

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.....

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master

builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Cardinal Dearden

Tumaini news

Volunteers desperately needed! Have you felt a calling to help with the work of Tumaini? If so, please don't ignore it, we desperately need you. This is what we desperately need help with:

- Container packing - someone to head this work as Denise retires following an amazing 8 containers packed and sent, 3 more in the pipeline
- Transport - people who can pick up donations and take them to our Store, with grateful thanks for all the work of Jean and Milton Carre
- Car Boot Sale and Farmers' Market helpers
- Cake-baking team
- Tumaini collecting-box team
- Charity car-parking team
- Please get in touch with Susan at church or on yesunitumaini@yahoo.com to volunteer.

"The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few!" Jesus

Denise would like to thank everybody that helped pack up the three containers!



Sunday 16th December
9.00 am – Worship and Word
10.40 am – DIY Nativity Service (come dressed as a nativity character or costumes available on the day)
3.00 pm – Messy Church Christmas Celebration for the whole family!

Sunday 23rd December
9.00 am – Carols and Readings
10.40 am – Holy Communion
6.30 pm – Carols by Candlelight

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve
4.30 pm – Christingle for all ages (including an 8ft Orange!)
11.15 pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day
10.30 am – All age Christmas Day Celebration

Sunday 30th December
10.00 am Worship and Word
(one service in the morning – no evening service)

Guernsey Fellowship Singers - present "Tell out the Good News" at Les Camps Methodist Church on Sunday 2nd December at 2.30 pm and Monday 3rd December at 7.30 pm. A collection will be taken for WIGWAM.

For your prayers – Church Family

Claire Chambers
Moe Jones
Heather Legg

Sue Sloan
Carolyn Ferbrache

Prayer Request Box – There is a Prayer box just inside the Centre door. The staff team will check it regularly, so if you have any specific prayer requests please fill out a card and put it in the box.

Church Directory Prayers – Pages 5 - 8, Psalms 150-153

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A Community of faith committed
to making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sunday 2nd December

What are you waiting for?

Psalm 27

1 Corinthians 1: 4-9

9.00 am – Holy Communion

10.40 am – Worship and Word

4.00 pm St Peters @4


Hope

Luke 2: 1-20

6.30 pm Worship and Word

If you are new to Trinity, you are very welcome! Please pick up a welcome pack if you would like more information about us (available from the Welcome Desk). At the end of the service why not join us in the Centre for tea or coffee?

Children's Work (0-14)




During the 10.40 am service – if you are new and have children please feel free to take them into the centre when the children go to their groups and a leader will help your child find the right group.

Offerings


If you are a visitor then please don't feel obliged to give! If you consider Holy Trinity to be your spiritual home and you would like to give to the mission and ministry of Trinity then please place any offerings in the box at the back of the church or an offering is normally taken during services of Holy Communion. If you would like to find out more about giving regularly then please take a leaflet from the Welcome Desk – thanks!

Prayer Ministry



If you would like to pray with someone after the 10.40 am and 6.30 pm services then please go to the front of church where members of the prayer ministry

team would love to pray with you.



Prayer is also available during Holy Communion at the 9.00 am service in the Lobby

Trinity Women – First Tuesday – 4th December at The Pickled Pig from 7.30 pm. All ladies welcome. Please contact Bebe Pentland for more information t: 724319 or e: bebe@trinitygsy.org

Esperance Bereavement Group – Thursday 6th December 10.00 am – 11.30 am. Please contact Bebe Pentland for further details and venue for this month's meeting t: 724319 or e: bebe@trinitygsy.org

Mother's Prayers – Thursday 6th December – 12 noon to 1.00 pm. For more info please contact the church office.

Angel tags! - Do you have an hour free from 10.00 am this Wednesday 5th December to help attach tags to our Christmas angels please? The more the merrier – just need the ability to tie a double knot really! Many thanks, Sue

Trinity Walk in Herm – Saturday 8th December – 10.15 am. If you would like to join with others for a winter walk and maybe some Christmas shopping on a Saturday morning for £1 return. Please turn up and buy your ticket on the day.

