

# TRINITY CHURCH HONLEY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

## *A Message from our Minister, Rev Helen Roberts*

The year is moving on and October brings with it lengthening nights. At the end of the month children will venture into that night dressed in many different costumes from spooks to superheroes. Halloween or All Hallows' Eve (the evening before the church feast remembering all saints – those who point to life and hope) developed into a time to acknowledge all things evil then conquer them on the day of saints, and now today it is a fancy dress and chocolate event.

It leaves me pondering how we present the wrong and evil things in our world – the costume of a witch with warts or of a pirate with hook and scars – so often the damaged, the different and the ugly are used as a shorthand way of labelling the danger. The Western movies with the white hatted hero and the black hatted baddie are doing the same thing. But I think we are at risk of making serious mistakes if we think that evil is always clearly marked, or even that it is only in the unknown and the different. People close to us can choose to do wrong, evil can come dressed in a cloak of apparent safety, and we need to be alert to our own potential to be a cause of hurt.

There is a line in the Bible where Jesus advises his followers to be 'as wise as serpents and as gentle as doves'. There is a need to be worldly wise, to be alert to dangers and risks around us, and to be wise enough to see beyond a warty witch caricature to the full range of hazards. Yet also called to be as gentle as doves – that does not mean denying a problem but that we should seek to respond without drawing ourselves into being people of danger ourselves.

Thinking of nations - when one side rattles sabres, if the other only rattles back, then where is there to go but ever louder rattling until all are deafened. Being 'wise as serpents and gentle as doves' to me speaks of daring to find other ways to respond to the problems and dangers we face, not pretending they are not there, but showing the dove of peace and hope.

So maybe giving chocolate or another treat to that young child in a slightly threatening costume at your door on the Eve of All Saints might be a sign of responding with the gentleness of doves, and remembering the value of all people, celebrating All Souls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **SUNDAY SERVICES, 10.30 a.m. October 2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Minister</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Raymond Brook	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dean Henry Stapleton
15 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Helen Roberts	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rev David Bidnell
	(Communion)	22 <sup>nd</sup> 6 p.m.	Rev Richard Thompson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Church's own arrangement		

The 6 p.m. service on 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Taize Service, a time for quiet reflection. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all our services. The rotas of helpers for all our Sundays are displayed on the noticeboard.

### **Harvest Festival Service, which took place on the 24<sup>th</sup>**

Our celebration of Harvest was a joyful service, led by our Minister

Rev Helen Roberts and with musical contributions from Trinity Singers. As in previous years, all our harvest gifts are for the Welcome Centre, a small independent food bank which supports the homeless and those in great need. Many thanks for all the contributions

### **JOIN OUR TRINITY EVENTS IN OCTOBER**

4<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. Church Council. This meeting is for members of Church Council only.

8<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. Recognition Service for Neil Ward and Laura Tunnacliffe

at Holmfirth Methodist Church

10<sup>th</sup> First meeting of the new season of Tuesday Fellowship at 2.30 p.m. in Arthurs' Room at Trinity. Speaker Rev Helen Roberts.

Chair Margaret Sheppard. All welcome

10<sup>th</sup> Holmfirth Methodist Leisure Group meets at Meltham Methodist Church at 11 a.m. for walk, picnic lunch and entertainment

11<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. First evening of Seasons of My Soul themed discussions: Identity led by Rev Helen Roberts, Arthurs' Room at Trinity

15<sup>th</sup> Honley Civic Society/Trinity Church Walk. 310 bus from Honley Bridge to Hepworth, then walk to Honley. Leader Bert Neary.

18<sup>th</sup> Church Meeting 2 p.m. All are welcome.

24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Fellowship at 2.30 p.m. in Arthurs' Room. Speaker Gill Cotterill; Chair Joyce Draper

25<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Seasons of My Soul – Memories, Arthurs' Room

## **News from the Committees – what’s happening at Trinity – see the contact list if you wish to join any of these**

**Mums and Toddlers’ group** reopened September 5th and will be at Trinity every Tuesday morning in term time from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, we had 15 children enjoying the morning together, so do come and join us!

**Activities Committee** is busy making plans for the Christmas Tree Festival 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We would be really grateful to anyone wishing to join us for an hour or so to give us a helping hand. Contact Karen on 664648 or Linda on 663536.

**Worship Committee** are preparing for the Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please let them know which are your favourite hymns by putting them on the list on the church noticeboard. The Committee are also looking for a medium sized wooden lamb for the Christmas service on 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you have one we can borrow, please contact any member of the Worship Committee.



Article by Joan Vevers. **The Circuit Walk** on sunny 12 September was led by Maddy from Netherton Chapel. We walked down Lea Lane with its spectacular views up the valley; a bit showery but not too muddy. Crossing over the fast flowing Mag Brook we walked up the field into the woods, coming out at Magdale, up to Netherton Moor and entered the woods behind Bourne View Road. There are some lovely gardens and houses, seen as the road wound round almost to Meltham Road. We had a short walk beside the road and crossed over before climbing the hill back to the Chapel where tea, scones and biscuits were served. Netherton always do us proud.



A musical note from Merran Smith. As the church’s organist, I choose the music I play before and after the service and during the offertory. I try to include tunes we haven't sung for a while (so we don't forget them) and I also play through new tunes if the preacher has chosen one we don't know.

**Trinity Singers** Glenys Pallister, Trinity Singers Musical Director, gave the singers a long summer holiday but they are now back singing every Thursday between 10 and 11 a.m. and have been rehearsing the two songs for the Harvest Festival Service on 24 September.

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday United Church Marsden!** On September 3rd, the United Church Marsden, celebrated 50 years as an LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership) church. The service was led by Rev. David Bidnell and Rev Sue Burton and Rev Malcolm Smith shared memories of his early days as the first minister of the newly United church. Three of us from Trinity attended the service remembering that in 2 years’ time we too will be celebrating 50 years as the 2<sup>nd</sup> LEP church in this area. Any ideas for how we can best celebrate are warmly welcomed.

**Letters to the Editor** Barbara Watterson expressed thanks for beautiful flowers received. Our best wishes and thanks to our editor, John Murray, taking a well-earned “sabbatical” from the newsletter.

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*See the next newsletter for the November events.*

**Next month's newsletter** will be available on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Material to Vera Stanley or Di Harris by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Any comments on this pilot format of the newsletter would be welcomed – many thanks.