

Celebrate 25 years of
Trinity Church Centre
with our February/March
Newsletter



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Our Minister writes

Some time ago, I conducted the funeral of a very elderly lady. Present at the service was her youngest great grandchild, just eight weeks' old and bearing the same Christian name as her greatgrandma. In the dark days of winter, with the last leaves gone from the trees, it caused me to reflect on the amazing cycle of life – that constant circle of birth, death and new birth. This magazine will reach you shortly after a new year began.

The cycle of the seasons is of course wonderfully predictable – we know that spring will follow winter and we find hope and assurance in that as we pull the curtains on another dismal, dark afternoon. Of course, we know that when the leaves fall, the tree will produce the same sort of leaf when the buds open in spring. Human life, however, is a little less predictable.

That little baby may bear the same name, she may even have the same colour hair and eyes but even now, several years on, it won't be possible to tell what kind of person she will grow up to be. Her particular gifts and talents, likes and dislikes may be completely different and her journey though life will almost certainly bear little resemblance to that of her great grandma, for she will live in a different world. Her great grandma's life will continue in her, but it will be a different life.

Our own lives follow the same pattern. As we journey, we change. We often have to leave behind those things that have defined life for us and sometimes we do so with regret, holding on as long as we can before moving into an unknown future.

The cycle of life is just as true for the church – and indeed for any other organisation. Things will inevitably 'change and decay' as the hymn writer observed, but our task is to trust God and to look for the signs of new growth that we need to cultivate. We cannot know what that new life will look like before it grows – it will bear some characteristics of the old, but will also be different. In 2019 we will continue to seek discern the way forward for Trinity.

Over Christmas, Sophie did a really encouraging exercise with you in which you hung on the Christmas tree gift tags identifying the many ways in which the church is fruitful - contributing to the wellbeing of its members, the local community and the wider world. But thinking of fruitfulness is also a reminder that we must never be complacent, because 'God hasn't finished with us yet.'

We need constantly to be asking ourselves where we see signs of new things growing and, if necessary, to prune away those things that have run their course so we can cultivate that new growth. And each of us must ever be prayerfully asking what new part God might be calling us personally to play in his plans for Trinity and his Kingdom.

Perhaps that could be your new year's resolution?

Every blessing for 2019 and beyond ... Jennet

Action card

Action Card December 2018

Material provided by Christians Aware

The End of World War One Hearts at Peace?



On November 11th, 2018 the end of World War One was marked by church bells ringing and beacons being lit all over Britain.

World War One broke out on 28th July, 1914. It ended on November 11, 1918. Between 9 and 10 million soldiers died and 21 million were injured. 7 million civilians died. Most British people supported the idea of a war at this time, thinking that Britain should support France and Belgium against German aggression. What is surprising perhaps is how much Christians really struggled to decide whether or not the First World War was just and whether they should fight or be pacifist, inspired by Jesus' teaching to turn the other cheek.

Canon Alan Wilkinson's book, 'The Church of England and the First World War'¹ shows clearly that many Christians saw the war as righteous whilst others resisted this view and struggled with whether to be pacifist or not. It offers discussion of pacifism and militarism.

Frederick Lewis Donaldson was a clergyman who became a pacifist.² He was brave enough to condemn the war when it was at its most popular, when Germany was retreating in early September 1914. He said that not only did he condemn the killing, but also the hatred of another people which was stirred up. He was one of a small minority.

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy was an Anglican priest who volunteered on the Western Front in World War One. He offered spiritual support and cigarettes to the soldiers, and became known as 'Woodbine Willie.' He came to realise the cruelty and futility of war and when peace came he campaigned for the poor.³ The Battle of the Somme was a turning point for Geoffrey S Kennedy. He went to the front with the soldiers and spent his time giving comfort to the dying, burying the dead and writing to their families. He said that he tried to 'keep the hope of heaven alive.' Later, when the war was over, he wrote about 'the cruelty, folly and waste of war.' How many people were at peace when World War One ended? The terrible suffering did not lead to a change in the human condition, so that a second world war followed, and other wars followed and follow that, even today.

