

# TRINITY LIFE

April and May  
2024



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# Welcome to our Easter edition of Trinity Life.

We're so pleased that you've picked this up, and would love to find ways of connecting up with you further. Here are a couple of ways in which you might take something of the story of Easter a bit further over these next few weeks....

**ALIVE is a five part series inviting people to ask some of the big questions about the Easter story and the Christian faith.**

We're going to be taking a look at some of the people who had a life-changing encounter with Jesus after the resurrection. With video input and plenty of time for discussion, we'll be looking at topics like love, hope, peace, freedom and purpose. So come and join us on a journey of discovery to see that Jesus being alive has a profound impact on us today - it really does change everything!

Starts **Wednesday 17th April, 745pm - 9pm**  
**in the Trinity Centre.**

**SOMEONE DIES SO YOU  
CAN LIVE YOUR  
BEST LIFE.**

Discuss.



**An informal and interactive evening with Resound Worship featuring songs of lament and of hope from their new double album.**

We've really benefitted from Resound over these last few years, and particularly during lockdown they became a 'staple diet' of our Sunday worship and midweek six o'clock live. We're so pleased that as a full band they'll be coming for a live concert, and sharing some of their latest work with us and many others.

**Saturday 18th May, 730pm at Holy Trinity Meole Brace.** Tickets £10 (£5 under 18s) which includes drinks etc during the interval.



Find out more and RSVP online.  
Or contact the Church Office on 01743 362399  
[www.trinitychurches.org](http://www.trinitychurches.org)

Trinity Churches?

We are a thriving community of Christians in Meole Brace, Radbrook Green and the wider Shrewsbury area. Together we are growing faith, proclaiming hope, and living the love of Jesus.



## KNOW - PRAY - SERVE - JOIN - THANKS

The **Electoral Roll** is our way of saying "count me in" to people who want to belong to life here at Trinity. We've just over 400 on it at the moment, and there's always room for more. New here? Want to get involved? Find out more - and complete a form online - at [www.trinitychurches.org/er](http://www.trinitychurches.org/er).

We're really looking forward to **Ian Budd starting in June as curate** here. He and his wife Kate will be moving into the parish in June, and Ian will be ordained in Lichfield on Saturday 29th June at 6pm. If you'd like to be on the list to receive a ticket to attend contact the Church Office.

Here at Trinity we love **celebrating life events** with people. So whether you're celebrating the birth of a child, thinking about getting married, or more sadly are organising a funeral we are here for you as a local church. In particular we're looking forward to a year of weddings, but there's lots of room in the diary for more at the moment. It needn't cost the earth, and we'd love to find ways of helping you share your big day here. Check out the website or contact the Church Office for more.

Saturday 25th May in the morning sees the **Plant sale** taking place at Holy Trinity Belle Vue. We'll have a warm welcome, and some beautiful plants for you to take home for your garden. There will also be jams and preserves etc, as well as refreshments and biblical amounts of cake. We'd love to see you.

It's not too late to sign up for the **New Wine Summer Conference**. This year there is one conference back at the 'home of New Wine' in Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Dates are 25th July to 30th July 2024. Tickets are going fast so don't hang around. Chat to Phil, Fi or one of the other people who went last year for more info.



Contact the Church Office on 01743 362399  
Or catch up on latest news - and read the weekly email -  
[www.trinitychurches.org/news](http://www.trinitychurches.org/news)

# Sunday Gatherings

## Holy Trinity Meole Brace (HT)

**9am – 10.15am.** A more traditional service of Holy Communion

**11am – 12.15pm.** A contemporary morning service

**6.30pm - 7.45pm.** An informal evening service in the Trinity Centre

## Christ the King Radbrook (CTK)

**10.30am–11.45am.** A contemporary service meeting in Radbrook Community Centre

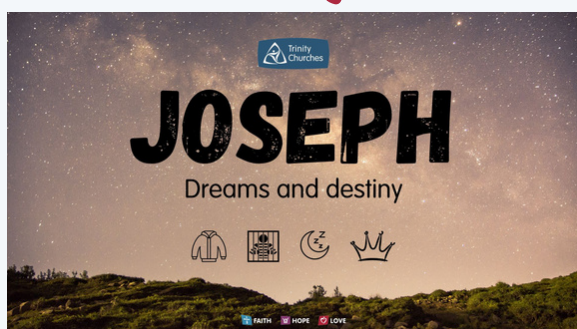
*We are also supporting our neighbouring parish of*

## Holy Trinity Belle Vue (HTBV)

**10.30am–11.45am.** A contemporary morning service at Holy Trinity Belle Vue, Belle Vue Road.



# Sunday Themes



As April begins we've still got a couple of weeks in our "AMAZED" by Jesus, and those who meet him after the resurrection.

