

The Messenger



September 2019

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Elder's letter

Dear Friends,

As we start a period of interregnum at Trinity, I have been asked to write the opening letter in the 'Messenger'.

I must admit that it has been quite a daunting prospect, and I keep finding other things to do at home (even the ironing!) rather than sit down and compose an opening message for our magazine.

However, here I am sitting at the computer and thinking about our future as a church with so much uncertainty, and definitely a considerable period ahead without a minister.

I am also thinking of the communion service in September when I shall be presiding at communion for the first time since completing my training earlier in the year. This is also a daunting prospect but I know that with faith and the support of the congregation I will be able to carry out such a sacred task.

In the same way, with faith and each other's support we will manage our time of interregnum. As Michaela Lawrence reminded us in the service on 18th August:

'If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there", and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.' (Matthew 17:20)

I am not suggesting that we will have to move mountains (very difficult in Essex!) but we may have some challenging times ahead. We are very fortunate that we have many talents amongst us. These talents of leadership, enabling, management, care, and teamwork will guide us through the months ahead. Most importantly we can offer each other Christian love which will sustain us and give us reassurance when our future seems uncertain:

'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God' (1John 4:7).

Chris Willis



Family News

This summer was the summer of many celebrations including
Chris and Mick 45th Wedding Anniversary
Special birthday celebrations for Evelyn and Pat
The wedding of Angelina and Adam
Six child/infant baptisms
The birth of a great niece to Mandy and Gerry
Toni and Katherine completing a 26 mile walk in aid of Macmillan



We also said goodbye to Dorothee, Jonathan, Elijah and Jeremiah who start a new chapter of their life in Salzburg, Austria and we pray for the Elders as they lead Trinity during this time without a Minister.

We pray for those members of our congregation who are unwell or facing uncertainty. At this time we especially think of Ian & Meryl and Frank & Margaret.

We think of those unable to worship with us at present and especially Doris, Doreen, Kath and Joan.

If you have any item you wish to be included in Family News, please contact one of the Elders.

Thank you

Thank You

A very big thank you for the response to my appeal for food donations for the Foodbank. Your generosity shown through the donations is very much appreciated.

Chris Willis

Many thanks to all my friends at Trinity for the lovely cards and warm wishes for my 90th birthday—and also for the wonderful support I have received during the last five years.

Edna Cornett

Birthdays

Birthday Greetings to:

Miah Sutherland who will be 11 years on 21st September

Important message !

There have been incidents recently of homeless people / people in need coming to church and coffee mornings asking for help.

As a church community it is important that we show these people our Christian love and concern by assisting them in whatever way we can. As well as offering a drink and a listening ear, they can be signposted to local organisations in Romford that can offer further assistance and accommodation. Please do not be tempted to offer money as it is not church policy and all the organisations that work with homeless people advise against it. If a person needs help to get to Romford, then a rail ticket or bus fare can be purchased and reimbursement will be given by the church.

LOCAL HELP FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

Hope4Havering 01708 226972

There is a night shelter in Romford open every night of the week. For a place at the night shelter people have to be referred by the Public Advice and Service Centre (Havering Council). The PASC Centre is where the public can access a range of local services in one place.

The PASC is in Romford's Liberty Shopping Centre. Lifts and stairs to the PASC are located via the walkway between H and M and Next shops, opposite the public toilets.

When the shopping centre is closed then the number to ring is 01708 433999.

The night shelter also run a drop-in service from 9am-12 for advice and help. The shelter is at 4 Atlanta Boulevard, Romford (opposite Lidl). **People cannot go to the night shelter without a referral from the PASC centre.**

The Salvation Army

High Street, Romford RM1 1JJ 01708 380280

They run a drop-in advice centre and lunch for rough sleepers on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 1.30-3.30pm. On Sundays they provide a drop-in lunch service only from 1-3pm.

StreetLink

If you are concerned about someone you have seen sleeping rough, StreetLink will send the details to the local homelessness outreach team so that they can locate the person and connect them to support services. StreetLink can be contacted via their website, mobile app or phone line: www.streetlink.org.uk 0300 500 0914

Harold Hill Foodbank

Open Monday-Friday 10.30am-1.30pm. Unit 1 Guardian Business Centre, Faringdon Avenue, Harold Hill, RM3 8FD.

People must have a voucher to take to the Foodbank and these are available at Trinity via Dorothee or Chris Willis.

Lists of the above organisations will be kept in the vestry and in the small kitchen

Chris Willis

Message from the Elders

The Elders have been reviewing the 2018 Christmas services and events and concluded that providing refreshments was difficult as very few people had come forward to help.

