

Trinity Church Centre  
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## **Our Minister writes**

Ninety eight per cent of Christians spend 95% of their waking lives 'on the frontline' – in shops and schools and shelters, in homes and offices and gyms. Those who were in church on 29 October will recall that I introduced what will be a series of sermons under the heading 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline'. With Christ, there is no ordinary. With Christ, every encounter, every task, every situation brims with divine possibility. What if every Christian – and that means all of us - went out into our bit of God's world confident that God can work through us, confident that Jesus is good news for the people we meet, good news for the things we do, good news for the organisations we engage in. Over this series of sermons, we'll consider different ways in which we can be the Good News which can help transform the world and the lives of those with whom we share the world. We'll be thinking about how we can ...

*Model Godly Character* – On our frontline godly character is both developed and displayed. How do we model the fruits of the Spirit where we are day-by-day?

*Make Good Work* – There is dignity and value in the everyday tasks that we do. What would it mean if we saw how our tasks and work can be done with and for God?

*Minister Grace and Love* – In the light of the grace that God has shown to us, how might we minister grace and love to those we interact with on our frontlines?

*Mould Culture* -What can we affirm about the way we 'do life round here'? How can we influence the culture on our frontlines so people flourish?

*Be a Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice* – How might we become champions of right living and fair dealing on our frontlines and courageous enough to speak up when necessary?

*Be a Messenger of the Gospel* – How might we grow in confidence in talking about Jesus with people on our frontlines? Can we see pathways for sharing the Gospel where we are?

If we recognise that Jesus is there alongside us on all our frontlines, daily life may never be quite the same!

Every blessing, Jennet

## Family news

In December Jennet will welcome Stanley Wareing into our family at Trinity, by transfer, in a short Communion Service at Ostley House where he is now a resident and happily settled, having moved from Grange recently.



Paul Williams.

Paul died peacefully in FGH on 14<sup>th</sup> October with his family by his bedside. He had been bravely battling his illness for well over a year, but now his suffering is over. Paul was a true gentleman and a faithful servant of Christ who served in Bradford on Avon, and on moving to Barrow became a member at Abbey Methodist playing his part there as steward. He was a keen badminton and tennis player and served as chairman of the Badminton Club. When the three churches, Abbey and Hawcoat Methodist and Emmanuel URC united to become Trinity, Paul served as our first Co-ordinator, bringing all his organisational skills to the post. He also served faithfully as an elder and Trustee.

There's not enough space to describe all the work, much unseen, which he did for the church. He will be greatly missed by us all, but of course particularly by Linda, Caroline and Vikki and their respective husband and partner, and we want to assure them that our prayers are with them all at this time and will continue in the coming days.

Congratulations to Ed & Yvonne Farrow on the birth on November 7<sup>th</sup> of their granddaughter, Edith Charlotte, who will be known as Edie.

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### Flower rota



Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fund	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fund
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fund	Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Miss H McKinnon
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Smithers	Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fund
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fund	Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fund
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	Fund		

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## Concert



Once again we are lucky to have COME SING, the choir of the U3A, to sing to us at our concert on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm. It's a great afternoon. Admission is by donation, and includes refreshments.

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### **Action card for November 2017**



The world's present corporate trade model is failing people, communities and the environment.

Organisations have come together to develop the *Alternative Trade Mandate*. This calls for an overhaul of the trade regime - one that leads to alternatives, where trade works for everyone, and the environment. Unlike current trade negotiations consultations for this mandate have been participatory and transparent, and have highlighted areas of trade in need of reform.

**Trade should be about exchange**, with ecologically and culturally distinct regions equitably sharing their products, skills and creativity. In recent decades, it has become less about exchange of goods and more about eliminating social and environmental safeguards in pursuit of corporate profit. Trade is being used as a system of control by the powerful to promote the specific interests and wealth of the few.

### **Food and how we produce it**

Our globalised food system is failing our farmers, our health, and the environment. Mass food production by powerful corporations has failed to eliminate hunger for millions of people. Liberalised trade and lack of market regulation have led to farmers worldwide selling at prices below the cost of production, making farm livelihoods unsustainable.

