



Christmas and New Year 2021-22

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.

Please see the back page for details of our services over Christmas weekend and on 2nd January, and which ones will be live streamed at www.trinitylewes.org/live.

There are no TRINITY services on Sunday 26th December.

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)

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 surnames selected alphabetically each week. These 2 weeks we are praying for those from Brown to Cohen.

Please also pray for:

The Christmas message to go out into many homes, through our TRINITY services and those of other churches

Jules and family as they prepare to move, giving thanks for their ministry among us

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

Those in the hospitality industry and others severely affected by a downturn in trade resulting from the pandemic

Those recently bereaved and facing Christmas without their loved ones

The people of Afghanistan, including more than 3 million children at risk from severe malnutrition

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.

Spending time with the Lord in 2022

Have you thought about how you will engage with God's word in 2022. These days there are so many ways we can read scripture, ponder and pray and so thinking ahead and planning is important.

Firstly, decide how much time you can give or want to give. This may be once a day or a few times a day.

Secondly, think about if you want more a prayer focus, quiet space or commentary to go alongside scripture.

Thirdly, do you want this accessible on an electronic device or paper based.

Then start looking.... There are so many options you could consider. These are some that I have found helpful over the years:

- ◆ Bible in a Year - app with readings, commentary & brief prayer
- ◆ You Bible (hundreds of quiet time ideas plus reading through the bible in a year)
- ◆ Lectio 365 (prayer based with scripture)
- ◆ Bible reading notes (Daily Bread, Living Light etc.)

I am sure some of you will have other material that you use. I also sometimes use commentaries or other dated commentary style books.

The important thing is to have prayed and thought about how you will spend time with God on a daily basis and put that time aside in your daily routine.

Anita

CURRENT FEATURES

STAFF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Please note that clergy and staff will be taking time off after Christmas. The church office will be closed from Christmas Eve, re-opening on Wednesday 5th January. Please be prepared to wait for answers to any emails. If you need to contact someone, please phone Anita on 07786 268612.

CAFÉ 12/31

The Café at St John's is closed over Christmas and New Year and reopens on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Normal opening hours are:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Food served all day (except Saturday)

ECO-MATTERS: WEEK'S TOP TIP

Take the 12 day wildlife challenge

A post-Christmas dinner stroll, spotting Robins in the park, recycling your Christmas tree – your #12DaysWild activities don't have to be big, but they'll make a big difference to your wellbeing. Join us in doing one WILD thing a day for the traditional 12 days of Christmas, starting 25 December until 5 January. Good for families too.

Sign up now to receive inspiration for wild, wintery activities.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/12daywild>

ALPHA

A great opportunity to explore the Christian faith. It is a relaxed and friendly course, and a safe place to ask questions about faith and the meaning of life.

Alpha is open to all and is run at various times throughout the year. Please get in touch if you or a friend are interested in joining us for the next course.

LEWES SINGS GOSPEL

WINTER CONCERT

Sat 15th Jan // 7:30pm // TRINITY Centre

Join us for LSG's Winter Concert with conductor Marsha Morrison, guest soloist & fantastic range of songs from the choir. An evening full of energy & great music! Full refunds will be issued if the concert is cancelled or postponed.

Buy tickets at trinitylewes.org/lsg2022

TRINITY PRE-SCHOOL GROUPS

Join us in the new year at our midweek groups for 0-4s and their carers.

Lighthouse // Tuesdays & Wednesdays

9:30am // The TRINITY Centre

A friendly preschool group with craft, play, singing and story time.

Boogie Bunch // Thursdays 10am // The TRINITY Centre

A fun and energetic singing preschool group with instruments, bubbles and Mr. Boogie!

Contact Emma // emma@trinitylewes.org

TRINITY YOUTH

Our activities and events for secondary school children are due to return in January.

The Hub // Tues 7:00 - 8:45pm // Yr 6-9

Gaming Café // Thurs 7:30 - 11:30pm // Yr 9 up

The Edge // Fri 7:30 - 9:30pm // Yr 9-13

Pathfinders // Sun 10:30 - 11:30am // Yr 7-9

Fuel // Sun 6:45 - 9:00pm // Yr 9-13

Full info at www.trinitylewes.org/youth

Contact Dave // dave@trinitylewes.org

DAILY BIBLE READINGS DELIVERED TO YOU!