We would like to continue to offer refreshments after Christmas events and services but in order to do so volunteers are needed. The dates for this year are:

1st December - Mulley's Bereavement service

20th December – KCG concert

22nd December – Carols by Candlelight

Although it is very early in the year to be thinking about Christmas, could you please give the dates your consideration and let Chris Willis know if you could help. 3-4 people are needed for each occasion. Thank you

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again we are organising a coffee morning to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief, as part of their annual fundraising event the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning".

FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge

Could you support the event by:

baking cakes	serving coffee
selling cakes	counting the money
washing-up	making a donation
donating a raffle prize	drinking coffee

If you can help in any way please contact Pam Addis 220460

Social & Fundraising

Unfortunately we had to cancel the August Lawn Sale because of the bad weather.

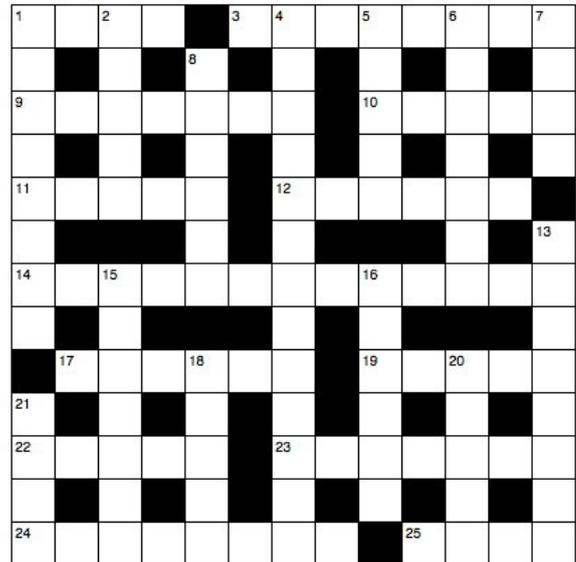
Fingers crossed that the September Lawn Sale, on Saturday 14th, will be held in glorious sunshine!! If you are able to help put up the gazebo at 8.30am on the day we would be very grateful. Help would also be appreciated during the morning and to assist with clearing up at the end.

We are running a Quiz Evening on Saturday 28th September. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles (no food provided) Tickets cost £6 and we will be holding a raffle. Please let Sonia or Pat know if you are coming All proceeds to the Whitechapel Mission.

Puzzle Page (answers on page 9)

Across

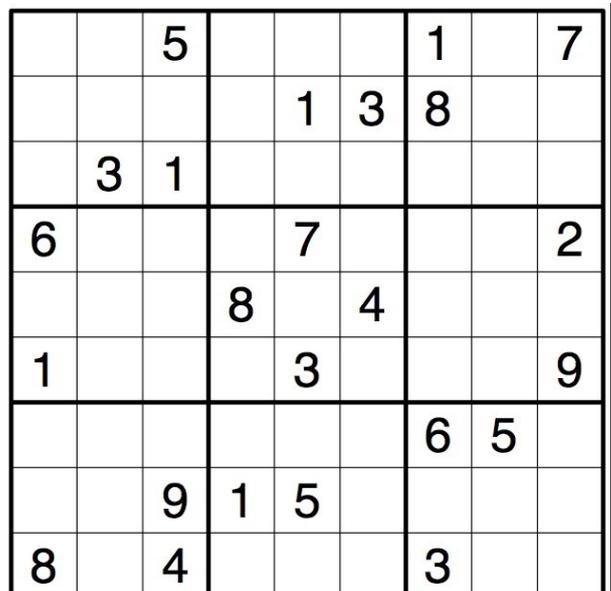
- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)



- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)



Brands, Packaging and Advertising

How much has Britain transformed during the past couple of centuries? Everyone has heard stories from their grandparents or had conversations that begin “In my day ...” but without living through the changes, it is difficult to appreciate the various progress that has been achieved. History books can provide the (mostly) factual accounts of significant events such as the world wars and political matters, but what about the general lives of the British population? How can day-to-day life be preserved so that it does not get consigned to oblivion? The Museum of Brands, Packaging and Advertising near Notting Hill, London, has the answer.

Located in the old London Lighthouse near Notting Hill – a residential establishment for people living with HIV or AIDS – the Museum of Brands has filled the building with over 12,000 original items owned by Britons throughout the past couple of centuries, from the Victorian-era to the present day.

The owner of the collection, Robert Opie, had the vision of unravelling the history of consumer products and preserving the design of packaging from bygone days. Opie states, “I was struck by the idea that I should save the packaging which would otherwise surely disappear forever. The collection offers evidence of a dynamic commercial system that delivers thousands of desirable items from all corners of the world, a feat arguably more complex than sending man to the Moon, but one still taken for granted.” Since 1984, this precious collection has been on display and continues to grow, marking the history and refashioning of consumer culture.

