

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

East Grinstead

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**June 2009**



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.....



## The Glorious Riches of His Grace

Whenever I look at an electric light bulb I try to remember that the source of that light is hidden from view. Somewhere there's a generator producing power. We don't always appreciate this, see it, or understand it - but we still enjoy its benefits. The Holy Spirit is our generator for abundant life.

If your father was Bill Gates & your computer broke, where would you turn? If Stradivari were your dad & a string snapped on your violin, to whom would you go? If God is your father & you have a problem, what do you do? Is your problem too large for God? (Eph 3:20). Is your need too great? (1 Cor 9:8). Is your temptation too tough? (Heb 2:18). Are your sins too numerous? (Heb 7:25). God, by His grace, & in the power of the Holy Spirit, is sufficient for you (2 Cor 12:9).

As Christians we can have the “glorious riches” of His grace within us. If we believe in Jesus; His life, death & resurrection, & have asked Him into our lives - He *is* with us. It may not always feel like that, but it is true. However, we may not have the “fullness” of the Spirit in us. We can grieve Him & so prevent Him working in us. Or we may refuse Him, not wanting His fullness; not asking for the Gifts to be given to us.

We are running an eight week preaching & teaching course on the Holy Spirit at the moment. If you don't yet belong to a Home Group, why not consider it. There is much to learn, & much to gain.

Paul wrote: ***“I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being”***. This is also my prayer, for us all.

With love & peace – Geoff.

# Lay Assistant.

Trinity Methodist Church is seeking to appoint a full time Lay Assistant to help us grow in Christ, flourish spiritually and assist us in becoming more effective in achieving our Vision – *To love Jesus more dearly and show Jesus more clearly.*

Key areas that we want to develop in are:

Our family, children's and youth work,

Our outreach to families and other members of the community,

Our evangelism strategy.

Your role will be to work with the minister and leadership team in developing strategies and to inspire the church and assist in the delivery of the vision.

Contract: 1 year initially with a view to extending to 3 years.

Salary: Attractive package - depending on qualifications & experience.

Start Date: September 2009.

It is a requirement of this role that the applicant is deemed suitable following an Enhanced CRB Disclosure

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## **Go and make disciples of ALL nations— reads our banner**

A vast globe spinning through the blackness of space, vibrant with colour, filled with living beings, created by a loving God, whose love gives choice. The Biblical account of the fall and God's solution of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection are well known in Christian circles.

Today from space the glowing colours of our world still radiate out, but under its surface of beauty lies a mass of broken people, separated from God, unaware of any hope and doomed to a life of poverty, disease and ultimate destruction. Interspersed in all its lands are pockets of life, truth and hope in the various Christian communities—the body of Christ. The world sees problems and difficulties. The world is blind to the truth and salvation of Jesus.

As Christians we see the problems of sin, selfishness, greed and separation, that has ruined the planet. We also see the solution in all that Jesus was, is and will be. He is the light of the world and in Him is life. God wants that none should be lost. He wants us to make disciples of all nations.

OK, so this is where mission comes in. Many will say, what about the unreached around here in E.Grinstead? Good point and very necessary and one of the reasons we are planted here. Many are the giftings and resources in our church for this, so lets do it, but let us also not forget the rest of Sussex, England, Britain, Europe and the World. Does a simple fisherman in the Maldives, or a child of a Mumbai prostitute or a Taliban chief in Afghanistan deserve any less care or prayer? There is a whole hurting world out there.

Now all of this is not written to put the church down or create guilt in any way. We are a vibrant, Bible based, caring church in many ways and under the surface there are many members with a heart for the unreached. But there is something lacking if we do

not broaden our awareness of the global situation as part of the wider 'Church'.

With this in mind the stewards have decided to focus on various aspects of church life and one of those aspects is mission, where we can have a kind of focus and forum, to bring to the church's attention the needs and aims of mission.