We're then going to spend a few weeks looking at the OT hero Joseph. At a time when we're doing some 'dreaming' as a church it feels good to be reflecting around how God moulded and shaped this young dreamer, and through the downs and the ups of life he knew the presence of God.



With the Easter story ringing fresh in our ears we're going to be using some new material called ALIVE, walking with Mary by Jesus' tomb, the friends on the road to Emmaus, doubting Thomas. Each encounter reveals how Jesus reaches out to people at their place of need.

Over the summer we will then be walking through the Sermon on the Mount, and this hugely inspiring yet challenging teaching about life in the kingdom of God.



# SUNDAY SERVICES

## 0s-18s

There are many activities for children and youth across our life at Trinity. For Sunday gatherings most people start off at the 11am at Meole Brace Church, where Trinity Kids and Trinity Youth age-related groups meet each week. On the second Sunday of each month at 11am is an all-ages celebration.

## CHURCH ONLINE

You can join us online for one service every week which you can find on Facebook, or a link off our website at [www.trinitychurches.org](http://www.trinitychurches.org). We usually livestream the 11am service, though on the second Sunday of the month we usually livestream the 9am instead.

## COMMUNION

Our usual service pattern is weekly communion at 9am, then monthly at other services. (1st Sunday of month at 6.30pm, third Sunday of month 11am and HTBV, and fourth Sunday of month at CTK).

There are also two midweek services of Holy Communion taking place, 10am on first Thursday of month Belle Vue, and 10am on third Thursday of month Meole Brace.

Date	Morning Congregations (9 & 11am HTMB, 10.30am CTK, 10.30am HTBV)	Evening Congregation (6.30pm HTMB)
7th April	"He gives second chances" 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 21:15	Transformed by Love John 20:1-18 (Presence)
14th April	"He is ascended" 1 John 3:1-7 Matthew 28:16-20	Surprised by Hope Luke 24:13-35
21st April	Joseph's dreams Gen 37:3-13, 18-24 John 10:11-18	Filled with peace John 20:19-29
28th April	Joseph in trouble Gen 39:1-15, 20-end John 15:1-8	Living in freedom John 20:1-25
5th May	Joseph in power Gen 41:15-25, 29-40 John 15:9-17	Fulfilling our Purpose Acts 9:1-9
12th May	Joseph and family Gen 42:6-25, 29-30, 35-36 John 17:6-19	Annual Meeting at 6.30pm
19th May	1030am Pentecost Sunday Joint Service across morning congregations	Living under God's blessing Matthew 5:3-12
26th May	Joseph's heart Gen 44:1-4, 14-18, 24-45:9 John 3:1-17	Living as disciples Matthew 5:13-20



For Church online go to "Trinity Churches Shrewsbury" on Facebook or [www.trinitychurches.org/live](http://www.trinitychurches.org/live)

“Christ is risen” But now what?

An invitation to pray:

# ‘Come, Holy Spirit’

In a few weeks’ time (Thursday 9th May) we celebrate the day when the risen Jesus withdrew his earthly presence. His followers felt alone, though they knew that Jesus had promised the Spirit so they prayed ‘**Come, Holy Spirit**’. Could we do the same, for ten days? Jesus said that God would give the Spirit to those who ask (Luke 11:13) – let’s ask!

For just those 10 days, could you find one (or a few) person(s) and work out a way to pray each day? How you meet and how you pray is up to you, but there will be resources to help:

- A **prayer room** will be set aside in the Trinity Centre, bookable during daytime hours. Prayer ideas provided.
- There will be a downloadable/printed **daily prayer** with suggestions for a short prayer time.
- There will be **facilitated (Zoom and in-person) prayer gatherings** on some days, focussing on areas of work and need in our world.
- Each evening on Zoom we will hold a short service of **Compline**.

The ten days ends on Sunday 19 May – Pentecost – when we will pray together the prayer we have been praying all along: **Come, Holy Spirit**.



Resources are available - and more to come -  
[www.trinitychurches.org/trinityprayer](http://www.trinitychurches.org/trinityprayer)



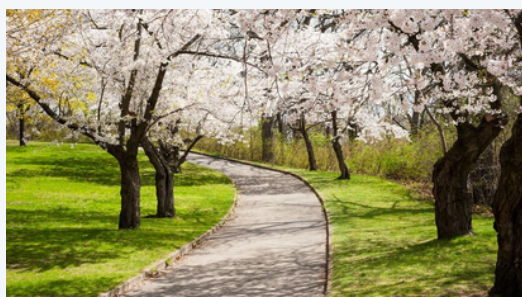
7.45pm on Tuesday 9th April

## Musicians Worship Evening

An evening for musicians, singers, and anyone else wanting to get involved in our musical life together. We'll be learning a couple of new songs together, digging into a bit of input on "why / how" of worship, and reflecting on some of the joys and struggles in our worship at Trinity. All are welcome, whether you're currently involved or not.