### **To bring about change our UK government and EU legislators need to:**

- respect the right to food and 'food sovereignty', meaning that people in Europe and the Global South have the right to define and control their own local food systems.

- move away from multilateral and bilateral free trade rules that distort prices for farmers and lead to unequal access to natural resources.
- allow trading partners in developing countries to impose tariffs and quotas on imports designed to protect food security and farmers' livelihoods.
- ensure greater self-sufficiency in products that can be produced in Europe, especially protein and oil crops as alternatives for imports of (GMO) soybeans, palm oil and biofuels
- eliminate imports of biofuels to the EU and abandon its biofuels directive replacing it with other measures, such as "renewables".
- review policy on imported food products that cannot be produced in the EU.
- bring investment in food production and purchase of farmland in developing countries, (Land Grabbing), under new, binding investment agreements with human rights obligations.

PLEASE PRAY thoughtfully about these issues and support initiatives which seek to promote thought and action concerning them.

Material provided by Africa Europe Faith & Justice Network UK

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## 2 for 'T

This group will not meet in December, but in January we will be enjoying chair exercises with Bill Jenks and Christine, so why not come along and work off some excess weight after the festivities.



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## Churches Together in Barrow and District



There will be carol singing in the town centre on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please come along young and old and swell the throng. More details in weekly notices

The Agape meal will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, at St. Mary's Walney at 6:00 p.m. Fuller details later

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## Trinity Church Centre fund raising events 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Organiser/s</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	Norma & Brian	10-11.30am
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Burns Night	Sophie Carnaby	6-8pm
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	Friday badminton	10-11.30am
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Pie, Peas & Quiz	Mike	6-8pm
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	Audrey & Debbie	10-11.30am
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Schools' exhibition	Norma & Brian	10am-5pm
Mar tba	St James School Choir		2pm
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Easter Fayre		2-4pm
April 28 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Charity coffee morning	Marian Hetherington	10-11.30am
May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	'Ella' & Wendy	10-11.30am
May 19 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Scone Social	Norma & Brian	3-5pm
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Coffee morning		10-11.30am
June 14 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	'At home'	Audrey Jackson	2-4pm
July 7 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	Sue Millard	10-11.30am
Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee morning		10-11.30am
Sep 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	Fund raising	10-11.30am
Sep 7 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Blossom Time	Ros from Dodds	7.30pm
Sep 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Charity coffee morning	Janet & Kay	10-11.30am
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	Uniformed organisations	10-11.30am
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Pie, Peas & Quiz	Alan Garnett	6-8pm
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Charity Card/Gift Sale	Ed & Yvonne Farrow	9.30-11.30am
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	Uniformed organisations	10-11.30am
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Christmas Fayre		2-4pm
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Coffee morning	Bowls	10-11.30am
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Concert		4-6pm

## Messy Church



Messy Church on December 9<sup>th</sup> is a special Christmas one! Full of Christmas related information, food, and fun activities for families. It starts at 3pm. Start 2018 with Messy Church on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Action card for October 2017 – UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia**

#### A prayer for Yemen

*Dear Lord, author of our peace,*

*We bring before you the violence and suffering inflicted on the people of Yemen.*

*May governments find ways to place negotiation over confrontation, peacebuilding over military action, common purpose over sectarianism.*

*Thank you for the many that are bravely working to provide medicine and food in that desperate situation.*

*We ask for inspired leadership to help mediate in this conflict.*

*Guide our own government officials as they work alongside other Governments in the region, that they may ensure that the protection of civilians in conflict is placed above all other considerations.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who knows our suffering, who stood against injustice, and through whom we can hope to be transformed.*

*Amen*

The conflict in Yemen has killed over 10,000 civilians to date. It has caused nearly three million people to flee their homes and the country is now in the grip of a cholera epidemic. Human right groups have submitted evidence of atrocities against civilians and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has referenced allegations of violations of International Humanitarian Law by all parties.

