











## **DOING - PRAYING - CHEERING**

If you've been keeping up to date with our weekly emails then you'll know that we are focusing in these next months on 'praying, doing or cheering' for our ministries within Trinity Churches. Within a larger church, worshipping across different congregations, it's very easy to not be aware different things that are going on...but all of us have a role to play.

We may be helping out practically, praying for our ministry or cheering it on as we speak well of it and encourage others. Each month we'll be having a focus on a particular area of ministry and mission which you'll see reflected here in Trinity Life, in our weekly emails, in our intercessions, notices and social media posts over a three week period. In the final week of each month, we'll be focusing on the work of one of our mission partners.

As a church, we are indebted to those who faithfully 'do' and without whom nothing would happen.

We say a heartfelt, 'thank you', to those who pray faithfully for different areas of our work. These prayers have eternal consequences, and we are so very grateful to those who cheer different ministries on, encouraging, supporting and speaking well of all we are doing.

Our prayer is that, as the body of Christ here at Trinity Churches, we become more aware of the way God is at work among us... joining in with our prayer, encouragement and practical help.

For the next two months our focus will be on Meole Brace Kids, followed by Trinity Table. Keep reading for some more information on these important ministry areas...



# Meole Brace Kids (MBK)

It has been great to see the number of kids at our Meole Brace Kids Club (MBK) steadily increase over the past few weeks. We started our kids club on Meole Estate in 2018 with a handful of kids. We believe that the seeds we plant in the children from a very young age are never wasted but God always bring fruit from them in His time. We run our kids club every Wednesday from 3.30 to 4.30 at the Meet Place. Recently we have been partnering with The Hive which they have provided amazing sessions for our kids from collage, to printing to drumming to song writing and recording and the list goes on. Last week we saw 16 kids attending. Once a month we run a Little Bit Messy which kids really look forward to it. Through the kids club we have built great relationships with families otherwise we wouldn't have met. We believe there is so much still to come for our kids' club. Please do stand with us in prayers.











# **Trinity Table**

Trinity Table is a monthly lunch for mainly older people. It is a welcome opportunity for about 60 people to get out of the house and meet with friends in a warm, loving environment and at the same time enjoy a nourishing two-course meal cooked in the Trinity Centre kitchen. Each month there is a Thought for the Day talk by someone from our church family and at Advent, Easter and Harvest, there is a short service in the church to celebrate the season.

There is a lovely, dedicated team that runs Trinity Table, serving our guests by doing shopping, food preparation, cooking, washing up, setting-up the hall and tidying up afterwards, driving, welcoming, and waiting at table. Trinity Table was one of the first regular events to take place in the Trinity Centre, when it first opened, and continues to reach out into the community with the love of Jesus.

Find out lots more about all that's coming up:

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.

# 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

#### <u>Christ the King Radbrook (CTK)</u>

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

We are also supporting our neighbouring parish of

#### <u>Holy Trinity Belle Vue (HTBV)</u>

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

# **Sunday Themes**



Two thousand years ago, Jesus said to his disciples, "follow me."
But what does it mean for us to follow Jesus today?

As well as exploring this amazingly practical course on discipleship in our small groups, we're also digging into some of the big themes across our morning congregations.









In our evening congregation we'll be exploring this practical letter that Paul wrote to the Thessalonians 2,000 years ago. We'll be looking at the big themes of how and why we remain faithful to Christ, alongside its encouragement to value the gift of work in our Monday to Saturday lives as we live and grow in the love of Jesus.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Date	Morning Congregations (9 & 11am HTMB, 10.30am CTK, 10.30am HTBV)	Evening Congregation (6.30pm HTMB)	Os-18s There are many activities for children and youth across our life
2nd February	Being with Jesus: yoked to Jesus 2 Cor 5:16-21 Matthew 11:28-30	PRESENCE	at Trinity. For Sunday gatherings most people start off at the 11am at Meole Brace Church, where Trinity Kids and Trinity Youth agerelated groups meet each week. On the second Sunday of each month at 11am is an all-ages celebration.
9th February	Becoming like Jesus: knowing our calling 1 Thess 5:12-24 Matt 25:1-13	Be thankful 2 Thess 1	
16th February	Becoming like Jesus: dealing with our past Phil 3:7-14 John 7:53-81:11	Stand Firm 2 Thes 2	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
23rd February	Becoming like Jesus: bearing fruit Psalm 1 Mark 4:1-20	Keep praying 2 Thess 3	www.trinitychurches.org. We usually livestream the 11am service, though on the second Sunday of the month we
2nd March	Becoming like Jesus: forgiveness Romans 5:1-11 Matthew 18:21-35	PRESENCE	usually livestream the 9am instead.  COMMUNION Our usual service
9th March	Doing what Jesus did: spiritual disciplines 1 Cor 9:24-27 Matthew 7:24-29	Journey to the Empty Tomb	pattern is weekly communion at 9am, then monthly at other services. (1st Sunday of month at 6.30pm, third Sunday of month 11am
16th March	Doing what Jesus did: solitude Psalm 16 Luke 4:1-14	Journey to the Empty Tomb	and HTBV, and fourth Sunday of month at CTK).
23rd March	Doing what Jesus did: serving Eph 4:1-13 Mark 10:35-45	Journey to the Empty Tomb	There are also two midweek services of Holy Communion taking place, 10am on first Thursday of month Belle Vue, and 10am on third
30th March	Doing with Jesus did: generosity 1 Chron 29:10-20 Luke 21:1-4	Journey to the Empty Tomb	Thursday of month  Meole Brace.





