.

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

Jules Middleton Id
Anita Colpus pr

10:25am(SJ) Sunday Club & Pathfinders

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

6:30pm(SM) Traditional carol service

6:30pm(SJ) Contemporary carol service

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

HOME GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

Monday 6th

10:00am(SJ) Alpha
10:00am(CE) Monday Club
7:30pm Missions Prayer Meeting
Live on Zoom

Tuesday 7th

9:30am(SJ) Lighthouse
7:00pm(HL) The HUB
7:00pm(SJ) Lewes Sings Gospel
7:30pm(SO) Bell Ringers

Wednesday 8th

9:00am(SO) BCP Communion
9:30am(SJ) Lighthouse

Thursday 9th

10:00am(SJ) Boogie Bunch

Thursday 9th (cont.)

7:30pm(SJ) Gaming Café (18+)

Friday 10th

8:00am Open to God Prayer
Live on Zoom

7:30pm(HL) The Edge

Sunday 12th

6.45pm(SJ) Fuel

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

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.