The main attraction of the museum is an extensive Time Tunnel that takes visitors on a long journey from the Victorian-era until the present day, passing through the Edwardian-era; the world wars; art nouveau and art deco movements; the space age; psychedelia; decimalisation; and the development of digital technology. From fashion to food packaging and toys and games, the exhibition includes examples of every commodity available in Britain throughout the time periods, revealing what has changed, what has disappeared and what has remained relatively the same.

One of the first items on show is a jigsaw puzzle dating back to the 1800s. Unlike today where it is possible to get any image desired on carefully cut out tessellating pieces of paperboard, these originals, the first thought to have been produced in the 1760s by John Spilsbury (1739-69), were only maps mounted onto pieces of hardwood. Instead of the oddly shaped segments, the cuttings were made along national boundaries to create a puzzle that served as a visual teaching aid for geography. Since the saws that gave jigsaw puzzles their name had not yet come into use, the puzzles were aptly called “dissected puzzles”.

As the exhibition proves, jigsaws have remained popular since their conception, providing entertainment for families of all classes, particularly during the early 1900s. Although sales fell after the Second World War, jigsaws are an existing product that will continue to connect the present with the past.

Another consumer product that makes a continuous appearance from beginning to end is the magazine. When the British retailer, *W. H. Smith*, began opening newsstands at railway stations in 1846, the newspaper and magazine became easily obtainable by the majority of the public. Although printing presses had been in use for some time, illustrations were only beginning to make appearances on these popular publications.

The Illustrated London News was the world’s first illustrated weekly magazine and was founded by Herbert Ingram (1811-60) in 1842. Initially, draughtsmen and engravers were commissioned to produce the illustrations for the magazine, eventually assigning other artists to take part as printing methods improved. In due course, photographers were invited to contribute their snapshots for publications.

The public was introduced to writers such as Robert Louis Stevenson, Thomas Hardy, J. M. Barrie and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle through the issues of *The Illustrated London News*. The latter, famous for his *Sherlock Holmes* stories, was also affiliated with another British magazine, *The Strand* (1891-1950). Between its beginning and 1930, *The Strand* published 121 short stories and 9 novels by the famous author and sold approximately 500,000 copies each month.

As social interests changed, so did magazines. New topics and ideas were introduced and discussed through this public medium, bringing news of the world and gossip about people in the limelight – not much different from magazines today. A monthly periodical was established for middle-class women focusing on themes such as fashion, needlework and craft. *The Young Ladies Journal* ran from 1864 until the beginning of World War One, which was, incidentally, a time for the reorganisation of social stereotypes as a result of the protests led by the Suffragettes.

Magazine contents and formats were continuously updated as the world adapted to events and developments over the following years. In wartime, the publications focused on relevant articles, helping readers to come to terms with and survive the dreadful years. Soon, digital technology would revolutionise printing methods, allowing for thousands of different genres of magazines to be produced. Topics have been covered from sport to motorcars, from pop music to children’s television, and beauty to celebrity gossip.

Brands, Packaging and Advertising (cont.)

As visitors make their way around the museum, the products on show help to illustrate British history. Events, such as the Great Exhibition of 1851 in Hyde Park brought many new products to Britain with over seventeen thousand exhibitors supplying “art and industry of all nations”. Other public fairs, for instance, the Franco-British Exhibition (1908) near Shepherds Bush and the British Empire Exhibition (1924) in Wembley Park, also helped to strengthen bonds and trading with other countries. As these were significant events on the British calendar, memorabilia were sold to immortalise the experience.

Other occasions whose memories have been saved are the coronation of the kings succeeding Queen Victoria leading up to the present queen. With tea sets, postcards and special coins, the various accessions to the throne are documented – including Edward VIII who abdicated resulting in many inaccurate products – as well as jubilees and numerous royal weddings.

Despite there being so many in the collection, magazines, jigsaws and royal memorabilia only amount to a small portion of the exhibition. The majority is in the form of old packaging from food, sweets, toiletries, cigarettes and other expendable items. On the other hand, there are larger, more permanent objects such as radios and televisions.

The influences on leisure and entertainment are interesting to perceive, particularly the effects of war and technical modernisation. Pre-digital lifestyles involved different forms of amusement including innovative toys for children, family board games and other activities, some that may be questioned by today’s moral standards and health and safety guidelines.