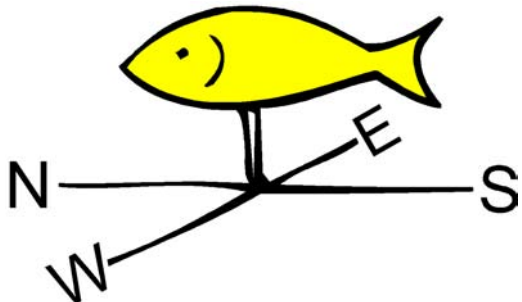
To co-ordinate this, it would be helpful if those involved with mission (local and global) would email or write to me with some short summaries of their missions' aims so we can maybe publicise and help the church to see what we do and perhaps encourage us to join in/pray or support. This is early days, but I would hope to highlight perhaps one mission a month in the mag.

Perhaps we could hold a mission day.

Closely related to mission is our relationship to our brothers and sisters world wide. The enormity of persecution happening around the world is often hidden and this is something we shall also be looking at to help us pray into. (but also the encouraging sides too!)

Let us never forget the JOY of our salvation and may the God of all comfort stir our hearts to bring that joy to the whole church and the world.

Blessings, John C



# **Trinity's Got Talent!**

Trinity Methodist Church  
East Grinstead

**Saturday 13th June 2009**  
**6-7pm Bring and Share Tea**  
**7-9pm Concert**

**We invite you to join us in**  
**raising funds for**  
**Trinity New Build**

**Tickets £5 / £3 Concessions**  
Tickets available from Church Office 302862

**Saturday 5th September**  
**Book Fair**

Please donate any books, DVD's CD's and Videos  
Collecting box in Welcome Cafe

**Saturday 12th December**  
**Trinity Christmas Fair**  
Reserve your table now!

**Gift of Talents**  
**See the fund-raising team for more details**



During June we are taking the puppet ministry to the community.

June 6th - Mother's Union Family Fun Day in Crawley

June 13th - Trinity's talent night

June 20th - Ashurst Wood Village Fair

June 27th - Blackwell School Summer Fair and Sackville College  
Founder's Day

We would value your prayer support for these events. Also on  
June 27th we need 1 or 2 people to help set up at Sackville  
College.

**Thank you to all who have been collecting the plastic  
tops from milk cartons, 1 wheelchair has been  
donated through this scheme already, so keep  
saving them and bringing them in for Brenda Dance  
(cafe volunteer on a Tuesday)**

## **Sunday June 7th at 6.30pm** **‘Digging Deeper’**

I was in prison and you came and visited me  
Matt25:26

As you read this article 85,000 men and women  
are incarcerated in our overflowing prisons.



Many are bound by drugs and alcohol, the need to express violence and steal from others.

Is there any hope for these people? Does God’s love and light shine into the darkest places of our community?

Come and hear Nigel and Val Maynard members of Prison Fellowship England & Wales, an East Grinstead couple who have been working in HMP Lewes for twelve years, experiencing for themselves that God changes lives.

**TRINITY NEW BUILD  
BUILDING LAUNCH AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION  
WEEKEND  
September 18-20th.**

Would everyone please make a note of these dates in your diaries now, we shall be having a grand launch weekend and public open exhibition for the design of the new buildings in September. This will be over the weekend 18th. - 20th. September, and will include events on the Friday evening, all day on Saturday, and also during Sunday. Watch for more details coming soon!

## Thursday Group dates for June 2009.

Thursday June 4th at 7:30 p.m. A talk by Muriel Tester about 'My Life in the Land Army'

Thursday June 18th at 7:30 p.m. An evening of flower arranging with Frances N.

Everybody is welcome to attend the above meetings.

### **Trinity One Club**

**Saturday June 27th - River Trip (open to all)**

**See the invitations in the Welcome Area or speak to  
Anne K**

**Thursday 16th July - Coach outing to Bexhill**

### **Trinity Craft and Chat Group**

1.45pm in Crawley Down Hall

Tuesday 9th June - Cake decoration toppers for birthday or general cake.

Tuesday 14th July - Have a go at making Crepe Paper Roses.

**All Welcome**

Men @ Trinity this one for your diaries.



**“Stepping up...”  
discovering how to live life to the max!**

On Saturday, 21 November, a CVM Regional Day for Christian Men led by Carl Beech at the King’s Centre, Eastbourne

Cost £15

Various seminars, including: ‘who is my father?’ ~ ‘help I’m a dad’ ~ ‘coping with the crunch’ ~ ‘bringing faith to work’ ~ ‘mentoring the next generation’

You can find out more about CVM on [www.CVMen.org.uk](http://www.CVMen.org.uk) . It is a brilliant movement and well worth joining if you want help in reaching and discipling men.

