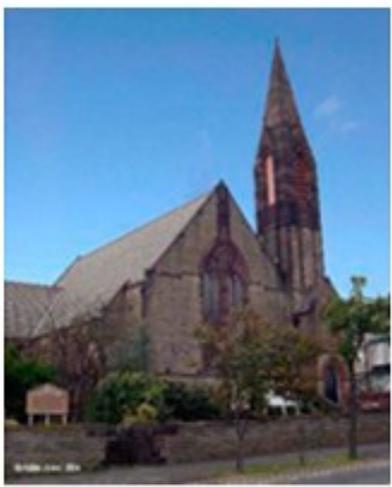
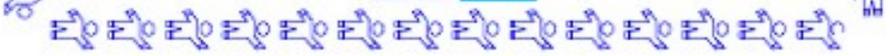




Trinity Church Centre Newsletter April & May 2019



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Elders/ Trustees Letter

When Paul writes to the Churches he always begins with a greeting which goes something like this 'From Paul an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ to God's holy people at...'

Since Jennet is still incapacitated, but, making slow progress, this letter comes from the Elders and Trustees and we follow Paul's example and greet All God's holy people at Trinity.

Within the magazine, which we trust you will read carefully, you will find a form. We urge everyone to fill in and return it. There are various reasons why we need it to be filled in and returned. It is some time since we last did this exercise, and we have to make certain our records are up to date, and that no errors have crept in. We need to comply with the new data protection law which came into force last year. We can assure you that the information we hold is for purely administrative purposes, and is never passed to any outside organisation.

We have come to a crucial stage in the life of our church. Over the past two or three years we have engaged with John Wareham from Transforming Communities and Churches, about our Mission, Witness and the usefulness, sustainability and suitability of our building for our work. We gave an architect some of the ideas that the elders and trustees had come up with, and he drew up a plan.

This plan has been displayed in the atrium for your comments. If you have anything you'd like to say about our proposed redevelopment, positive or negative, please note them in the book on the table beside the plan, or draw on the greaseproof sheet which is on top of the plan.

There are good reasons for embarking on our redevelopment scheme. We want to remain a warm, secure, safe and welcoming church. We have built up good relations with the local schools, in particular with Victoria Infants School. Messy Church is thriving, so our vision is to make our premises sustainable, more eco friendly, warm and welcoming.

Before we can make a final decision, we have to be certain that everyone is clear about the cost of ministry and the upkeep of our building as it is now. Maintaining a building of this age and size is a costly business, and we're finding it difficult. After redevelopment we hope to be able to earn more from lettings, and have lower maintenance costs

This is a breakdown of the yearly costs of running Trinity Church Centre

Yearly cost		Yearly cost	
Assessment	- - £46,200	Lift insurance	- - - - £344
Regent - Gas	- - - £4,750	Photocopier	- - - - £480
Swalec - Electricity	- - - £2,500	Copyright music licence	- - - - £563
Water Plus - Water	- - - - £552	Cleaner	- - - - £3,120
BT	- - - - £410	Gartec Lift maintenance	- - - - £415
Buildings insurance	- - - £4,284	Chubb maintenance	- - - - £100

**This means that every year we need £63,718, just to keep going -
£1,225.35 every week!**

At the moment we don't manage to raise that amount, even with income from lettings and all our fund raising events. **We realise that not everyone can increase their weekly giving**, but if we commit to going ahead with the redevelopment, we must be prepared to give sacrificially

At our Anniversary Service, which we're sure you'll agree was inspiring, we sang lustily: 'We'll go in the strength.' Many of us were challenged afresh particularly by the following verse:

We'll go in the strength of the Lord
 To conflicts which faith will require
 His grace as our shield and reward,
 Our courage and grace shall inspire
 Since he gives the word of command,
 To meet and encounter the foe
 With his sword of truth in our hand.

Let us 'Go in the strength of the Lord.'

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### Family news

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Janet conducted the baptisms of Neve and Heidi Owings, when they were brought by their Mum Jade and Dad Adam, along with many family members and friends. The bible reading - the story of Noah - was interactive, so the congregation made the appropriate noises, for Noah (I'm here), God



(Hallelujah,) the Ark, (Row row the boat) etc. We trust they enjoyed the service and look forward to seeing them at toddler group and Messy Church.

We are sad to report the death of Vera Martin, a long standing member of our church. Our love and prayers go to her family

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Christian Aid Week 2019 - 12th - 18th May.



Once again we will be supporting the work of Christian Aid both by asking you to donate through the red envelopes which may be delivered to your house, or you pick up in church, and by asking for your help in the House to House collection. If you feel that you could help with the House to House collection please let Bob Watkinson know. If you could take three or four envelopes and give them to family or friends that would be very helpful. If you are able to raise funds in any other way, please let Bob know

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*Please respond to the form on page 11*



**Action Card - February 2019**

Material provided by United Reformed Church

Dismantling the Hostile Environment

The 'hostile environment' is a web of UK government policies designed to make life so difficult for immigrants who cannot prove they have the right to live in Britain that they will choose to leave. It prevents anyone who cannot provide the right documentation - for whatever reason - from getting work, renting a home or accessing the kinds of services we all need to live. This is leading to destitution, racial discrimination and a culture of distrust and suspicion.

