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Peace is a Rose

Peace is a rose

Peace is a rose, so lovely, so delicate, so fragrant, so easily crushed.

Holy God , let peace flower in our damaged world.

In parched places let peace take root;

In broken places let peace send forth strong shoots.

In barren places let peace bud and bloom, that all may see her beauty, feel her softness; be overcome by her gentle perfume and tend her.

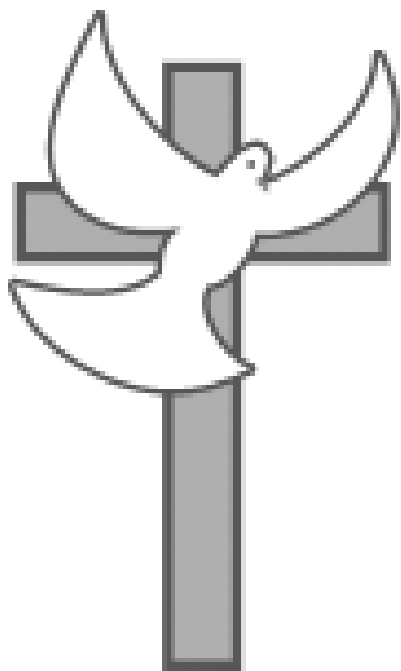
Amen

[Written by Sally Jones, a presbyter in the South Warwickshire circuit. Sourced from the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2024/25]

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 7th

8.30 Rev Derek McLean -Holy Communion

10.30 Service led by our all-age Worship team

6.00 Rev Christopher Andam - online circuit service

Sunday 14th

10.30 Rev Derek McLean –Holy Communion

6.00 Rev Liam Dacre-Davis –online circuit service

Sunday 21st –Harvest Festival

10.30 John Aldridge

12.00 Bring and share lunch

6.00 Rev Andrew Farrington -online circuit service

Sunday 28th

10.30 Ashutosh Desai

6.00 Rev Ian Hu - online circuit service

Midweek Worship @ 11.30 am on 1st & 3rd Wednesday every month.
All welcome

Saturday prayers 10.30-11.00 am every week in Meeting room. . All
welcome

OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 5th

8.30 Rev Ian Hu - Holy Communion

10.30 Service led by our all age Worship Team

6.00 Rev Kim Alexander- online circuit service

Sunday 12th

10.30 Rev Derek McLean –Holy Communion &
Recommissioning of Pastoral visitors

6.00 Rev Derek McLean –online circuit service

Sunday 19th

10.30 Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman

12.00 Bring and share lunch

6.00 Rev Ivan Bennett - online circuit service

Sunday 26th

10.30 Colin Rodway

6.00 Rev Ian Hu - online circuit service

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 2nd

- 8.30 Rev Derek McLean -Holy Communion
- 10.30 Service led by our all age Worship Team
- 3.00 pm** Rev Derek McLean–Memorial service
- 6.00 Rev Kim Alexander- online circuit service

Sunday 9th –Remembrance Sunday

- 10.30 Rev Kim Alexander
- 3.00 Civic Remembrance service at St Peter’s Church
- 6.00 Rev Ivan Bennett -online circuit service

Sunday 16th

- 10.30 Howard Smith
- 6.00 Rev Ian Hu - online circuit service

Sunday 23rd –Sunday before Advent /Christ the King Sunday

- 10.30 Rev Kate Cook –Holy Communion
- 6.00 Rev Andrew Farrington - online circuit service

Sunday 30th –Advent Sunday

- 10.30 Heather Corlett
- 6.00 Rev Ivan Bennett - online circuit service

MEMORIAL SERVICE

One of the most significant services of the year will take place at Trinity on Sunday November 2nd at 3pm. It will be led by Rev. Derek McLean.

November 2nd is the nearest Sunday to All Saints Day, a traditional time to hold services of this nature. We know that many people – and I’m one of their number – have greatly appreciated this service.

When the funeral has been held at Trinity, or has been conducted by Derek, personal letters of invitation are sent out.

The service has also proved helpful to those who have been bereaved longer ago than that: it provides an opportunity to grieve for those who have died many years ago.

It also provides an opportunity to reflect when a loved one’s funeral took place elsewhere meaning that attendance wasn’t possible.