## A Spring Walk

Join in with others for a 6 mile circular walk to Pulley, Bayston Hill, Sutton and back. We meet at 10am at "The Meet Place", the community space at the heart of the Meole Estate. Do please wear suitable walking boots/trainers, and appropriate clothing. You may want to bring refreshments for a coffee-stop at halfway, and at the end we're hoping to people will bring their own lunch back at the Meet Place.



10am on Saturday 13th April

## Womens Brunch

A morning for Trinity Women to get together. We'll begin with an American breakfast and time to be with friends old and new. We'll then have some space to worship and pray, to get creative, and to enjoy being together. We start at 9.30am, and will finish by 11.45am. Ticket contribution £7 includes craft activity to take home.



9.30am Saturday 27th April

## Annual Meeting

Our APCM provides the opportunity to take stock of how we're doing. This year we'll hear an update from the "Dream Team" doing some work around values and vision, as well as reports from some of the areas of ministry and mission here. We'll get a chance to do some of the 'business' which goes on as well which resources our wider life at Trinity.



## Joint Service on Pentecost Sunday

Our Summer Joint Service takes place on Sunday 19th May at 10.30am. This brings together the 9am and 11am at Meole Brace and CTK. We'll be finding different ways to celebrate God's work across the world, and some of the ways in which we can partner with that. It's Pentecost Sunday, so we'll also be finding ways to be praying for each other that - wherever we are - we would be full of the Holy Spirit and sent out by God in our daily lives.



10.30am on Sunday 19th May



More details from Church Office  
Find out more and sign up

[www.trinitychurches.org/whatson](http://www.trinitychurches.org/whatson)



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT TRINITY

**As part of our usual Sunday morning gatherings, Trinity Kids are taking our sessions outside into the church grounds once a month on the fourth Sunday.**

We are thankful for an amazing team and for the beautiful gardens around the church. We are using this space to help us encounter God in a deeper way and to step into God's Big Story through wondering, and exploring sights, sounds and smells. So far this year we have explored the story of creation, we've wondered about birds and what Jesus had to say about them, and we've placed ourselves in the joyous celebrations of Palm Sunday.

We'd love to continue growing and developing this creative ministry so if you are an adult with any forest, fire-pit, or hot chocolate making skills to put to good use, do please get in touch. And kids, remember to bring a coat and suitable outdoor shoes on the fourth Sunday of every month!



More details from Cerys Hughes (0s-11s)

[www.trinitychurches.org](http://www.trinitychurches.org)

## Trinity Youth in April and May

**Trinity Youth continues on Sunday mornings with an amazing team of volunteers leading our wonderful 11-18 year olds.**

Tuesday night life continues at 6.30pm each week in the Fiwila Room in term time for Years 7-10, though in the coming months those in years 9 and 10 will move up to the older group.

During April, the Sunday night youth will be meeting weekly from 6.30-8.00pm - do encourage your older teenagers to come and join us as we walk together in faith.

For more information about Trinity Youth, speak to Fi Iddon





# Children & Families this SUMMER



**Toddler Groups** – Every Week in Term Time  
Monday's 1.30 – 3 @ The Trinity Centre  
Thursdays 10 – 11.30 @ Radbrook Community Centre



## Little Buds

**Toddler Church** – Second Friday at 10.30am @  
The Trinity Centre

12th April | 10th May | 14th June | 12th July



**Messy Church** – First Thursday at 4.30pm @  
The Trinity Centre

2nd May | 6th June | 4th July



**0-3's Group** – Every Week in Term Time  
Wednesdays – 9.30 – 11 @ Holy Trinity Belle Vue



**Messy Church** – First Sunday at 9am @  
Holy Trinity Belle Vue

7th April | 5th May | 2nd June | 7th July

[www.trinitychurches.org](http://www.trinitychurches.org)

It has been great to get some feedback on our resources section, and some of the different ways in which people are checking out faith and going deeper in discipleship. Here's a few more ideas:



Fancy a podcast? The **"Soul Survivors"** podcast is a tough listen, but good at charting the story of Soul Survivor and its founder Mike Pilavachi. How we can build healthy church culture today? Whilst it's an app and not strictly a podcast, **"Lectio 365"** is one of the most used daily listens that helps you pray the Bible every day. Well worth it!



available from your fave podcast app



**"The Bible - a story that makes sense of life"** is a really great read by Andy Ollerton, full of practical and down-to-earth narrative of the big story of God. Or you might take a look at **"Ten: why Christianity makes sense"** by John Pritchard which sparked a recent evening service sermon series.