Further information to follow, please book the dates in your diary now and inform other interested people.

## **Men@Trinity,**

Gordon Dalbey the author of ‘Healing the Masculine Soul’ and ‘Sons of the Father’ will be leading a Mens Event at Ellel Ministries from 17th to 19th of July for details on how to book and the cost for the weekend please contact Ellel Ministries Pierrepont on 01252 794060.

Gordon has written on the flyer detailing the weekend "In my ministry, I want men to experience healing and freedom that comes when you get real with yourself with God and other men. That's how we discover not only Whose we are but the manhood we're created for and the power to walk it."

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# **PUBLIC MEETING & AGM**



**Talk by Dom Charles Hallinan  
from Worth Abbey on  
ABORTION  
& THE  
SANCTITY OF LIFE**



**Hear Tracy Norman from LIFE  
LOVE IN ACTION  
how mothers and babies are  
helped in LIFE's homes in  
West Sussex**

**MONDAY 22 JUNE '09 at 7.30pm**

at

**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH**

**(Crawley Down Hall), Lingfield Road, East Grinstead RH19 2HA**

# **ALL WELCOME**

“With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world”.  
Thomas Merton

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children—contact Les Whittaker 01342 315484



PARCHE

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

## **SOUTH EAST REGIONAL DISCOVERY DAY “GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY”**

A day of encouragement, information and resourcing for people looking to share their faith with, and to meet the spiritual needs of older people.

Organised jointly by PARCHE and Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne  
on

**Saturday 19 September 2009 from 9.30 am – 4.30 pm**

at

**Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne**

Four workshop sessions will be led by :

**Caroline Rother** – Chaplain, St. Wilfred's Hospice, Eastbourne – spiritual care of the terminally ill

**Buddy Reeve** - PARCHE – evangelism in residential care homes

**Peter Diack** – Alpha for Seniors

**Lynda Cooke** – NHS Mental Health Trust Senior Chaplain – working with the elderly mentally infirm

**Keynote speaker : David Heydon from the Outlook Trust**

**Cost : £5 per person to include teas/coffees/etc. Please bring a packed lunch**

For further information and a registration form please contact the office at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1UE, telephone number 01323 737974 or [email office@victoriabaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@victoriabaptist.org.uk)

I will be going to above event if you are interested in attending please give me a ring for further information

June C

## Jade Goody's Life Celebrated

### *Reality TV star discovered the Bible's message of hope*

The funeral of Jade Goody took place on Saturday April 4 at St John the Baptist Church, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. Thousands lined the streets and hundreds gathered outside the packed Church. Jade died at the age of 27 after losing a battle with cervical cancer. Amid the sadness the funeral service was a celebration of Jade's life. The hopeful message of the funeral service was that in Jesus we can all experience resurrection and life.

The service was led by Revd Corinne Brixton, associate minister at the church. Corinne Brixton said in her sermon:

"We don't expect, do we, to be celebrating a wedding and then to be saying farewell to the bride just six weeks later. We don't expect to have to bury our children, whatever age they are. We don't expect those who are so young, and so full of life and love to be taken from us. And yet that is life - that is the reality we face today.

"Reality's a word that's often been linked to Jade: a star, possibly the greatest star of what we call reality TV. But we know, don't we, that her life was far from free of some of the harsher realities of life. She had her fair share, possibly more than her fair share, of life's hardships. But as we've seen, particularly over the past months, she's inspired so many with her courage in fighting cancer and her dignity in facing death.

"And maybe there's one more thing we don't expect to find as we come to bury this vibrant 27 year old mother, daughter, wife and friend - HOPE. Even when we're faced with the harsh reality of death, hope is what is offered by the Christian faith, the Christian faith into which Jade herself was baptised just four weeks ago today. And that hope is not found in the rules or rituals of an ancient religion, but in a living person, Jesus Christ, whose name Jade wasn't afraid to take on her lips: not as a swear word but as the name of the person she wanted Bobby and Freddie to get to know for themselves.