In spring 2018, revelations about the treatment of some members of the 'Windrush generation' of Commonwealth migrants shone a spotlight on the cruelties inflicted by the hostile environment. When these British citizens were unable to provide the required documentary evidence, they lost, or were at risk of losing jobs, homes and access to free NHS treatment. In some cases they were detained or deported.

The Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church have joined forces to call for the dismantling of the hostile environment. The Joint Public Issues Team report *Destitution, Discrimination and Distrust: the web of the hostile environment* – available at: [www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/endhostility](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/endhostility) – sets out how aspects of the policies run counter to Christian teaching, and highlights three particular concerns:

1. **Destitution** - as a policy tool to encourage people to leave the country by preventing access to essential services. As Christians, we affirm the dignity of every human being and do not believe that destitution should be used as a tool of government policy.
2. **Discrimination** - by expecting landlords, employers or healthcare workers to make decisions about eligibility, the risk of discrimination based on assumptions and prejudice is increased. As Christians, we believe that racism and other forms of discrimination are a denial of the Gospel.
3. **Distrust** - it effectively internalises border controls, meaning many more of us are now expected to help police immigration policy. As Christians we believe that God calls us into relationships founded on mutuality and interdependence, not distrust and suspicion.

On behalf of Trinity Church Centre we have sent a card to our local MP, Mr John Woodcock, calling for an end to the hostile environment ,and suggesting that this should start with a full independent review of Home Office immigration policy and practice, to examine the damaging effects the policy of the hostile environment are having on the whole of society

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2 for Tea

Wednesday April 24th
Rev Zena Smith will tell us about
'Life before ministry'
Wednesday May 22nd
Speaker to be confirmed
2 for Tea begins at 2pm, and
includes refreshments

Social Afternoon

Friday 17th May
Come and enjoy food, and
fellowship in the lounge at 3pm
Look out for further details nearer
the time



Messy Church

Messy Church is going from strength to strength! Children are bringing adults to enjoy hearing Bible stories, have fun with all sorts of different crafts, (many of them messy), sing, and enjoy eating food together. Messy Church in April is on Saturday 13th, from 3-5pm. In May it's on Saturday 11th, from 3-5pm. Adults, it's worth finding a child to bring – you'll enjoy it!

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*Please respond to the form on page 11*  
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Flower rota

April 7 th	Mr & Mrs Ladds	May 5 th	Mrs Ashworth
April 14 th	Fund	May 12 th	Mrs Wilson
April 21 st	Fund	May 19 th	Mrs Lawton
April 28 th	Fund	May 26 th	Mrs Williams



Many thanks for donations received from Mrs Lawton and Mrs Anderson, Mrs A Hughes



ACTION CARD - MARCH 2019

United Nations Sustainable Goals

Material provided by Christians Aware

The Sustainable Goals are a collection of seventeen goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, following the end date for the Millennium Development Goals. The sustainable goals will build on the work done through the MDGs. The aim of the goals is 'transforming our world' by 2030 towards dignity, peace and prosperity for all the people of the earth. Every country is challenged to share in the task of transformation towards sustainability in every aspect of life. The challenge is also to individuals to do what they can.

If the goals are successful every person in the world will have fullness of life. Today's inequalities will be part of a long and shameful history.

It is very easy to make a list of the goals, and then to tackle them one by one, but this is not very helpful. The goals are all locked into each other and one goal can't succeed unless all succeed.

I want to suggest that food is key to tackling many of the goals. We all eat food every day, if we are fortunate. For many of us in the developed world food is at the centre of our lives: it is creative, artistic, comforting, energising and social. We look forward to eating and especially in the company of other people. However, it is estimated that more than a billion people are hungry in our Twenty First Century World. They have very little food to eat and are not only hungry but also unhealthy.

Several of the sustainable goals link to hunger and we need to tackle them all, not simply the ending of hunger, but most obviously, the eradication of poverty; the establishment of good health, clean water and sanitation; education; clean energy; decent work; responsible production and consumption. And we can't forget equality, including gender equality; sustainable cities and industry; life on water and land; peace and justice and worldwide partnerships for the goals. Above all, we can't forget the threat of climate change.

Some Actions:

- The planting of food bearing trees is one way towards feeding more of the world's people. Most trees also have a contribution to make in reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere
- Find out more about the sustainable goals. www.un.org
- Decide what you can do to make the sustainable goals possible, as an individual, and as a citizen. Act on your decisions

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### **New Tea Service Coming to our area**

Some news about Churches Together in Cumbria's county wide initiative to make all churches in Cumbria Dementia Friendly by 2020. A group of Dementia Enablers in Barrow have decided to follow the lead of other areas in Cumbria and organise a monthly 'Tea Service'. It will be open to anyone, but be particularly suitable for people who find full length services difficult to deal with, and their carers. Yvonne Povey, Cumbria Dementia Project Officer, Churches Together in Barrow, and Barrow Mission Community are supporting this work

After visiting a number of venues it was decided that Holy Family Church hall (Ostley Bank, off Harrel Lane, LA13 9LR), would be the most suitable. It has parking available, and is not far from a stop on the number 3 bus route. The Tea Service is likely to be once a month on a Monday afternoon. A Tea Service is a short, simple, interdenominational act of worship, followed by biscuits, cake, tea, coffee and fellowship.