Did the beacons of light shine strongly enough on November 11th to show a new way, along paths of peace and hope for all, and in the footsteps of the Christ child?

Action:

Identify a situation of conflict and examine its causes.

Pray for peace-making and offer suitable support for the people.

Possible places to explore: Yemen, Burma, Gaza, South Sudan and many others.

- 1 'The Church of England and the First World War' Alan Wilkinson 1978 and reprinted in 2014. Lutterworth Press
- 2 'Vicar of the Unemployed' , Barbara Butler 2005 University of Leicester Available from Christians Aware
- 3 'Woodbine Willie' Bob Holman 2013 Lion Books



Small Change Box

Many thanks to all who give to the small change box. A total of £107 was raised for church funds in 2018! The small change box is on the table at the back of church. It happily receives any small change you want to find a home for! Linda Williams

Messy Church



MESSY CHURCH is on Saturday 9th February and Saturday 9th March, from 3-5pm. It's getting really popular, but you can only come and enjoy this if you bring a child with you, or if you're a child, bring an adult with you – or you could come as a helper. Fun, fellowship, food – all free!



Saturday 2nd March from 10.00am - Coffee Morning. The Coffee Morning will continue into the beginning of our celebration of the 25th anniversary of the opening of Trinity Church Centre. Light lunches and cream teas will be served until 3.00pm, and visitors will be entertained with **music**. We'd love this to be mainly live music, so if you're able to help, or if you feel you'd like to do a stint of DJ-ing, please let Brian or Norma Whittaker know.

Additionally we plan to have an **exhibition**, so if you have any photos of past events (baptisms/weddings etc), or items of interest, we would like to borrow them to display during the weekends celebrations.

We'll also be collecting for the future refurbishment of our premises – celebrating the past 25 years of Trinity Church Centre by looking forward, to the next 25 years of Trinity Church Centre

After the morning service on March 3rd there'll be a church lunch. Look out for further details of this celebratory meal!

Flower rota

Feb 3 rd	Fund	Feb 24 th	Mrs Millard	Mar 17 th	Fund
Feb 10 th	Fund	Mar 3 rd	Fund	Mar 24 th	Mrs M Austen
Feb 17 th	Mrs Millard	Mar 10 th	Fund	Mar 31 st	Fund



Many thanks for donations to the Flower Fund, which have been received from Mrs M Cowell and Mrs E Brockbank, (in memory of Miss Brown and Miss Barrett)

Action card

Action Card - January 2019

Material provided by Christians Aware



Holocaust Memorial. Torn from Home

On January 27th we remembered the most heinous act of the murder of more than 6 million Jewish people by Nazi Germany. The persecution was cruelly planned by an evil regime, and aimed to annihilate all Jews. The word 'Shoah' is a Hebrew word which means devastation. It is sometimes used instead of 'Holocaust' in reference to the horrors which took place.

Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and well-known novelist offers us all a challenge in relation to the Holocaust:

1. *The event took place. One must speak.*
2. *The event defies description. One cannot speak.*
3. *The event suggests an alternative. One could choose silence.*
4. *The event precludes silence. One must become a messenger.*
5. *The event suggests a certain kind of message. One can be a 'teller of tales'.*

The tale we are asked to tell in 2019 is that during World War Two Jewish people were violently torn from their homes, to be incarcerated and then killed. One tale we might share is of the Jews of Krachow who were forced into a ghetto and then into a death camp.

In the ghetto, where the Jews were taken before being moved on to Belzac, the local death camp, there is now a wide-open space where only the entrance gate, in the form of a tombstone, still stands. A work of art has been placed there, of rows of empty chairs, symbolical of the chairs people used to carry their goods into the ghetto. The photos of some of the people carrying the chairs, with some of their stories, may be found in the local museum.