Christmas Parcels – Thank you to the community groups who have donated to our Christmas parcels this year. We are still in need of 14 tins of corned beef and 19 tins of tuna, if you would like to donate it would be much appreciated. They are needed by 13th December. Many thanks, Sue

Christmas Day Lunch – If you find yourself on your own and would like to join with friends then please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Jon and Anna are bringing a team together to provide lunch for those who might otherwise be on their own. If you would like to help on the day, or are able to help prepare vegetables, or make desserts or contribute any food or drink please contact the church office t: 724319 or e: cynthia@trinitygsy.org

Church 'Christmas Card' - in the narthex is a Christmas card. Please write your greeting on one of the baubles beneath and stick onto the card. Donations will go towards the Angel Tree Project and envelopes should be placed in the Offertory Box on the stand just inside the church. Thank you.



Sunday Sermons - over the next few weeks during Advent the Sunday sermons will pick up on themes such as Hope, Joy, Peace and Expectation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas time. We will also enjoy (or endure?!) some carols, a DIY nativity, lots of candles and an 8 foot orange before Christmas Day! In preparation for Christmas why not pick up an Advent book of daily readings from the bookstall?

Trinity Seniors

Saunter and Snack – A short, gentle walk, friendly chatter, then a tasty snack. This Thursday 6th December at 11.30 am (until about 2.00 pm). Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact George Lihou t: 240771/07839 180024 to discover meeting location (decided by the weather!) and request a lift.

It's a Wonderful Life - Private Screening – Friday 28th December at Candie Museum 1.30 pm

Trinity Seniors you are cordially invited to a private screening of 'Its a Wonderful Life' on Friday 28th December 2018 at 1.30 pm. This is a Christmas treat exclusively to Trinity Seniors in partnership with Guernsey Museums. There is no charge, however, we do ask that you pre-book your place with Helen by Sunday 9th December 2018. Please note that this is not a public event. If you require support with transport please also let me know – thank you. Helen

Please contact Helen for further information on activities and events this Autumn term t: 724319 or e: helen sheppard@suremail.gg

Guernsey Caring for Ex-Offenders – Coffee, Cake & Craft on Tuesday 11th December 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm at Town Church, St Peter Port. All proceeds will help fund the continuing weekly craft sessions offered to ex-offenders.

Diary Dates

Week commencing Monday 3rd December 2018
CC = Church Centre

MONDAY

Trinity Tots – 10.00 am to 11.30 am CC

TUESDAY

Prayer – 8.30 am and 12 noon - Lobby
Youth Group (years 10-13) 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm CC
First Tuesday – 7.30 pm at The Pickled Pig

WEDNESDAY

Prayer – 8.30 am and 12 noon - Lobby

THURSDAY

Prayer - 8.30 am and 12 noon – Lobby
Esperance Group – 10.00 am – 11.30 am
Mother's Prayers – 12 noon – 1.00 pm CC
Trinity Café – 9.30 am – 2.00 pm CC

FRIDAY

Prayer – 8.30 am and 12 noon - Lobby
Trinity Café – 9.30 am – 2.00 pm CC
Youth Group (years 7-9) 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm CC

SATURDAY

Trinity Walk in Herm – 10.15 am at Herm Harbour

Services for next Sunday Sunday 9th December 2018

9.00 am – Worship and Word
10.40 am – Holy Communion
4.00 pm – St Peters@4
with childrens' groups and high tea
6.30 pm – Worship and Word

Vicar: Jon Honour **Associate Pastor:** David Girard **Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:** Bebe Pentland
Church Manager: Cynthia Wilkinson **Community Worker:** Sue Le Fric **Children's Pastor:** Emma Backhouse
Wardens: Anne Bodman and Paul Dowinton **Treasurer:** Martin Thornton
Church office open weekdays 9am to 2pm. Contact 724319 or cynthia@trinitygsy.org for any enquiries or to contact any staff.