Producers of board games took advantage of the World Wars to create unique games to keep children entertained. As young boys dreamed of being soldiers, board game publishers such as Lowe and Carr invented controversial games such as *War Tactics or Can Great Britain be Invaded?* in which players were intent on capturing the enemy. The war-themed recreational fun continued during WW2 with more board games including Chad Valley’s *All Clear Shooting Game*.

It is highly likely parents today would protest if such games were to be brought back onto the market, preferring their children to play with mindboggling, unrealistic toys based on the latest television craze. From the 1950s onwards, space and aliens have been predominant in children’s merchandise particularly due to television shows and films such as *Doctor Who* and *Star Wars*.

Amongst these forms of entertainment and mementoes are the typical products and packages that would be found in general homes throughout Britain. The Time Tunnel shows the gradual changes in size, design and type of comestibles that made up the contents of kitchen cupboards.

Towards the final section of the museum is the opportunity to watch early television adverts that many may remember seeing on their screens in the 60s, 70s and 80s. It is a great insight into the promotion techniques of advertisers of the past as well as a historical documentation of society and consumerism. Putting lack of colour and access to digital technology to one side, these advertisements would not work in the twenty-first century. Fashion, fads, ideas and culture have altered almost beyond recognition, leaving these broadcasts seeming remarkably ancient, despite only being a few decades old.

The Museum of Brands, Packaging and Advertising helpfully provides brief explanations about the different British time periods and certain items in the collection. However, the contents mostly speak for themselves. From Queen Victoria’s reign until Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee, the evolution of British commodities is evident through the enormous hoard of packaging, toys, newspapers and household items. Not only is it a treasure trove for designers to explore, it is a trip down memory lane for the majority of visitors.

For £9, visitors have access to the entire exhibition and can spend as long as they wish to study the objects of their personal history. The museum provides a selection of drinks and light refreshments in their café and encourages their guests to investigate their herbaceous perennials and sub-tropical plants in their courtyard garden. To finish off, their gift shop contains something for every generation, including books, toys, jigsaws, posters, postcards and a number of other fun souvenirs.

The Museum is just a two-minute walk from the world famous Portobello Road and is located in Ladbrooke Grove, not far from Notting Hill. Opened Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, and Sundays 11am-5pm. Hazel Stainer

Message from Dorothee

Dear Friends in the Heath & havering Group

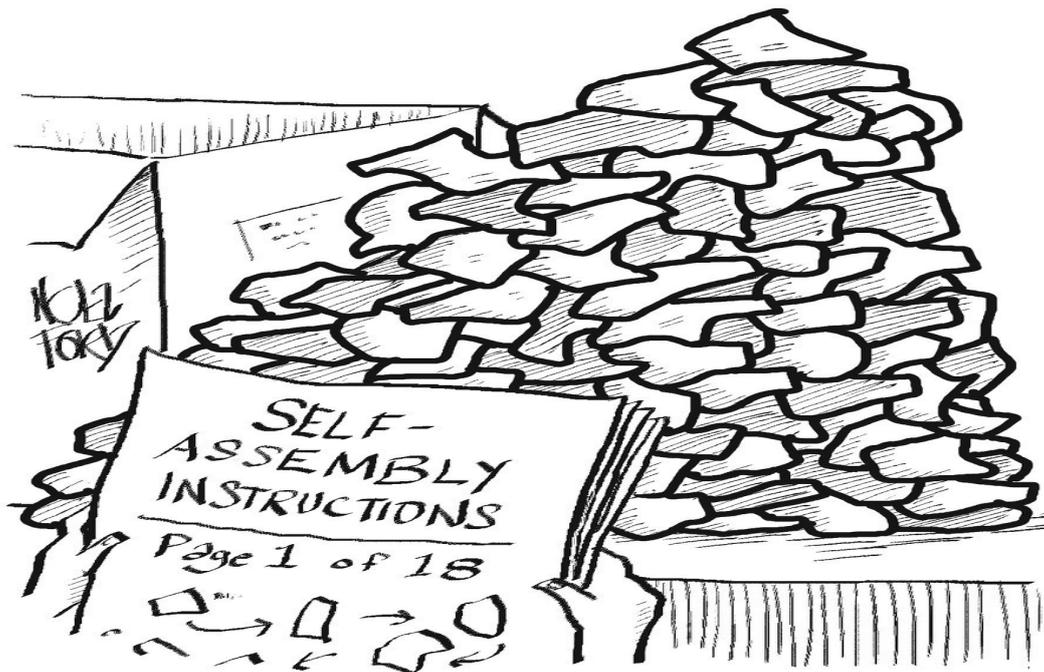
Thank you so much for the past six years of journeying together as followers of Jesus. We felt very much part of the churches and the local community. You will be in my thoughts and prayers even if I am now longer ministering among you.