Through “Affinity” I hope we can spread the word about this service. Please come along if you are able and support those in their time of need.

There will be, as in previous years, an opportunity in the service to light a candle. Afterwards there will be refreshments and a time for conversation and further reflection.

It will be helpful for the Steward’s to know if you’re able to come. Contact any of the Trinity Leadership Team, or me on 0116 2593396, or by email: john.p.aldridge@btinternet.com

I’m privileged to take over the task of co-ordinating this service from Howard Smith, who has performed this duty with care and efficiency for many years; we are so grateful to him.

John Aldridge



Heather Corlett: Editor

Editorial

Welcome to the Autumn 2025 issue of Affinity., which covers the months of September, October and November We have enjoyed a hot, dry summer , and now look forward to Autumn's changing kaleidoscope of colours as the leaves turn to gold and red.

Sadly our Welcome on Wednesday group met for the final time in June, marking the end of an era. WOW has been a part of life at Trinity for over 60 years, and the Wednesday meetings will be missed by many people. Stella Orbell's article "A short history of WOW" which appears in this issue of Affinity will bring back happy memories for those who have been members of WOW over the years.

The deadline for the Winter 2025 edition of Affinity , which covers the months of December 2025 and January and February 2026 is **Sunday November 16th**. All contributions to Heather Corlett [Editor] by that date please. Please use the same email as for the weekly notices and state that your contribution is for Affinity.

Articles need to be 250 words [1 page], 375 words [1 1/2 pages] and 500 words [2 pages]. **Please** try to keep articles as close as possible to these lengths.

Heather Corlett [Editor]

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Message from the Manse

Dear friends

This magazine covers the months of September through to November. The publication cycle deliberately corresponds to the Methodist year which starts on 1st September, and the Preaching Plan, which is produced quarterly

and sets out who will lead which services in that period.

Once again, I stood in for the Superintendent Minister to prepare this Preaching Plan. It features 240 Sunday slots (18 locations, 13 Sundays, 6 extras) and 44 midweek services (2 weekly, 3 twice monthly).

As well it being the kind of logic puzzle that I enjoy, it is also a deeply pastoral process. I appreciate the privilege of praying for the people who will meet in each of these 18 locations faithfully offering worship to God. That pastoral aspect is especially true when changes to the circuit staffing mean that nine of these churches has a new minister this September, and five are affected by new governance/trustee structure.

By comparison, we have relative stability at Oadby. This isn't a time of major festivals, but we faithfully mark the seasons with our regular pattern of main services, early Communion, All Age Worship, and online evening worship. We supplement that with Harvest, Memorial and Remembrance, as well as a visiting preacher bringing news from Uganda.

It is this faithful pattern of a worshipping community, supported by prayer (particularly collective prayer on a Saturday morning),

and Bible Study (including our House Groups), which sustains us to be A Church for All in the Heart of the Community.

God bless you

Rev Derek

Methodist Conference

I love going to Conference. However, I don't put myself forward to be elected as a delegate because I'm committed to diversity, and there are too many people like me there already.

There is an official Digest which outlines what happened, but these are my personal highlights.

Conference isn't just business. Each session is wrapped in worship, prayer, and Bible Study. I found it moving that when Conference approved the names of John Aldridge and Miriam Stevenson as lay people with an Authorisation to Preside at Communion, they took that "business" as part of the Conference Communion service.

The Bible Studies were interactive with contributions from a wide range of perspectives. When we studied Jesus' rejection at Nazareth, I was struck by the description of how this resonates for trans people who are least accepted in their home-towns, particularly by congregations who think they know them better than they know themselves.

At a fringe event, I heard Professor Anthony Reddie speak with the title, "Whiteness is the sea, not the shark." His theme was to distinguish between individual racist acts, and the racist effects of the way the world works. For example, John Wesley said "The World is my Parish", but it is a lot easier to follow in his footsteps if you are

a White man with a British passport, than it is for most Methodists around the world.

In a context of increased international tension and a political consensus that we need to spend more on defence; we discussed Christian responses. It was especially powerful that this was led by the United Methodist Church bishop with responsibility for Ukraine. Words about reconciliation are not easy there.

