



Trinity News

August/September



Mission Statement

**Our mission is to proclaim the love of God,
in Jesus, to all people**

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FLOWERS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

During August the flowers will be given by Barbara & Ian Armstrong on the 3rd on the occasion of their Golden Wedding, Joan Sable on the 10th, Olive Ellis-Williams on the 17th, Wilma & Eric Smart on the 24th and June Franzen on the 31st.



During September they will be given by Joy & David Petts on the 7th, Josie Durand on the 14th, Felicity Sturt on the 21st, Fiona Doy & Anne Hogg on the 28th and on October 5th (Harvest) Doreen Short.



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers, these were so unexpected! Thank you also for the support, kind words and 'listening' ears from church friends over the past week or two.
Anthea Tayler

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

The church office will be close on
Friday 1st August and reopen
on **Friday 5th September.**



From the Manse.....



Dear friends,

I write this letter on a Thursday afternoon, from the pool area of a hotel in Andalucia. The sky is blue, not a cloud in sight, the sun is shining and I am happily reading. Suddenly the calm is broken as someone rushes from the hotel lounge to tell us that a Malaysian airliner has been brought down over Eastern Ukraine.

The mood around the pool changed as Spanish, Portuguese, German and British were stunned into silence and then began questioning the why, when and wherefore.

As the full horror gradually unfolded I remembered the words of the angels on the hillside above Bethlehem, "Peace on earth and goodwill to all people". After two thousand years and still.....

Then on Saturday 19th July, I was walking towards the pool and saw large branches falling from the palm trees which surrounded the pool area. They were being lopped off by a man who was harnessed to the tree. As they fell to the ground they created a carpet and I was reminded of Palm Sunday and I closed my eyes and saw Jesus riding on a donkey, as they strew his path with palm branches and shouted their hosannas. How quickly their cheers changed to shouts of crucify.

The One who came as Prince of Peace, died a cruel painful death and love conquered all the evil the world can produce.

We, as those who seek to follow Jesus, must hold on to that truth and, in some small way, we each have our part to play.

Love and peace to you all

Viv

Notes from Church Council June 2014

- Preachers arranged for Church Anniversary 23rd November 2014 – Rev Graham Carter, 22nd November 2015 – Rev. Martin Turner
- Keith Byatt thanked Rev Viv for an excellent day at Coventry. Any photos to be sent to Church Office for a collage and the website
- More Stewards are needed particularly as some of the Stewards are also involved with Trinibus, the sound desk and Sunday Club.
- Kay Burton reported that she was encouraged by the last meeting of Worship & Nurture Group as more people are willing to be involved.
- Alex Harrington to be invited to become a Junior Steward. This ties in with the Methodist Youth Involvement Policy.
- Alternative music at services – music group. If we can find musicians, we could involve them from time to time –perhaps once a month. Still at embryonic stage. Kay said that W&N looking at appropriate alternatives
- To encourage people who don't already go. Two open meetings arranged for current housegroups to promote what they do.
- Kitchen extension - Planning permission granted by local authority –not yet from Methodist District
- Quote for new church blinds - £1050 including fitting
- Church needs a new auditor
- Finance committee have agreed that there is a procedural audit on how we handle our finances. Every group should have two signatories and have their accounts audited.
- Peter Hinds was appointed as church organist following the retirement of Keith Byatt
- Circuit Starting process of finding two new ministers for 2015
 - Trinity, St Augustine's, Hall Street, Moulsham and Broomfield.
- Pam French is Trinity's representative on the stationing committee.
- Rev Sue Lambert has asked to extend her ministry for another year so she will not be replaced until 2016.
- Next Circuit meeting will be appointing Dave Drewitt as a circuit steward.
- CTIC Less people than previous years at the AGM. There was meant to be an event for Pentecost but this was cancelled.
- Covenant with Cathedral & Church of Ascension. Around 50 Pastoral Visitors shared a pleasant evening. Had joint service at Church of Ascension. Evensong on Ascension Sunday. Trinity to host next year. Suggested date May 24th 2015 – Aldersgate Sunday
- Harvest weekend 4th & 5th of October. International Harvest Supper.
- All group reports for September 2013 – August 2014 to be sent to Church Council Secretary by mid October.

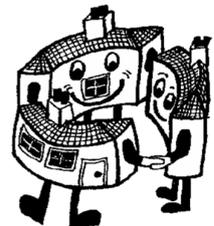


Have you ever wondered what happens at House Group meetings?

Would you like to join a House Group but not sure if you need to be invited? Come and get answers to these and many more questions by coming along to the House Group open event at The Manse on the 9th September 2014 at 8.00pm or Saturday 20th September at 10.30.