When we think about chairs it is good to think of the people who sat in them, perhaps at home with their families. The word 'home' has many associations. For many of us who live in Western Europe it represents family, comfort, food, relaxation and above all safety. The Holocaust Memorial, held on January 27th, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, encouraged us all to reflect on what it means to be 'torn from home,' as so many people were at the time of the Holocaust, and as many people still are today in our suffering world. We may also remember the people of Rwanda at this time. It is 25 years since the genocide there. We may remember all refugees and people who are trafficked.

Possible Actions:

Hold a prayer vigil for all those who are torn from their homes.

Ask Christians Aware for stories of Holocaust survivors and refugees. eliam.christiansaware@outlook



BIBLE STORIES EXHIBITION

March 18th - 23rd is the "Bible Stories " exhibition. This is being extremely well supported by the schools, with 10 schools exhibiting this year and hopefully many Rainbow/Brownie/Guide and Church groups as well. Therefore we will need lots of help to show the school children around the exhibition and assist with the craft work.

During the week, morning coffee, lunches and teas will be served, and we will need help with this too. There will be a list to sign to say when you can help, so **please**, help as much as you can. Thank you

Bible Society



The total raised for the Bible Society during 2018 was £321.24. This includes £150 donated from the before church coffee fund. Many thanks to all who contribute. If you'd like to help by having a savings box,, please see Yvonne Farrow. Thank you

Commitment for life - Prayer Partners - Life giving faith, defiant hope, generous love.

Trees felling, Ground exposing
Rains falling, Mud forming
Shacks slipping, Desperation creeping
Hope fading, Help coming
Faith acting, Future clearing
Hope rising



Weekly activities at TCC

- Monday** 12.45 – 2.45pm - Parent & toddler group
7 pm – 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 years old
7.15 – 9pm - Guides, for girls 10 to 14 years old
7.15 – 9pm - Senior Guides, girls 14-25 years 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	- <i>Badminton</i>

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### What's on at TCC

#### February

|                   |                 |                                                                        |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 10 - 11.30am    | Coffee morning in the lounge                                           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 10 for 10.30 am | Informal communion in the lounge                                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.30 - 10.30pm  | Play any Board Game, in the lounge                                     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> ★ | 3 - 5.00pm      | Messy Church – free fun for families                                   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00pm          | International Evening – details to follow ★                            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 11am            | Service at Risedale Retirement Home                                    |
|                   | 7.30 - 10.30pm  | Play any Board Game, in the lounge                                     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 2pm ★           | 2 for Tea in the lounge - Mrs Irene Snell - local ghosts and Ulverston |

#### March

|                                     |                                                            |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> ★                   | 10 - 11.30am                                               | Coffee morning in the lounge – <b>see page 4</b> ★   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> ★                   | After morning service                                      | Celebratory church lunch<br><b>Details on page 4</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> ★ | Exhibition celebrating 25 years of Trinity Church Centre ★ |                                                      |
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## Services in February

|                  |         |                   |                            |
|------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 11.00am | Mrs J Ladds       |                            |
|                  | 4.00pm  | Ms Sophie Carnaby |                            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Mrs P Dent        |                            |
|                  | 4.00pm  | Rev M Williams    | Healing service, Communion |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Mrs H Edmondson   |                            |
|                  | 4.00pm  | Mrs D Watkinson   |                            |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Rev J McLeod      | Baptism                    |
|                  | 4.00pm  | Rev J McLeod      | Reflective service         |

## Services in March

|                  |         |                 |                                          |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 11.00am | Rev D Crouchley | Celebrating 25 years of TCC<br>Communion |
|                  | 4.00pm  | Mr C Mills      | Celebrating 25 years of TCC              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Mrs L Pearce    |                                          |
|                  | 4.00pm  | Rev Z Smith     | Healing service, Communion               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Mr A Ladds      |                                          |
|                  | 4.00pm  | Rev Z Smith     |                                          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Mrs P Dent      |                                          |
|                  | 4.00pm  | Rev J McLeod    | Reflective service                       |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | 11.00am | Mrs J Ladds     | Communion                                |
|                  | 6.30pm  | Ms S Carnaby    |                                          |

**Please let me have your contributions for the April / May Newsletter by Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

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**Thank you. Sue Millard**