Conference overwhelmingly endorsed a World Council of Churches report that the Israeli Government's action in relation to Palestinians amounted to Apartheid.

Discussions were also eminently practical. The conversation about refugees was informed by input from churches who are actively involved in providing support. (Similarly for environmental action.)

The Youth report encouraged us to work out how we can get Young People involved in planning and leading worship.

Derek

(The Anthony Reddie talk, and all of the Conference sessions, are available to watch online, let me know if you want details

WELCOME ON WEDNESDAY 1959-2025

A Short History.

Welcome on Wednesday (W.O.W.) recently closed its doors for the last time but all those who have been associated with it over the last 66 years will, I am sure, retain very many happy memories.

In 1959 the population of Oadby was growing rapidly and this was reflected in the life of Trinity where many young families had found a welcome. It was Joan Button who had the idea, and it was a popular one, of starting a Wives Club. One afternoon a month about 20 ladies would meet, take part in a short devotional period, which became a particular feature of W.O.W. for years until very recently, and then enjoy an invited speaker or an interesting demonstration. Overtime the number of these speakers must be counted in their hundreds and rarely did we encounter one that disappointed. Stand out demonstrations included Caryl Richard's cookery, the chocolate man, cheese tastings, make up demos, flower arrangers galore, artists and singers.

In the 1970s Rev Philip Beuzeval and his wife Sue moved into the Manse and Sue took a great interest in the Wives Club which by this time had increased its attendance and frequency and was attracting single ladies as well so she re-named us W.O.W. – Women on Wednesday- and the group went from strength to strength under the new catchy name.

It is well nigh impossible to list all the wonderful occasions which the group enjoyed over the years. Every year there were special celebrations for Easter (remember those bonnets!) and Christmas and usually a New Year Meal and an Outing by coach for the day in the summer. It has always been an important aspect of the group that we

raise money for charity and thousands of pounds have been sent in support of The Ethiopian Appeal, LOROS, Arthritis Research, the Special Olympics, Cancer Research, Leicester Children's Holiday Centre, Wishes for Kids, Air Ambulance and many, many more.

Raising funds has entailed organising special events which will always be remembered by the participants: the Aber Valley Male Voice Choir concerts, Fish and Chip Suppers, Fashion shows, Plant Sales, Rummage Sales, Beetle Drives, Garden Parties in Barbara Sansom's lovely garden, Quiz evenings and Bring and Buy Sales. Probably the most memorable of these was the first ever Trinity Pantomime – entirely cast from W.O.W. members except for our imported Dame, Graham Austen. Dick Whittington led the way for 25 years of Pantomime and Musical Events masterminded by our dear friend Gwyneth Sutcliffe and enjoyed by hundreds of people from Oadby and its surrounds. In the end these were whole church events but W.O.W. led the way.

Our coach outings included visits to Trentham Gardens, Lincoln, Evesham, St Alban's, a prison in Derbyshire, Well Dressings, Rutland Water, Garden Centres and many others.

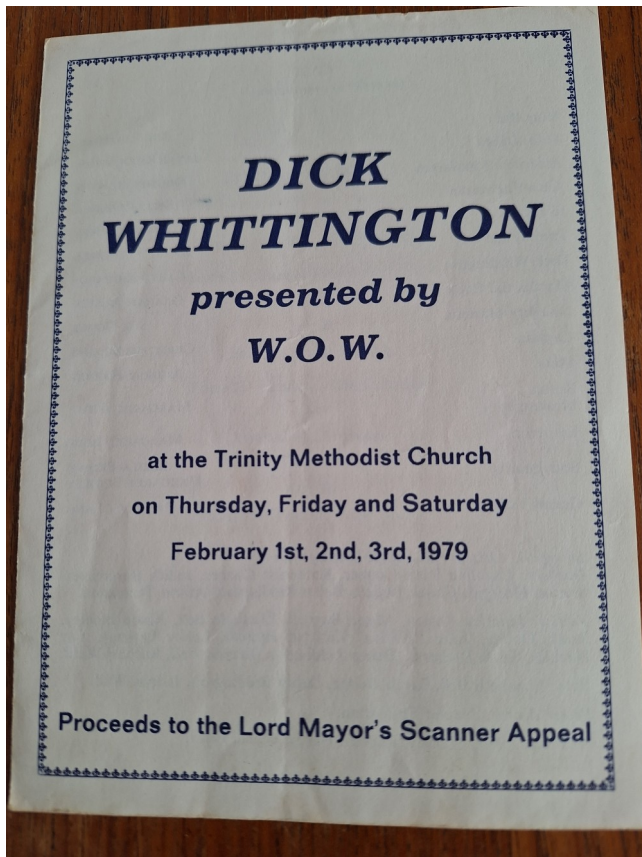
For some years an annual W.O.W. Service took place at Trinity with an invited speaker which gave an opportunity for Sue Beuzeval, Kathleen Wood and Carol Jennings to come back and lead us. Our 25th Anniversary in 1985 also saw Joan Button and Sue at the top table, and David and Kathleen Wood cutting the cake for our Golden Anniversary in 2009. A lot of cake was eaten and a lot of reminiscing took place on both occasions.

