

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

East Grinstead

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If you have any queries concerning Trinity activities, please contact me, your Pastoral Visitor, and if I do not know the answer I will find someone who does.

Name..... Tel:.....

When the Church is Working Right

It has been said that the church was born at Pentecost, but I don't think that's correct. I think the church was born when Jesus first called the disciples to follow Him, & they did. They followed, they listened, they learnt, they failed. They watched Him die & they witnessed His resurrection. Then the moment came when, in the Upper Room - a new power burst upon them & the church, at Pentecost, was born again.

It stimulated those men to such furious thinking that they could scarcely get down onto papyrus the ideas that came rushing towards them. It propelled them into the streets so fast that they could hardly stop to think about what to say next. It had such an effect on those who saw them that 3000 people came to believe on that one day. It began a movement, never seen before, that has effected the lives of countless millions, down the centuries, to this very day.

The church - born again by the power of the Holy Spirit - is the most powerful force on earth. There is nothing like it. Its beauty is indestructible; its power is breathtaking; its potential is unlimited. It comforts the grieving & heals the broken hearted, in the context of community. It builds bridges & breaks barriers. It offers help to those in need, with open arms to the forgotten, the downtrodden & the disillusioned. It breaks the chains of addictions, frees the oppressed & offers belonging to the outcast. Whatever the capacity for human suffering, the church has a greater capacity for healing & wholeness.

When it's working right the potential for the local church is almost more than I can grasp. No other organisation on earth is like it. Nothing even comes near it. When the church is working right - born again by the power of the Holy Spirit - nothing can touch it.

With love and peace – Geoff.

Service at Lingfield Lodge

Tuesday 5th June at 3pm

Please speak to Geoff if you would like to join him.

Special Father's Day Service

17th June – 10.45am

All welcome

A Baptism Service by Full Immersion

for

Zane & Chris

1st July - 10.45am



Saltmine Theatre Company
Presents

The Cross & the Switchblade

By David Wilkerson & John & Elizabeth Sherrill

One man takes on the gangs of New York

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st June 2007

Chequer Mead, East Grinstead

Tickets: £10

Box Office: 01342 302000

Thursday group

Thursday June 7th 7:30 p.m. Ruth Sorby, Regional Fundraiser for the National Children's Homes, will be speaking about the work of the NCH. Through our meeting, Ruth would like to speak to everybody at Trinity who is interested in the work of the NCH, or has contributed throughout the year. So please come along, have an enjoyable evening, and hear what Ruth has to say.

Everyone welcome

Thursday June 14th. 2:30 p.m. Garden visit to Town Place, Sheffield Park.

Thursday July 12th 7:30 p.m. Supper at Sandra's

A Smile

A smile costs nothing,
but gives much. It enriches those
who receive, without making poorer those
who give, it takes a moment, but
the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can
get along without it, and none is so poor
but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home,
fosters goodwill in business, and is the
countersign of friendship. It brings
rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged,
sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's
best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot
be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen,
for it is something of no value
to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a
smile, give them one of yours, as none
needs a smile so much as he who has
no more to give.

anon

Trinity Craft & Chat Group

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1.45pm. The next meeting is 12th June when we will be making bookmarks and learning how to do Australian cross-stitch. Everyone is welcome to the group. If you do not want to take part in the main craft there are always card making materials available and jigsaws puzzles to make up. See Anne or June .

Sparklers

Sunday morning under 5's group

We need some more help in this group, approximately once a month on a rota basis. If you would like to share God's love with the youngest members of our church then please contact: Ali or Rachael .

Puppet Ministry

Anyone wishing to join this ministry, as puppeteers, please see Shane or Ali .

men@trinity
Diary dates for June

June 2nd & 3rd Sailing Weekend to Cowes Isle of Wight.