There will be representatives from all the House Groups who will answer all the House Groups who will be able to answer all your questions and queries

Janet Wintle



IT'S FOR MACMILLAN

Date Friday 19th September

Place Trinity Methodist Church

CAKES, CRAFT STALLS, BRIC - A - BRAC

TEAS AND COFFEE



Our summer session seems to have come to an end very quickly this year. We started our meetings in May with a visit from Viv talking about St Paul's first missionary journey, with very clear maps and illustrations. Thank you Viv for giving up your time. We hope you will be able to join us in the autumn.

There were many smiles and lots of laughter when Meg Davies recounted stories of happenings on her holidays, both with Tony and later with the family. She certainly knows how to entertain.

Unusually, we held our AGM in June and later in the month had a strawberry tea with a general chit-chat and news of our families. Just like being in the Primary department of Sunday school years ago; "Anybody got any news!?" A lovely afternoon.

As I write, we look forward to yet another afternoon tea with a bring-and-buy for charity.

With thanks to our bus drivers and escorts without whom several ladies would find the journey impossible. Also to Dorothy who always makes a good cup of tea. Where would we be without her?

Ladies Group

July AGM was well attended. Our President Gwen reported that we had enjoyed a happy and successful year. We heard from our Treasurer that over the last year we had raised £500.00 to be shared between our two chosen charities, The Audrey Appleton Trust Farleigh Hospice Nurse Project and Action for Family Carers. Our retiring committee was unanimously re-elected for another year.

A delicious shared Summer Buffet for the last meeting of the season is always a joyous event. As usual money raised from this event goes to charity, Chelmsford Women's refuge is the recipient this year.

Our autumn meetings resume on September 10th with a Beetle Drive. We then hear from the Sunflower Charity on the 17th and on the 24th Jo Newell is going to tell us of her visit to Italy with the MWiB.

We meet at 7.45pm in the Link every week during term time and welcome you either as a member or as a visitor to our meetings.

June Franzen.

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE

July 12th 2014

We really didn't know what to expect, as neither of us had been to the Pilgrimage before. But we were certainly not disappointed as it was a truly inspirational day.

Parking was at Bradwell Village Hall where there were volunteers serving tea, coffee, and bacon and fried egg sandwiches for those who had travelled from far afield.

When everyone had arrived we made our way to St Thomas' Parish Church where we had a short service led by Bishop Stephen of Chelmsford, who was standing in for the Bishop of Bradwell who was unwell. There were prayers and Bible readings, and singing was accompanied by the Salvation Army Band.

Following this service almost 1000 pilgrims made their way to the Chapel of St Peter-on-the Wall, a walk of a little over two miles. It was a joy talking to people from Essex, East London and beyond and there was a real feeling of fellowship as we walked along.



On arrival we were invited to join a group from St John's and St Luke's Churches, Chelmsford as we ate our picnic lunch, and this was followed by the main service of worship for the day.

Our very own Chair of the District, the Rev. Anne Brown led the service. As Anne welcomed us, it was good to hear a special welcome for the newly ordained Bishop of Brentwood, Alan Williams, the Bishop of Mbeere, Moses Nthuka, together with several other Kenyans who sang to us during the service. It was also good to see the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Hensall, who was at his first Bradwell Pilgrimage. There were also two Swedes from the Diocese of Karlstadt who had taken part, with 34 others, in the Chelmsford Diocesan Pilgrimage from Lindisfarne to Bradwell.

Bradwell continued...

The keynote speaker was a truly inspirational lady, the Rev. Dr Kate Coleman, a Baptist Minister and current Chair of the Evangelical Alliance Council. Kate's theme was '**Sent**' and she told us that the baton had been passed on to us and we were being **sent** out with God's message into an imperfect world. Christchurch Braintree provided a lively band to accompany the singing.

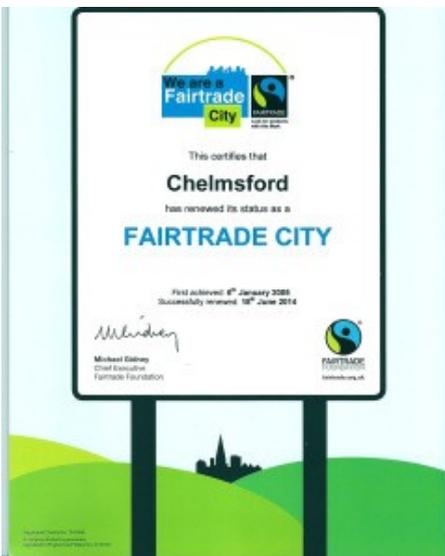
When the service ended we were invited to visit the chapel for private prayer and the marquee where there were stalls selling goods and refreshments.