Over time there have been many people who have given up their time to organise and run W.O.W.. It would be wrong to pick out

particular leaders or committee members and those who gave practical support. You know who you are and we thank you all for the many years of fun and laughter which we have enjoyed together. People have always been attracted to the meetings because of the friendly welcome which we tried to give and the care and support shown to all who chose to give us a try – plenty of whom had no connection with Trinity until they joined us.

W.O.W. was well named !!

Stella Orbell.



An Autumn of uncertainty

As our thoughts now move towards September, October and November, I thought this poem might be appropriate.

So much is unknown to me,

The future is concealed.

I must wait with faith until the future is revealed.

I can plan and hope and scheme,

I can save and I can dream.

I can pray and I must trust -

Trust God for tomorrow.

Margaret Cartwright



ZEPH'S UPDATE

Zeph's continues to be busy (and at times very busy!) providing a focal point for the local community. This is very much as Zeph's was intended. We continue to do what we can to promote the café. So, during August, we have been closely involved with the Oadby Motorfest and later in the month, with the Oadby Food Festival. We are also in the process of updating and refreshing the Zeph's website with the help of Tim Neville. We want to make sure that it tells our customers all they need to know about what we offer.

Events, all starting at 6.00 pm, arranged for the next few weeks are:

5 September – Fish Supper

19 September – French Night

3 October – Fish Supper

17 October – European Night

7 November – Fish Supper

21 November – Chinese Buffet Night.

Planning is already underway for some great events and meals over the Christmas period. Look out for details of these which will be available towards the end of October.

In addition to these events, please remember that Zeph's can provide excellent catering for special events such as birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, funerals, and children's parties. And if you need a cake for a special occasion, then Zeph's can help. Please contact Michael Whitmore or any of the staff at Zeph's to find out more.

Mention must also be made of the Zeph's Garden which has been a delight this summer, full of beautiful flowers with all

sorts of colours. Our thanks to Mel Labbett for all her continued hard work, organising and maintaining the garden for everyone's enjoyment. Thanks also to Michael, the staff and volunteers for the great work which they all do. A particular thank you to all our volunteers who do so much to help with the running of the café. And if anyone else is interested in becoming a volunteer, then please let us know!

Frazer Robson

Chair of Board of Directors



Being a Worship Leader?

I have been a Worship Leader since 2009.

Why? I'm not sure really. There was just this something that stimulated my imagination. The thought just kept cropping into my head. I did think of doing it earlier, from about 2005, but the circumstances never really clicked. Other commitments? Not the right time?

In early 2009 there was a new course and the opportunity for people thinking of becoming a Worship Leader. Although I had taken part in services before, doing bible reading and the leading with some of the prayers, it made me think! YES, I can do this. This **WAS** something I could do as a follower of Jesus and his teachings, and with God's love and support, a way in which I could be of service.

The course was comprehensive and gave insight into the role, with loads of help on presentation, voice projection, confidence in standing up in front of lots of people. Plus, of course, resources to help.

At that time I had a lot of support from Ministers and Local Preachers, who were happy to share their thoughts and 'themes' about the service they were to take. That feedback is still important to me as it gives me an idea about how to prepare my prayers.

Worship Leaders work within their own church and community.