Over the last two years there have been strikes on civilian targets by the Saudi Arabian air force and their coalition partners. This includes the bombing of a funeral event in Yemen that killed 140 civilians and injured an estimated 600 people. Saudi Arabia has acknowledged responsibility for this atrocity.

In December 2016 the United States cut some arms sales to Saudi Arabia citing concerns over civilian casualties. Despite the continued suffering

and grave questions around civilian casualties, the UK Government continues to sell arms to Saudi Arabia.

At a judicial review in the High court in London, numerous accounts were presented of the bombing of civilians that the claimants said amounted to gross violations of International Humanitarian Law. The Judicial Review on Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia was turned down by the High Court in July 2017. Even so we pray for those trapped in conflict and demand that the UK Government stops selling arms to Saudi Arabia due to the clear risk that they will be used contrary to international law.

*On behalf of Trinity Church Centre we have sent a card to Greg Clark MP, who is Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, expressing our concerns for what is happening in Yemen, and requesting that immediate action be taken to stop the British Government selling arms to Saudi Arabia*

Please pray for Yemen and the suffering occurring there.

Material supplied by Steve Husklesby, Methodist Church



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### Finance

Look out for important information about church finances in the new year!

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### Nativity and Toy service



**Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 11am**

This year we have been asked to look towards the 8 to 12 age group children-games, activities, books (this is the age group least served by generous donations), but all gifts will be gratefully received when Kay and Janet share them between Action for Children & the Furness Homeless Shelter. Also wrapping paper & tape are very welcome. Thank you.

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### Bible Society



Yvonne would be pleased to receive all Bible Society boxes at the beginning of December so that the money may be sent to the Society in the New Year.

Many thanks to all those who continue to support the work of the charity

## Christingle



A Christingle is made up of an orange representing the world with a red ribbon around it representing the blood of Jesus. Fruits and sweets (usually dolly mixtures) are skewered on 4 cocktail sticks which are pushed into the orange representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons. And finally a lighted candle is pushed into the centre of the orange representing Christ, the light of the world

### Making a Christingle

- Fasten a piece of red sticky tape or ribbon around the middle of the orange.
- Cut a small cross in the top of each orange (place it on a tray to catch the juice) and lay a square of silver foil (75mm/3in square) over the cross.
- Place a candle on top and wedge it firmly into the orange. The foil will help prevent hot wax running onto a child's hand.
- Load four cocktail sticks with raisins, sultanas, cherries or soft sweets and insert them into the orange around the base of the candle.
- **Bring it with you when you come to our Christingle service at 5pm on Christmas Eve**



### Junior Mission for All (JMA) awards

What a pleasure it was to have Yvonne Blacklley lead our worship on 15<sup>th</sup> October. During our service the certificates and badges were presented to our mission box holders, who have collected money throughout the 2017 for JMA and the World Mission Fund,, thanks to the generosity and dedication of all our supporters and collectors, £590.93 has been raised for this important work

£555.93 in JMA fund boxes

£35.00 in World Mission boxes

This is a wonderful result

In Yvonne Blacklley's capable hands our service was very meaningful and much appreciated, and we gained three new box holders at the end of the service!

From an appreciative JMA and World Mission secretary 'Well done' and 'Thank you'. I am grateful to you all for your continued support. It means a lot to me

Collecting boxes are always available, and if anyone else feels that they too are able to support this worthy cause, do have a word with me

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### **Book sales**

Thank you to those who support the " book corner " . A total of £158 has been raised for Church funds in the last year. A wonderful total so please keep bringing and buying books

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### **Church lunch**



Our Church Christmas dinner will be on the 10th December following the morning service. There will be a list in the Atrium until the 8th December for you to sign if you want to come

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### **Christmas greetings**

Christmas greetings and good wishes for 2018 to all their friends from:

Dinah Carrott

Christine Bird

Ray & Sue Millard

Bob & Daphne Watkinson

Brian & Norma Whittaker

Ed & Yvonne Farrow

Maureen Gill

Hazel Rayner

Janet & Alan Ladds

Kay & Brian Sharp

Judith Smithers

Margaret Manvell

Val Parkinson

Alan Garnett

Marian Stokes

Margaret & Ian Lawson

Olive Clare

Linda Williams

Jennet & Neil McLeod

Bruce & Margaret Holme

Audrey Jackson

Debbie, Nicole & Chloe Jackson



## What's on at TCC

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10-11.30am Coffee morning  
4pm Concert by COME SING, the U3A choir. Admission by donation, which includes refreshments
- 5<sup>th</sup>** 10 am coffee, then informal communion in the lounge at 10.30am
- 9<sup>th</sup>** 3-5pm Christmas Messy Church
- 10<sup>th</sup>** Church Christmas lunch after the morning service. Please sign the notice in the atrium by December 8<sup>th</sup> if you want to come
- 13<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 -10.30pm Play any Board Game. Enjoy strategic games
- 20<sup>th</sup>** 11am Christmas service at Risedale Retirement Home
- 24<sup>th</sup>** 5pm Christingle services  
11.15pm Communion and carols
- 25<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Christmas celebration services

### January

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10 am coffee, then informal communion in the lounge at 10.30am
- 6<sup>th</sup>** 10-11.30am Coffee morning
- 10<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 -10.30pm Play any Board Game. A club for adults
- 13<sup>th</sup>** 3-5pm Messy Church
- 17<sup>th</sup>** 11am Service at Risedale Retirement Home
- 24<sup>th</sup>** 2pm 2 for T - Refreshments, company, entertainment, free!  
7.30 -10.30pm Play any Board Game.
- 26<sup>th</sup>** 6-8pm Burns Night celebration

### Our regular weekday activities

- Monday** 12.45 – 2.45pm parent & toddler group  
7 pm – about 9pm Bible study
- Tuesday** 1.30- 3.45pm Indoor bowls  
5.30 – 7pm Brownies, for girls 7 to 10 years old  
5.45 – 6.45pm Rainbows, for girls 5 to 7 yrs old  
7.15– 9pm Guides, for girls 10 to 14 years old  
7.15 – 9pm Senior Guides, girls 14-25 yrs old
- Wednesday** 9.30 – 11.30am parent & toddler group  
6.15– 7.30pm junior badminton  
7.30 – 10pm badminton
- Thursday** 8.45 - 9.30am prayer group  
6 - 8pm Brownies, for girls 7 to 10 years old
- Friday** 1.30 – 4pm badminton

### **Services in December**

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| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 11.00am | Miss K. Edmondson                                                           |
|                         | 4.00pm  | Furness Chorale Music for Advent & Christmas<br>Beacon Hill worship with us |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Toy Service and Nativity Rev. J. McLeod                                     |
|                         | 4.00pm  | Rev.J. McLeod Healing Service                                               |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Mrs J. Ladds                                                                |
|                         | 4.00pm  | Carol Service at Baptist Church                                             |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Sophie Carnaby                                                              |
|                         | 5.00pm  | Christingle - Rev. J. McLeod                                                |
|                         | 11.15pm | Communion service with carols Rev. J. McLeod                                |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Celebration – Rev J McLeod                                                  |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> | 11.00am | Rev. R. Wilson Communion - Ramsden St &<br>Abbey Rd. Baptist join us        |

No evening Service

### **Services in January**

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| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00am | Rev. D. Jackson                   |
|                         | 4.00pm  | Rev. J.McLeod                     |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Mr. A. Ladds                      |
|                         | 4.00pm  | Rev. R. Wilson Healing Service    |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> | 11.00am | Rev. J. McLeod                    |
|                         | 4.00pm  | Sophie Carnaby                    |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Sophie Carnaby Communion          |
|                         | 4.00pm  | Rev. J. McLeod Reflective Service |

**Please let me have your contributions for the February/March Newsletter by Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Sue Millard.**

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