We had a great time marking my farewell during the H & H AGM in July—thanks to everyone who came and made the evening special!!

Also thank you for your very kind and generous gift. It will provide more seating in our new living room - so if you ever pop over, we can invite you to join us for some coffee/tea and cake!

We miss you all, but we trust that God is with us—wherever life takes us!

With love and blessings from Dorothee, and from Jonathan, Elijah and Jeremiah.

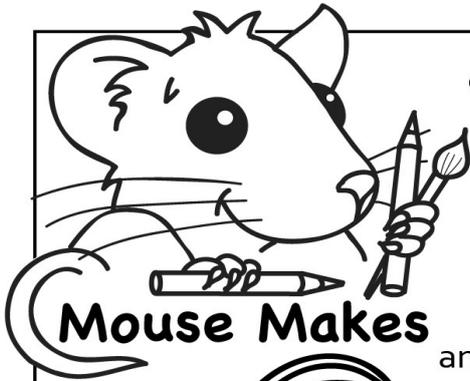


The vicar was already regretting ordering the new stained - glass window from IKEA

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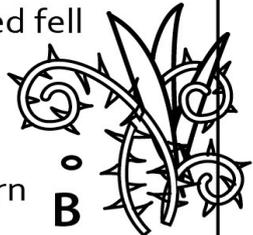
Children's Page



Read the story in Mark 1:1-20



Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he scattered the seed in the field some of it fell along the path where it was stepped on and eaten by the birds. Some of it fell on rocky ground, when the plants sprouted they dried up because the soil was dry. Some of the seed fell among thorns which grew up with the plants and choked them, and some seed fell in the good soil; the plants grew and produced corn - a hundred grains each!



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Saturday Coffee Rota

7 Sept	Badminton		
14 Sept	Margaret Sida	Leann Copping	Susan Neville
21 Sept	Jacquie Chapman	Pam & Mike Addis	
28 Sept	Guides / Brownies		
5 Oct	Heather Stainer	Evelyn Charlton	Mandy Haines



Sunday Coffee Rota

1 Sept	Eileen Pullin	Heather Stainer
8 Sept	Pam Addis	Mandy Haines
15 Sept	Margaret Sida	Jane Whittington
22 Sept	Susan Neville	Brenda Mole
29 Sept	Eileen Pullin	Heather Stainer

Flower Rota



	WW 1	Communion	WWW 2
1 Sept	heather & Evelyn	-	heather & Evelyn
8 Sept	Clare Brindle	Clare Brindle	Clare Brindle
15 Sept	Frank Sida	Brenda Mole	Frank Sida
22 Sept	Linda Legrand	Linda Legrand	Linda Legrand
29 Sept		Susan Neville	
6 Oct	Mandy Haines	-	Mandy Haines

Messenger Deadline for October issue

Please submit any articles for the October issue by 6pm on Wednesday 18th September with dates up to and including 31st October. The Messenger will be ready for distribution on Sunday 29th September.

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Diary September

Sun 1 9.30am Morning Worship inc Communion - Worship Group

Thurs 5 11.30am Service at Freshfields

1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Sat 7 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning – Group A

Sun 8 9.30am Morning Worship – Worship Group

Thurs 12 1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Sat 14 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning – Group B

10 00am Lawn Sale

Sun 15 9.30am Morning Worship – Revd Ann Woodhurst -

Wed 18 6.00pm Messenger Deadline

Thurs 19 1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Sat 21 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning – Group C

Sun 22 9.30am Morning Worship – Fredwyn Hosier

Thurs 26 1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Fri 27 10.30am MacMillan Coffee Morning

Sat 28 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning – Group D

7.00pm Quiz Evening

Sun 29 9.30am Morning Worship – Trevor Cottrell

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Worship

Sunday Morning Worship 9.30am

Holy Communion 1st Sunday in month

All-age Worship and Parade (term time) 2nd Sunday in month

Young Church 3rd Sunday in month

Saturday Morning Prayers—in the Chapel 9.30am

Weekly Programme

Monday	Beavers	6pm
	Explorer Scout Unit (as arranged)	7.30pm
Tuesday	Cubs	6.30pm
Wednesday	Badminton Club	8pm
Thursday	Trinity Leisure Club TLC	1pm
	Rainbows	5.30pm
	Brownies	5.45pm
	Guides	7.30pm
Friday	Parent & Toddler Group	9.30am
	Scouts at Methodist	7.15pm
Saturday	Coffee Morning	10 am