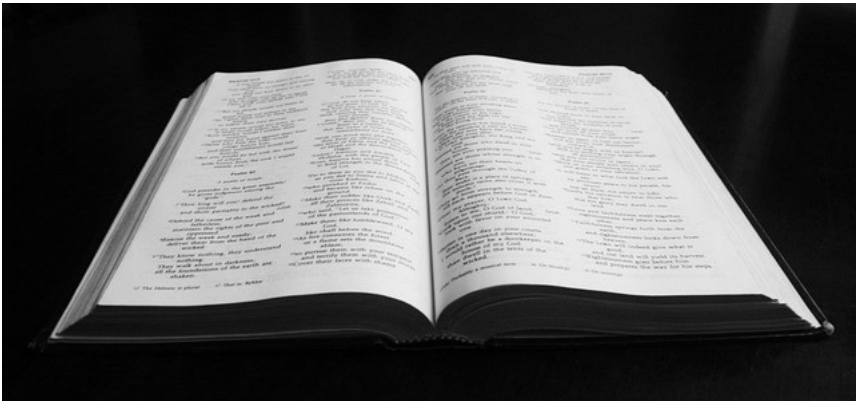
There is, obviously some study involved! But we don't do sermons! I couldn't manage that. However, if we have to take the whole service with another Worship Leader, there are many resources to find commentaries on the bible reading of the day. And yes the internet is extremely useful; but you do have to be careful and aware of where that resource is coming from. Read carefully.

I am writing this because the four Worship Leaders: myself, Anne Dodge, Graham Austen. Ian Bell and Lesley Green are all getting older.

We really would like to encourage younger members of our church and community to think about , pray about, ask God’s guidance and consider becoming a Worship Leader. Talk to any of us, or to Derek. Maybe this is one way that **YOU** could be of service to God, Jesus, and the church. I’m sure you would find It enjoyable, interesting and rewarding, as I do. Please think and pray about it.

God Bless

Anne Dodge



The Council of Nicaea 325AD

1,700 years ago, about 250 people from all over North Africa, the Middle East and other parts of Asia and Europe assembled in Nicaea, in modern day Turkey. They came at the invitation of the Emperor Constantine, ruler of the Roman Empire, who wanted a united religion to bind the empire.

They were a very diverse group, reflecting the diversity of the Roman world. Some were educated, others not. Some had been persecuted for their faith. Their mother tongues were different, some may have been freed slaves, others simple artisans like Paul or Peter. All of them were called ‘episkopos’, that is bishop.

Above all they wanted unity, so that Christ’s prayer ‘that they all may be one’ could be fulfilled. It felt to them that there were so many different expressions of faith that the body of Christ was being fragmented.

Over the next 10 weeks they sought to find a deep unity in faith and practice. They had a number of decisions to make, perhaps most importantly what they should say about who Jesus is. Not everyone would agree and once back home some of their unity fell apart.

But some of the decisions they made still hold today. They agreed all Christians should celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on a Sunday. They also agreed that prayer should be made standing up on Sundays – the day of resurrection!!

The main item on the agenda was how to speak about who Jesus is. In Roman culture there were many gods, but as Christians they believed in one God. They wanted to proclaim the full divinity and full humanity

of Christ but disagreed about how best to do it. They used the scripture they had (not yet an agreed New Testament), but in the end used a Greek word to express their faith that Jesus was ‘of one being’ with the father. They declared him the Son of God ‘only-begotten’ (that is, not made, and the only one).

This is the statement they came up with – translated from the Greek.

We believe in one God, the Father of the whole Universe, maker of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten from the Father, only-begotten, that is of one being with the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father, through whom all things came into being, things in heaven and things on earth, who because of us human beings and for our salvation, came down, became incarnate and became human, and suffered and rose again on the third day, and ascended to the heavens, and will come to judge the living and dead. And in the Holy Spirit.

How amazing that this Jesus, a Roman subject, who had compassion on the poor, welcomed women and washed feet like a slave, was ‘of the same being as God’. This is what God looks like and loves like! Here is the heart of faith – there is one God and in Jesus we see the love and being of that one God. And we today say ‘Amen’ to that.

Fifty years or so later the statement was added to by others to become what we recognise today as the Nicene Constantinopolitan creed.