Fri 24th	Luke 1: 57-66
Sat 25th	Luke 1: 67-80
Sun 26th	Luke 2: 1-7
Mon 27th	Luke 2: 8-21
Tue 28th	Luke 2: 22-35
Wed 29th	Luke 2: 36-40
Thu 30th	Philemon 1-11
Fri 31st	Philemon 12-25
Sat 1st	Matthew 19: 1-12
Sun 2nd	Psalms 27
Mon 3rd	Matthew 19: 13-15
Tue 4th	Matthew 19: 16-30
Wed 5th	Matthew 20: 1-16
Thu 6th	Matthew 20:17-28
Fri 7th	Matthew 20: 29-34
Sat 8th	Matthew 21: 1-11
Sun 9th	Psalms 28

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

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

On pages 6 & 7 you will find details of the 2 charities that we are supporting this Christmas. We encourage you to make a donation via www.trinitylewes.org/christmas-gift or direct into the TRINITY bank account via BACS, using the reference CHRISTMAS. If you would like to support one charity in particular use the name of the charity as your reference.

Account name: TRINITY Southover Church Council, Sort Code: 20 - 49 - 76

Account number: 20775894

If you are unable to use BACS, then cash or cheques can be received at the Christmas services or carol services.

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

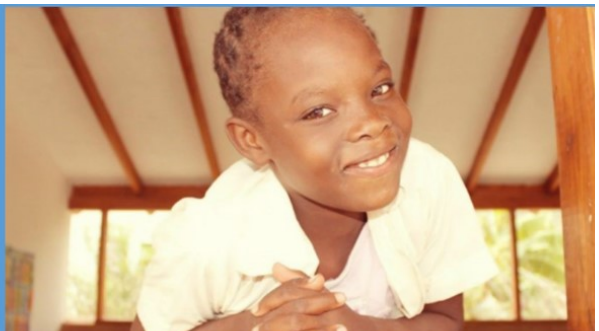
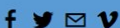
Off the Fence is a registered charity committed to making a real difference in the lives of many that are 'most at risk' in our community. This is a Christian charity that offers spiritual, practical and emotional support to the homeless in Brighton and Hove. TRINITY will be donating in support of the 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 **normal deadline for the notice sheet** is Wednesday 9am.

Revd Anita Colpus' Contact Details

Email: anita@trinitylewes.org

Mobile: 07786 268612

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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

24th December 2021 Christmas Eve

3:00pm(SJ) All Together Christingle Service ((·))

Anita Colpus

5:00pm(SJ) All Together Christingle Service ((·))

Anita Colpus

11:00pm(SM) Holy Communion

Jeremy Bamber Id & pr

11:00pm(SO) Holy Communion ((·))

Anita Colpus Id

Jules Middleton pr

((·)) Also live streamed

Please note that there are no services at any TRINITY location on Sunday 26th December.

Services on Sunday 9th January will follow the normal pre-Christmas pattern.

25th December 2021 Christmas Day

9:30am(SM) All Together Christmas Service

Jeremy Bamber Id & pr

10:00am(SO) All Together Christmas Service ((·))

Anita Colpus Id & pr

10:00am(SJ) All Together Christmas Service

Jules Middleton Id & pr

2nd January 2022 The 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Bible Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

9:30am(SM) All Together Service with Communion

Jeremy Bamber Id & pr

10:30am(SO) All Together Service
Anita Colpus Id Dave Sinclair pr

No service at St John sub Castro on 2nd Jan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 4th

7:00pm(SJ) Lewes Sings Gospel

7:30pm(SO) Bell Ringers

Wednesday 5th

9:00am(SO) BCP Communion

Thursday 6th

7:30pm(SJ) Gaming Café

Friday 7th

8:00am Open to God Prayer
Live on Zoom

7:30pm(HL) The Edge

Sunday 9th

6.45pm(SJ) Fuel

TRINITY Southover is open for prayer

Mon & Wed 12:00 noon - 3:30pm

Tu, Th & Fri 9:30am - 3:30pm

It will be closed on the upcoming bank holidays.

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

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.