#### **Trinity Table**

Trinity Table is our monthly lunch event where you can meet new people, enjoy great conversation and share a delicious home-cooked meal. Sign ups required via our website or contact the church office. Future dates for this include 26th March (note date change from April) when we also enjoy a short service beforehand at 12pm.



#### Ash Wednesday

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These are always humbling words to hear, a reminder of our frailty in life as well as our beauty in Gods' eyes. We'll be hosting our usual service on Ash Wednesday, which will include a chance for the imposition of ashes and to share in communion together. We'll be meeting in the Trinity Centre



#### **Big Sunday Lunch**

Want to join a group who get together every couple of months to share a meal? Suitable for all ages and 'stages', and whether old-timer or newcomer, you'd be very welcome at the next "Big Sunday lunch". If you'd like to join a group - and make the most of opportunities of getting to know other people at Trinity - then let us know and we'll find some space around a lunch table near you!



#### **Half Night of Prayer**

Join us for some or all of our 'Half Night of Prayer.' As well as being a Lent focus for us, we'll be using this time to pray for Trinity Churches during the vacancy. The evening will be broken down into half hour slots from 7pm until 11pm with different themes, and you are welcome to come and go as you please. Please do try to make this a priority if you are able to.



#### **Service of Remembering**

At our twice-yearly services we read out a list of names for those for whom we have taken funerals, as well as other names of those perhaps long deceased but still very much on our hearts. There are opportunities to light a candle as a sign of remembering, to enjoy the stillness and peace of the church, and to hear again of the Christian gifts of faith, hope and love. We finish with refreshments at the back of church hosted by our team.



#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT TRINITY

We love being God's amazing family and finding ways for people of all ages to encounter Jesus. Little Buds is our monthly toddler church that meets on the second Friday of every month in The Trinity Centre, and offers a space for pre-school children and their parents and carers to explore Bible stories through crafts, sensory play, games and activities, followed by a time of storytelling, wondering, singing and prayer.

We finish with a cooked lunch for everyone and a space for chat and for friendships to grow. This year, we are exploring The Fruits of The Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-23) and how we can grow good fruit in our lives. Perhaps you can picture a room full of pre-schoolers exploring joy, with whistles and shakers, streamers and sprinkles – it was certainly joyful (and noisy, and messy!)

We are thankful for our wonderful team that set up, provide activities and a warm welcome, sweep floors and clear away, cook meals and wash dishes, but there is always room for more! If you feel you may want to get involved with this exciting ministry with pre-schoolers and their families, do chat to Cerys for more information.

Little Buds Toddler Church meets on the second Friday of every month, 10.30am until 12noon at The Trinity Centre, do come along and invite your friends too!





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

www.trinitychurches.org

Trinity Youth meet on Sunday mornings as part of the 11am gathering, as well as on Tuesday evenings (weekly for younger teenagers) and Sunday evenings (fortnightly for Year 10+).

This term our Sunday Night Trinity Youth are meeting weekly as we join the rest of the church in 'Practicing the Way'. Alongside some great Bible teaching and discussion, we've enjoyed a lot of fun and laughter fuelled by creative hot chocolate making. We are really grateful to three people who are working alongside Fi to support this important ministry since Tracey's departure. If you might be able to be involved then please do get in touch.



# **The Trinity Centre**

Beautiful celebrations. Inspirational Meetings. Great Value.

Our new price list for 2025 is now available and we are once again enjoying seeing many of our regular bookers returning this year. We continue to explore options on improving our service both in welcome and facilities so watch this space for new changes. We have had huge success with our new website launch and are very excited to introduce the brand new "What's On" page which features information on our regular groups here and how you can get involved.





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