Submitted by Diane Price

Loving through a broken heart= Palestine and Israel in the shadow of Gaza

Revd David Hardman from the Methodist Liaison Office, Jerusalem visited Oadby Trinity Methodist Church in July 2025.

His talk was entitled, 'Loving through a broken heart': Palestine & Israel in the shadow of Gaza

He spoke about the Biblical promises underpinning the competing claims to land in Israel-Palestine, about the British contribution to the political challenges, about the long history of Christian antisemitism, and of the growth of antisemitism in Britain today. (We were reminded that under Simon de Montfort, Leicester had its own contribution to the history of Jewish persecution.)

David described the work of the Methodist presence in Jerusalem and the attempts to work with Israeli and Palestinian peace-makers. He spoke about the desperate situation in Gaza, and the way that places which he had recently visited have been destroyed. He spoke too about Palestinians driven from their homes in the West Bank.

There were lots of questions taken from the audience, including from two Palestinians – one of whom originated in Jerusalem, and the other who only escaped from Gaza since 7th October, and who is studying at the University of Leicester. The situation which his family faces is one of starvation.

There were also questions from two prominent members of the local Muslim community. This prompted a conversation about whether churches should be doing more to speak out against violence. Whilst it was felt that churches should say and do more, it was acknowledged that words can be twisted, and we choose our words wisely. The Imam led the applause in response

to recent statements from the World Council of Churches, and the statement adopted at Methodist Conference.

Rev Derek



Rev David Hardman

Next Church Charity

We usually choose a new church charity at the October Church Council meeting. This year we have been raising funds for The Leprosy Mission, which is international in scope. Therefore we need suggestions for a **local** charity that we could support from October. Please give any suggestions to Lesley Green from the Outreach team, or email her on outreachtmc@outlook.com, by mid September. Thank you.

Lesley Green

Crib Festival – Christmas 2025

Arrangements are in place for a crib festival following last year's successful pattern, to be held in church on the following days:

Sunday 14th 2pm – 4pm

Monday 15th to Thursday 18th 10am – 4pm; with an additional slot on Wednesday 17th from 6pm – 8pm

Friday 19th 3pm -6pm

Saturday 20th 10am - 4pm

If you've not experienced this before, or missed it last year, it is simply a display of a variety of Christmas cribs in various styles. They will be displayed around the church and will be accompanied by appropriate text to stimulate thoughts, prayers and reflection.

We are appealing for suitable cribs to display. Please let Rev Derek know of any suitable contributions. However, please note that it is inadvisable to offer anything especially valuable: we intend the event to be stewarded whenever it is open, but we cannot rule out loss or breakages.

We are also looking for volunteers to act as Stewards, to unlock and to welcome people. We anticipate coordinating that with the Welcome Desk. If you can offer a few hours, please let Stella Orbell know.

Help setting up and help with publicity would also be much appreciated.

News from Uganda



Revd Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman will visit Trinity Methodist Church Oadby on Sunday 19th October.

Daniel and his wife Grace were recently the Methodist Church partners in Uganda.

Daniel will preach at our morning service and will talk to us afterwards over a Bring and Share lunch.

Come and hear about the joys of working with a growing church where a large majority of the worshippers are under thirty years of age. Hear too about the challenges of fulfilling God's calling in a place where there were significant tensions within and beyond the church.

New bible study/ house group

A new house group should start to meet from 7.30pm to 9.00pm on Tuesday evenings soon. It may suit people who are working during the day, or who may not be able to make every meeting. The aim will be to make each week's discussions self-contained. No experience of bible study or house groups is required, but if you do have any suggestions for topics to talk about, or materials to use, they can be brought to the first meeting.

If you are interested, please have a word with Lesley Green or email her on outreachtmc@outlook.com.

£1 Quiz for The Leprosy Mission – Answer sheet

Many thanks to those of you who attempted my quiz and gave a donation for The Leprosy Mission. £31 was raised to add to the total.

The first clues all ended in "TON". For example: False Hairpieces (4) = WIGSton

In this place....