"I know that Jade liked reading the gospel of Luke in the New Testament. Why not read it for yourselves? It's interesting that Jade liked Luke's gospel in particular as it's the one that highlights God's love for unlikely people. She will have read there, in Luke's gospel, how Jesus welcomed those who weren't particularly religious, and how Jesus spent time with people like herself: down to earth people whose lives, like Jade's, were at times flawed and difficult, but

whose lives were precious to God. And she will have read there, in Luke's gospel, of Jesus bringing the hope that we all need.

"Jade discovered that turning to Jesus brought comfort and peace for herself and her children. She discovered it late on, but she discovered it in time. Why not discover it for yourselves now?"

"You see, we don't have all the answers to our questions of suffering and pain. But we do have Jesus who shares what we're going through, and who shows infinite compassion and care. We don't have the guarantee of a pain-free life, but we do have Jesus, who can walk with us through illness, grief and anything else life may throw at us. We don't have a way of finally escaping death, but we do have Jesus, who died for us and then defeated death itself at Easter, giving us hope of life beyond the grave.

"And that life is not just a continuation of what we have now, but a life that is finally free from sickness, from pain, from grief, and from all that spoils our lives and our world here. How true are Jade's words that heaven is a place where sick people go to be made well, because heaven is where we finally meet face to face Jesus, the greatest healer of all, who alone is able to make our broken lives whole.

"Jade's baptism symbolised

that she had made a choice, a choice that we can - that we must - all make: to trust in the Jesus that we find, not only in Luke's gospel, but in the whole of the Bible.

"I had the privilege last week of being able to see the Bible Jade read from. Here it is, and here is possibly the most significant thing about it. She's underlined one chapter more fully than any other. It's one of the most momentous passages of the whole Bible. and it's actually in the Old Testament, in a book of the Bible called Isaiah and chapter 53. The words were written 700 years before Jesus, but speak of him and describe exactly what He came to do. They're words that lie at the heart of the Christian faith and describe the events of Good Friday that Christians will remember this coming week. Here are some of the words that Jade underlined:

*All of us were like sheep that were lost,*

*Each of us going his own way.*

*But the Lord made the punishment fall on him,*

*The punishment all of us deserve.*

"These words explain that it is possible to be confident about heaven, even though our lives are flawed. You see none of us - not you, not me, not Jade - can stand before a holy God with lives free from mistakes, from faults, from things that we regret. As these verses that Jade underlined tell us, we don't have perfect lives. But we do have Jesus, who opened heaven's doors: not for great achievers, not for those who think they are better than others, but for people like Jade, who simply reach out to Jesus and trust in him, even when all else seems hopeless.

"To me, the fact these verses are underlined means that Jade understood this incredible good news about Jesus. It means that Jade has only completed the first chapter of a life that continues in his loving presence. It means that when the last column inches have been written about Jade's unforgettable life, then that in no way is the end of her story."

From

[www.chelmsford.anglican.org/jade-goodys-life-celebrated-at-buckhurst-hill-church.html](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/jade-goodys-life-celebrated-at-buckhurst-hill-church.html)

Knowle House Nursing Home

are having their

Summer Fair

on

Saturday 11th July

2-4pm

To rent a pitch (cost £20) please contact:

Kim Whitaker, Manager or

Laura, Activities Co-ordinator

on 317740

Please support them by going along on the day!

# Services for June 2009

Mid-week Communion -Wednesdays 11.30am

## Sunday 7th

9am Mr Edward Pender

10.45am Mrs Diane Collins

6.30pm Val & Nigel Maynard 'Prison'- Digging Deeper

## Sunday 14th

9am Mr John Starling

10.45am Mr Peter Davey

6.30pm Circuit service - Horley

## Sunday 21st

9am Dr Stanley Jeyeraj

10.45am Rev Geoff Bell 'watch this space'

6.00pm St Mary's (please note time)

## Sunday 28th

9am Rev Geoff Bell

10.45am Rev Geoff Bell - Holy Communion

6.30pm Mrs Mimo Bray

*For Trinity Youth Groups, please see details in  
Welcome Area*