To make this work, help from churches is needed. We need your prayers for this work; we need your time at the services, welcoming, talking to people, baking cakes; we need money to buy resources such as special hymn books, printing publicity material, refreshments, etc. Your time commitment doesn't need to be for every month. If you could commit to three or four services a year that would be most welcome.

**Please let Sue Millard, who is our Dementia Enabler, know how you can help, or contact Babs Lowes at: [aprillowes55@gmail.com](mailto:aprillowes55@gmail.com)**

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Commitment for Life



Life giving faith, defiant hope, generous love

We pray for:

- The government of Zimbabwe as they start to strengthen the economy and reduce poverty
- Christian Aid, Zimbabwe staff and those partners they support with knowledge and grants, especially the Institute for Rural technologies
- Programmes that increase rural development and economic opportunities
- Their work to empower and increase the confidence of women
- The training of communities to start village banks

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*Please respond to the form on page 11*

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Did you see the Wishing Well in the lounge during our 25th birthday celebration weekend? Thanks to your generosity, church funds benefitted by £596.06, This was the amount after all expenses had been paid, so many thanks to all who contributed.

Regular 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	- Badminton

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## What's on at TCC

### April

|                    |                 |                                        |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 10 for 10.30 am | Informal communion in the lounge       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>    | 11am & 6.45pm   | Lent course at the Baptist church      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 10 -12 noon     | Easter Coffee morning in the lounge    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.30 - 10.30pm  | Play any Board Game, in the lounge     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 11am & 6.45pm   | Lent course at the Baptist church      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> ★ | 3 - 5.00pm      | Messy Church – free fun for families ★ |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 11am            | Service at Risedale Retirement Home    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 2pm ★           | 2 for Tea in the lounge See page 5     |
|                    | 7.30 - 10.30pm  | Play any Board Game, in the lounge     |

27<sup>th</sup> ★ 10 -11.30am Coffee morning in the lounge. We are raising money for the Christmas Shoebox appeal

**May**

4<sup>th</sup> 10 -11.30am Coffee morning in the lounge

7<sup>th</sup> 10 for 10.30 am Informal communion in the lounge

8<sup>th</sup> 7.30 - 10.30pm Play any Board Game, in the lounge

11<sup>th</sup> ★ 3 - 5.00pm Messy Church – free fun for families ★

15<sup>th</sup> 11am Service at Risedale Retirement Home

22<sup>nd</sup> 2pm ★ 2 for Tea in the lounge

7.30 - 10.30pm Play any Board Game, in the lounge

27<sup>th</sup> ★ 3pm Scone Social See page 5

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Giggle time

When you enter this church, it may be possible to hear ‘the call of God’...

However it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phone.

If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text whilst driving.

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**Who Makes the Coffee?**

A married couple were arguing who should make the coffee. The wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee, and the husband asked her where it said that.

The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

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Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Samson — he brought the house down

In order to help us to keep our records up to date, and to comply with the Data Protection Act, please will you respond to this form.

The information needs to go to Margaret Manvell. You can do this by:-

Post 9 Hartland Rd, Barrow, LA14 4EP

Phone 01299 826 053

Email manvellmargaret@gmail.com



Please respond by April 28th

I am a member of Trinity Church Centre YES NO

I am a friend of Trinity Church Centre and
would like to keep receiving the bi-monthly
Newsletter YES NO

Name: _____

Date of birth _____

Address: _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

**Your data will only be used for Church purposes, and will not be shared
with anyone else**

Services in April

7 th	11.00am	Mrs Lynne Pearce	
	6.30pm	Mrs Daphne Watkinson	
14 th	11.00am	Ms Karen Edmondson	
	6.30pm	Rev Zena Smith	Healing service. communion
18 ^h	7pm	Maundy Thursday service at Ramsden St URC Church	
19 th	10.45am	Good Friday service at the Baptist Church	
21 st	6.00am	Sunrise service in the Park	Easter Day
	8am	Mrs Janet Ladds	
	11.00am	Ms Sophie Carnaby	
	6.30pm	We're worshipping at the Baptist Church tonight	
28 th	11.00am	Rev Zena Smith	Communion
		Mission Communities commissioning service at the Salvation Army	

Services in May

5 th	11.00am	Mrs Janet Ladds	
	6.30pm	Rev David Opie	
12 th	11.00am	Ms Sophie Carnaby	
	6.30pm	A & J Ladds	Healing service, communion
19 th	11.00am	Mrs Y Blackley & Mrs H Edmondson	
	6.30pm	Rev Sarah Moore	
26 th	11.00am	Deacon Debbie Harkness	Communion
	6.30pm	Rev Zena Smith	Reflective service

Please let me have your contributions for the June Newsletter by Sunday 11th May. Thank you. Sue Millard.

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