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|---|-----------|
| 1....is Leicester City's Filbert (3) | FOXTON |
| 2....it sounds like it's over. (3) | DUNTON |
| 3....you wear gloves to avoid a gardening injury. (5) | THORNTON |
| 4....archaically, almost nearby. (5) | KNIGHTON |
| 5....are old pots (4) | CROXTON |
| 6....it seems like there are sticky substances. (5) | GLOOSTON |
| 7....there's a need for food (6) | HUNGARTON |
| 8....they cultivate the fields (almost) (3) | TILTON |
| 9....are bad happenings or sicknesses (4) | ILLSTON |
| 10....is the Mad Max actor's real first name (3) | MELTON |

11....is perhaps a short laugh, or the method (5) HOUGHTON

12....she or he emits a long, audible breath, I hear. (3) SYSTON

The next clues ended in “BY” For example: Headless blue dye (3) = (w)OADby

In this place...

1....are streams. (6) BROOKSBY

2....one flits about for pleasure (4) GADSBY

3....are bottoms! (5) REARSBY

4....a canine voice is heard (4) BARKBY

5....there’s almost murder! (3) KILBY

6....shrubbery feels at home (4) BUSHBY

7...steer clear if rodents aren’t your thing. (3) RATBY

8....there’s no charge (4) FREEBY

9....there’s nearly too tight a curl (4) FRISBY

10...there’s a black and yellow buzzer (3) BEEBY

Lesley Green

Where Leicester Has Worshipped

... and continues to do so!

'Where Leicester has worshipped' is the intriguing title of a book by local author Andrew Moore which was published in 2008. It is essentially a work of reference listing the buildings that have been used specifically as places of worship within the City of Leicester. The book is organised alphabetically by denominations. The Methodist section lists 60 sites within the city which at some time in the past have been used for Methodist worship. Among the churches illustrated are Belgrave Gate Primitive Methodist Church which closed in 1937: the building still stands in the shadow of Burleys Flyover, albeit with its towers removed. Not far away from there was Hill Street United Methodist Church (opposite the site of the Haymarket Bus Station). After Hill Street closed in 1930 its organ, pews and war memorial came to furnish our new church here at Oadby when it opened in 1931.

Following the recent closure of three churches in the Belgrave area in the north of the city (Claremont Street, Harrison Road and Edgehill at All Saints), Methodist witness continues at ten locations in Leicester. Four of those churches form part of the Leicester West Circuit: Epworth Hall in Blackbird Road, New Parks, Trinity in Narborough Road and St Andrew's in Glenfield Road East. The Leicester Trinity Circuit has six churches in the city: Bishop Street, Christchurch (LEP), Church of the Nativity (LEP) in Aylestone Park, Mayflower, Uppingham Road and Wesley Hall.

Bishop Street Methodist Church occupies a strategic site in Town Hall Square in Leicester City Centre. On Sunday 26th October the congregation there will mark the church's 210th Anniversary

To celebrate the occasion, the Revd Sonia Hicks, our District Chair (and currently acting Circuit Superintendent) will be the preacher. Like Trinity, Bishop Street is open every day of the week. The Chapel Café, which is run by the Zinthiya Trust, is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 4.00pm and on Saturday from 10.00am to 3.00pm. This historic building – *“in the heart of the city”* - is well worth a visit.

‘Where Leicester Has Worshipped’: Andrew Moore [Laurel House Publishing, 2008; ISBN 978 0 9533628 2 0]

Howard Smith



Bishop Street Methodist Church, Leicester which marks its 210th Anniversary on 26th October 2025

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The Revd Raj Patta shares this reimagining of the Lord's Prayer in the context of Gazan famine and starvation.

Our God, the bread of life, whose heaven is in feeding the creation,
your name now is unhallowed as people in Gaza are dying of famine and living in starvation,
your kingdom will only come when there is peace, justice and equal food for all.

How on earth can your will be done as it is in heaven,
when the aid reaching Gaza is on a siege and the amount reaching is only a trickle,

with more than 1000 people killed while seeking aid,
and 6000 trucks of aid still waiting to enter Gaza?

Give the hungry their daily bread as we fast for Gaza.

Forgive us our debtors as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into the temptation of either seeking revenge or staying neutral on the face of injustice,

But deliver us to share our bread and lives by standing up for the cause of just peace.

Yours is the kingdom of justice, where wars and conflict come to an end,

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