We met for a short final service before making our way back to the village. It was with some relief that we accepted a kind offer of a lift back to the village, as a pleasantly warm day had turned into a scorcher and the thought of walking two more miles was more than we could face!

Next years Pilgrimage is July 4th

Kit Wells and Carol Kellingray

FAIRTRADE NEWS



SUCCESS

As you can see we have received our Fairtrade certificate which means Chelmsford will remain a Fairtrade City until June 2016. On behalf of the committee thank you very much to all those who have made our venture a success.

All we have to do now is to continue our work for Fairtrade over the next two years. Some of our future activities are below and you can help by encouraging local retailers to use, or increase, their range of Fairtrade products.

Dates for your diary

Further details in October edition or on www.chelmsfordfairtrade.wordpress.com/

October 14th AGM

October 28th Create a Fairtrade Cake and Build A Better World Competition.

November 29th High Street Stall



ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC Essex and East London Area

RSCM-EEL Choral Festival 2014

CHORAL EVENSONG

to celebrate 100 years of the Diocese of Chelmsford

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

Saturday 27th September 2014 at 4.00pm



Foodbank

a message from the Project manager

We are very grateful for all your support, including that of prayer.

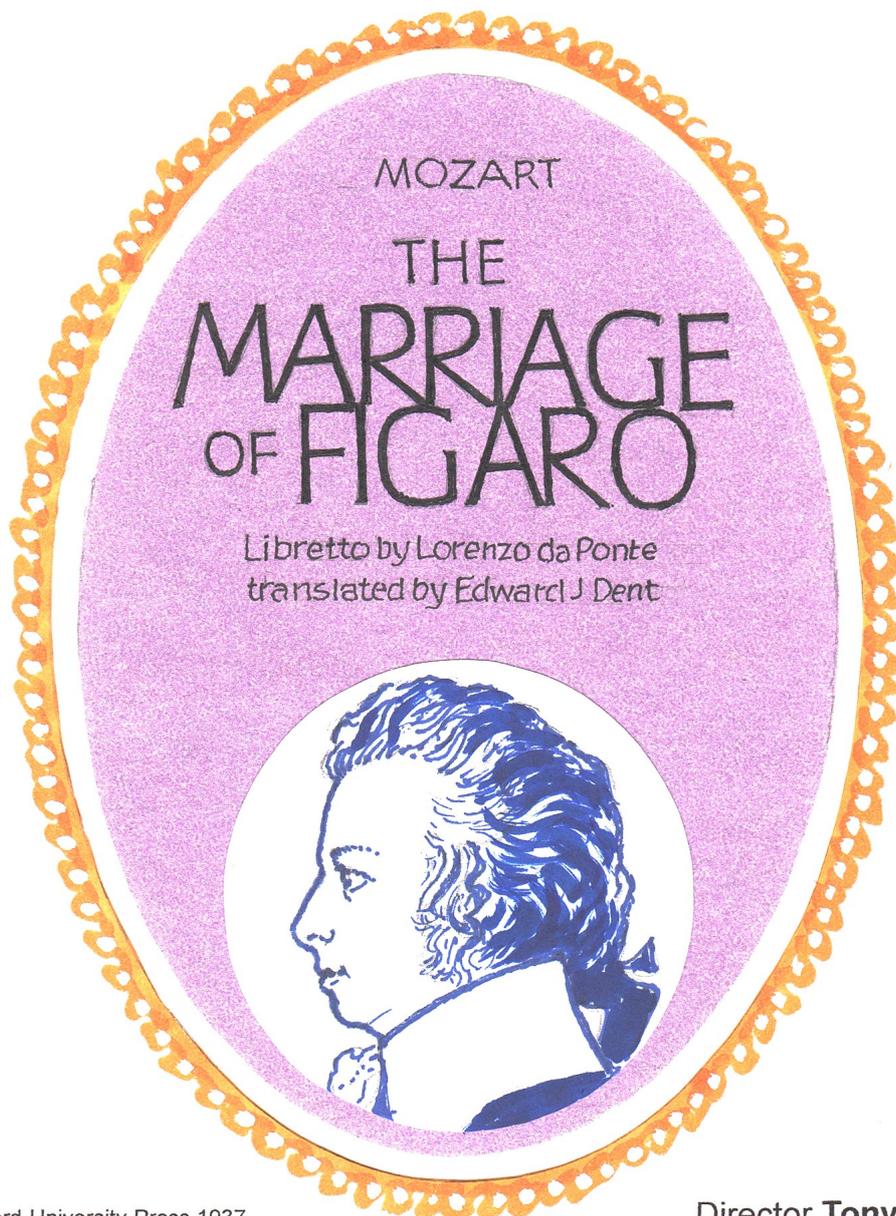
As such, there are a few things we would appreciate your prayer for:

- For our future with regards to the Waterfront. It is clear that we will need to move at some point when the sale goes through. We would appreciate prayer for another venue, that it would be central to Chelmsford, that we would only need to move once, and that the facilities would be as good as we've got now! God can do it!
- Volunteers - balancing the roles and availability can be tricky and we always need those who are strong Christians, prepared to pray for clients to join our meet and greet team. We are also short of supervisors
- The clients - for breakthrough in their situations, whatever they may be. That they would sense something of the love of God, feel accepted, honoured and valued as they come into the Foodbank and that their lives would be impacted as a result.

Food donations can be delivered to Chelmsford Foodbank during opening hours which are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00-12:30. Times may vary on Bank Holidays and during holiday periods so it is advisable to call ahead. For details of our other collection points and items currently needed, please visit our website:

<http://chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk/news-events?newsid=30192>.

TRINITY METHODIST MUSIC AND DRAMA PRESENTS



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Chelmsford Cathedral Centenary Flower Festival



All the flower displays were outstanding.
Congratulations to everyone.

As part of the Diocesan Centenary Celebrations

Saturday 6th September—Centenary Fete
At St Augustine's from 2.00pm
Stalls, cakes and refreshments

AND

From 7pm—8pm a Concert
'Songs from Shows of the 1940's'
then a Ploughman's Supper
followed by a Community 'Sing Along'



£5.00 a ticket
(available from Rev Viv
in due course)





CHURCH FAMILY BARBEQUE
SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST
AT THE MANSE
TIME: 5.00PM
TICKETS: £8.00 EACH (FAMILY TICKET: £20)

TOWARDS THE LINK APPEAL



HARVEST WEEKEND

SATURDAY 4TH AND SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

SATURDAY 4TH: INTERNATIONAL HARVEST SUPPER

(Bring an item of food from your native country, region or county,
hot or cold to share)

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER: HARVEST FESTIVAL
Worship led by David Songer with Parade Service



EVENTS DURING SEPTEMBER

Week commencing 15th September

Tuesday 16th	12.30pm	Women's Luncheon Club AGM
	7.45pm	Outreach and Fellowship meeting
Wednesday 17th	7.45pm	Ladies' Group - Sunflower Charity
	7.45pm	Circuit Meeting at Witham
Thursday 18th	12 noon	Christian Aid Lunch in the Link
	8.00pm	Writtle Housegroup at 7 Canuden Road
		Developing Healthy Churches
Friday 19th	7.00pm	Friday Club
	7.30pm	Marriage of Figaro - (see p. 10)
Saturday 20th	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast in the Link
	10.00am	House groups open morning at the Manse
	7.30pm	Marriage of Figaro - (see p. 10)
Sunday 21st		Singles Lunch hosted by David and Rosemary Evans

Week commencing 22nd September

Wednesday 24th	7.45pm	Ladies' Group—Jo Newell—Visit to Italy
Thursday 25th	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship. Holy Communion led by Rev Viv Gasteen.

Week commencing 29th September– 4th October

Monday 29th	8.00pm	Admirals Housegroup The Almost Christian
Wednesday 1st	7.45pm	Ladies' Group
Thursday 2nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Trinity
Saturday 4th	6.30pm	International Harvest Supper

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday 3rd	9.00 am	No service
	10.30 am	Worship led by Rev.Viv Gasteen and Mr Neil Dalley
	4.00pm	Visit to Rochford Church
Sunday 10th	9.00 am	No Service
	10.30am	Worship led by Ms Elizabeth Hobbs
	6.30 pm	No evening service
Sunday 17th	9.00 am	Worship led by Rev.Viv Gasteen
	10.30am	Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev.Viv Gasteen and Mrs Mary Sachikonye
		No evening service
Sunday 24th	9.00am	No service
	10.30am	Mrs Frances Couch
		No evening service
Sunday 31st	9.00am	No service
	10.30am	Worship led by Mr David Drewett
	3.30pm	Afternoon tea service for housebound members
	6.30pm	No evening service

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday 1st	7.00pm	Welcome service for Rev Mike Crockett at Moulsham Lodge.
Sunday 7th	9.00am`	No service
	10.30am	Sunday Special led by the Team.
	6.30pm	No evening service