**15th Mens Meal Out
(Names to Mike asap)**

**16th Family Day Picnic at Bodiam
(If you are interested in this event please speak to Mike
as soon as possible)**

Six-a-side football

17th Fathers Day service at 10.45 Men will be taking the lead

**June 29th will be a visit
To watch the 20/20 cricket
At Hove early
(Tickets can be booked direct with Sussex County Cricket Club)**

**For your 2008 Diary.
The London Men's Convention will be on
29th March 2008**

With the Theme of Men of Mission

“.. liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons”

This provocative title was this year's theme for the London Men's Convention held at the Albert Hall on 19th May. Some of us that attended would also have liked to have been able to watch the cup final. The atmosphere in the Albert Hall though was exhilarating particularly during the worship when 3,000 men joined the band in song. 'Amazing grace, how sweet the sound...' was especially moving.

The quote "liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons" is of course from Titus and describes the men of Crete. The three main speakers each took us through a chapter from Titus. The aim was to help us be 'men of Godliness'. In the Chairman's opening remarks, Richard Coekin spoke of the way we don't spend as much time training ourselves for our spiritual lives as we do in physical training. We have to resolve to train ourselves for godliness because godliness should be our legacy that will be with us forever. This is especially true in a world that is becoming increasingly ungodly

Hugh Palmer took us through the first chapter of Titus where Titus was reminded of his unenviable task of completing the work of 'straightening out' the rebellious men of Crete. He related that situation to our culture and how the Bible often gets diluted to suit a lifestyle. With the danger that when the lifestyle fits the current culture then it has probably lost God.

Rupert Bentley-Taylor vigorously continued with Chapter 2. He highlighted what a powerful challenge it is to keep our zeal for God despite all the day to day pressures. Like the culture when Paul was writing there is today a plague of false teaching and lies. We must try to be morally alert and self controlled for Jesus and demonstrate his likeness. He 'gave himself for us' (v14) and through the power of the cross we must say NO to evil and YES to Christ.

The concluding chapter was presented by Jonathan Stephen in three parts. 1 'The good we should be doing' particularly through our demeanour and attitude. 2 'How to develop a passion for doing good'. By understanding what you once were, what you are now and how this transformation came about. This is of course through God's mercy and our renewal and rebirth by the Holy Spirit. 3 'What doing good achieves' in the proclamation of the gospel and in evidence of salvation through the spiritual fruit.

We prayed that we will become 'Men of Godliness'. That our families and friends, churches and colleagues might notice a significant difference in our attitudes and behaviour and rejoice with us that we were in the Albert Hall instead of Wembley!

Tony



Hello everyone.

I would like to invite you all to a most stupendous and entertaining event taking place on Saturday 30th June. The event is the Viz a Viz Volunteer Fundraiser. The Volunteers are in the middle of planning a professional, highly rehearsed and polished Murder Mystery Evening with the hopes of raising millions of pounds for all the volunteers (significant exaggeration there). The Volunteers are characters in the murder mystery story, and will be answering questions from the guests/detectives throughout the evening. The winner who correctly guesses the identity of the murderer will win a fantastic prize (possibly a Mars bar, if we are feeling generous). There will be delicious nibbles, fabulous service from the waiters extraordinaire, elegant musical entertainment and a general atmosphere of fun and sophistication.

All the volunteers are trying to raise the necessary finance for their year. If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation, any gift would be much appreciated. If you would like to gift aid the donation please forward it to Vanessa .

I would LOVE to see you at the event if you can make it!
Tickets are £8.00 and start time is 7:30 for 8pm at Billericay Baptist Church (The venue is only 1 hour 15 minutes from East Grinstead). Tickets will need to be purchased in advance so we know how many people we are catering for.
If you have any queries please call Gerry or Mary .
Love from Suzy

NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Thank you to everyone that attended this meeting. No doubt the big attendance was due to interest in the especially important topics being discussed. Geoff Bell set the scene by reading from Ephesians 2 and emphasising the need for unity for the Glory of God. He also quoted the builder of Chicago who said 'Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work'.