Newly published - and surely not just for children - is **"My Big Story Bible"** put together by bestselling author Tom Wright. Aimed at 9s - 11s, he brings his usual style to a younger age in bringing the story of scripture to life in a vibrant and engaging way.



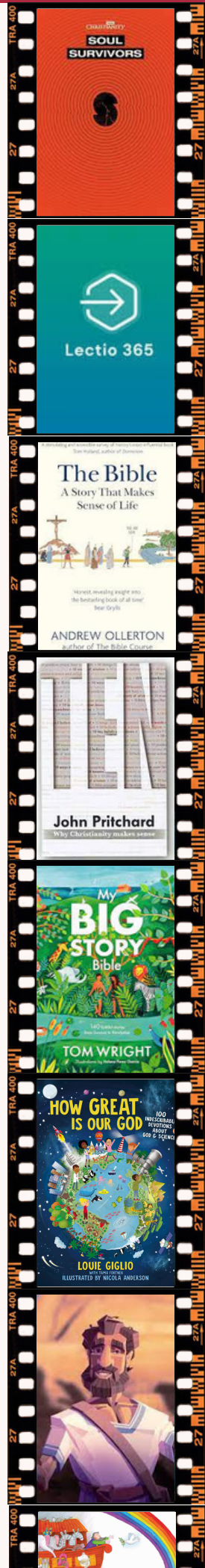
[www.illuminatebooks.org.uk](http://www.illuminatebooks.org.uk)



With only a slight apology, we're going to recommend the new resources from **The Bible Project** again. We'll be using some of their features on the sermon on the mount, alongside the background reading around the wider biblical narrative. The site also features podcasts taking you deeper into the big story of the Bible.



[www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)

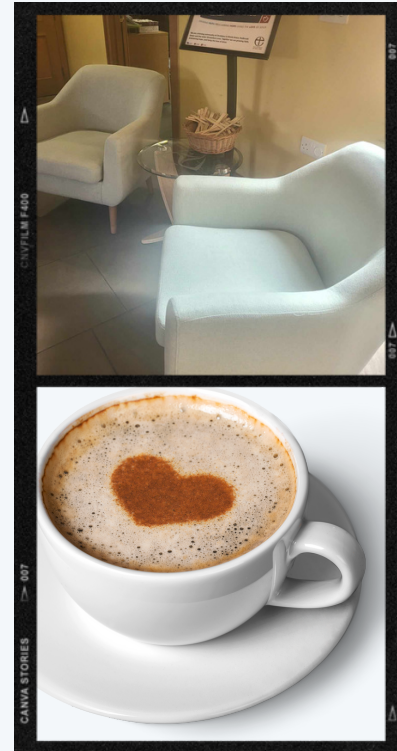




# The Trinity Centre and Cafe Connect

Have you seen our new welcome area in the **Trinity Centre**. Things are taking shape there, and over the next few months more changes to come as we continue to be a welcoming presence to everyone who comes here. The diary is looking busy over the next few months which is encouraging, with an vast array of groups using the centre. Don't forget that - for regular members of the church - you get a discount if you make a booking.

Talking regular members, there's an amazingly variety of customers at **Cafe Connect** in Radbrook Green. We can barely keep up with printing more loyalty cards which gives people a free cup of coffee every six drinks! But whether this is your first time or you're a frequent visitor, we really need your support. A place to meet with friends? Catch your breath before a shopping trip or doctors visit? Take the kids or grandchildren after school? Join the team. We want Cafe Connect to continue to be a place offering great food, good value and a warm welcome. How might you help this continue?



More details about the Trinity Centre phone 01743 242660. Or:

[www.trinitychurches.org/TC](http://www.trinitychurches.org/TC)

## Your call?



Have a chat with one of the ministry team or wardens. Or:

[www.trinitychurches.org/yourcall](http://www.trinitychurches.org/yourcall)

**There are an amazing array of ways in which people live out their calling and use their gifts to serve God. At work or at school. In family life or community groups. Closer to home or further afield. You are amazing!**

At the same time we also recognise that we all have a part to play in building up the life of the church. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder in using the gifts that we have to equip the ministry and mission of church life.

"Just a coffee rota", or being on the front line of welcome? "Only looking after kids", or helping a new generation experience faith? The choice is yours. Take a look at the board at the back of church, or the website, which has just some of the current opportunities to serve. It's your call.





# Contacting us

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Keith and Amal Moore (Pioneer Community Ministers),  
Kevin Pilsbury (Operations Manager)



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