Geoff thanked the retiring Stewards for their dedicated service and had a special mention for June for the personal support she had provided. Three new Stewards were welcomed. There were due to be four but Terry Salter had kindly agreed to stay on. Twenty one reps were appointed to Church Council, including at least four new reps. Please see the full list of Church Council members shown elsewhere. Feel free to contact them if you have any concerns, ideas or comments.

The Treasurer, was pleased to report that the projected deficit for last year had turned into a £4,700 year end surplus. She reported pressure on finances again in the current year with a deficit predicted due to additional expenditure, particularly for youth work. Vanessa spoke of the need for more giving to help offset this and to avoid dipping too far into reserves. The situation is being closely monitored especially in the context of the next discussion topic.

This was the news that the Church Council had stepped out in faith and decided that, with the success of the appointment of Max our part-time youth worker, the work with teenagers should be expanded. This will be through the appointment of a full time worker and recruiting some 'year out volunteers'. It cannot be done though without the wholehearted commitment of support, time, leadership, encouragement and finance from the Church members. After much discussion the meeting fully endorsed the Church Council's decision. John and the youth leadership team are still working on the details. These will be presented to the Finance Committee and Church Council for further consideration.

The meeting then moved onto the building project with the inspiration of a presentation prepared by Simon on the theme of 'surfing the wave' from the success of Phase 1. As promised, two years after completion of the Phase 1 work, the meeting was asked if it was time to proceed with completing the project by tackling the worship area. As you will know, the meeting agreed to seek God's will with a day of prayer and fasting. That was held recently and your feedback will be discussed by the Church Council.

Tony

JMA sponsored swim

After the success of last year's event, there will be another circuit sponsored swim to raise money for JMA (Junior Mission For All, part of the Methodist Church), which will take place on Sat. 7th July at Horley Anderson Centre, swimming 4.45-5.30, followed by tea at Horley Methodist Church with other young people from the circuit. All young people are welcome to take part, provided you enjoy swimming and are willing to find some sponsors! Our swimmers last year really enjoyed the occasion, so do let me know if you would like to be part of this year's team.
Linda .

We wish God's blessings on

Finn & Kim

getting married on 30th June - 3pm - in Hull

Blessing Service here at Trinity on 14th July, 10.30am

All welcome!



People

People race around
One hand on the wheel,
Mobile phone to the ear,
Seemingly oblivious
To speed limits
Or anybody else
Wanting to complete
The daily race
In the minimum time available,
Only thinking
Of the next soap opera
They plan to be part of,
Not pausing
Or taking time out
To think of things
That really matter.
How often are we like this?
Failing to communicate
Or focus our
Eyes and thoughts
On our Lord,
For he hasn't
Forgotten us
Nor left us alone.
He has always,
And will always be with us
60 seconds in a minute
60 minutes in an hour
24 hours in a day
365 or 366 days a year.
So look to him
For in him
You will find
Your source of
Power and sustenance!

CONCERT 2007

Arranged by Marion Small

Trinity Methodist Church

Saturday 9th June 2007

at 7 pm

In aid of

J.M.A.

(Junior Mission for All)

&

Sackville College (Alms House)

Redhurst School of Dance

Les Saunders - Trumpet

Janet Gillbard - Pianist

Refreshments

Collection

Services for June 2007
Weekly Wednesday Communion 11.30am

Sunday 3rd

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| 9am | Rev Geoff Bell |
| 10.45am | Rev Geoff Bell- Holy Communion |
| 6.30pm | Mrs Diane Collins |

Sunday 10th

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| 9am | Mrs Mimo Bray |
| 10.45am | Mrs Sue Shortman |
| 6.30pm | Rev Clive McKie |

Sunday 17th

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| 9am | Mr Brian Lanstone |
| 10.45am | Rev Geoff Bell- All Age Worship |
| 6pm | Rev Geoff Bell- Cafe Worship |

Sunday 24th

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| 9am | Rev Geoff Bell- Holy Communion |
| 10.45am | Rev Geoff Bell |
| 6.30pm | Mr Eddie Newton |

For Trinity Youth Groups, please see details in Welcome Area