

# Trinity News



## December 2014

**The Exchange Building is closed from Friday 19th December until Monday 5th January except for meetings listed below**

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| <b>Worship</b> at 10.30 am in the Exchange                                      | <b>Sun 7 14 21</b>      |
| <b>NO Worship Meeting on Sunday 28th December</b>                               |                         |
| <b>Carols by Candlelight</b> Reception at 6.30pm, Carols at 7pm in The Exchange | <b>Sun 14</b>           |
| <b>Mustard Seed Team</b> meet at 8.00 pm in The Exchange                        | <b>Mon 1 8 15 22 29</b> |
| <b>ReC Young Adult &amp; Student Group</b> : 7pm in the Exchange                | <b>Tues 2 9</b>         |
| <b>Christmas Morning Celebration</b> at 10.30 am in the Exchange                | <b>Thursday 25</b>      |
| <b>Worship Practice</b> 8.00 pm in The Exchange                                 | <b>Thurs 4 11 18</b>    |
| <b>The Lion, The Witch &amp; The Wardrobe Play</b> 7pm in the Exchange          | <b>Sat 6</b>            |
| <b>Access Youth Night</b> — 6.00pm—8pm in The Exchange                          | <b>Sat 13 20</b>        |

## The King is Here

The Christmas seasons is almost here. During the coming weeks, as a Church Community and the light of the World, we will have many opportunities to speak of and reflect the loveliness of Jesus to our families, friends, neighbours and work colleagues.



Paul Rothwell

Christmas can be a time of pressure and frenzy for many people, and perhaps for us too? In our Advent programme **the intention is to equip ourselves with the desire and know-how to be a blessing to those around us** and not be burdened by the demands that Christmas can bring to each of us and them.

For the Advent Sundays we will be considering the themes of Generosity, Gatherings, Greetings and Gift Giving. All of these usually happen at Christmas and we can use these **as gateways to bring the goodness and blessing of Jesus into the lives of people around us**. Our Christmas Carols is entitled 'The King is Here' and will not only celebrate the presence of King Jesus among us, but will also provide a real opportunity for people attending to respond to him for salvation. You might keep this in mind as you start inviting people to the Carols event.

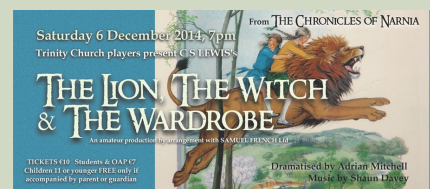
**NLT (Claire Reilly, Andy Bowie & Paul Rothwell) place a high value on your ongoing prayer for us at this time.** We are involved in lots of exciting things in Trinity Church at present and are eager that they succeed and are a blessing to all involved. **We continue to count it a privilege** and honour to serve as leaders in this Church family and pray that your Advent season will be full of joy and Jesus moments.

## Christmas at Trinity

Christmas is a wonderful time to celebrate **'God with us'** and to introduce your family and friends to this wonderful truth. This year our Advent programme is:

**Nov 30 - Generosity at Christmas**  
**Dec 7 - Gatherings at Christmas**  
**Dec 14 - Greetings at Christmas**  
**Dec 21 - Gift Giving at Christmas**

We are really looking forward to the play —**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe** which takes place on **Saturday 6th December at 7pm**—to get your tickets email: [NarniaInTheExchange@gmail.com](mailto:NarniaInTheExchange@gmail.com)



The **Carols by Candlelight** takes place on **Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm**—**invitations available** at the Welcome Desk each week.

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## Thank You ...

*Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*

I am always blown away by the generosity of Trinity Church and this years Gift Day is no different. **We have already received more than our record collection last year** and I want to say a huge thank you to everyone.

Just in case anybody forgot or didn't get a chance on our Gift Day we will leave it open for another 2 weeks, **then I'll let you know the total!** So if you would still like to contribute to the Gift Day we will have some envelopes available for the next 2 Sundays. If you would like to give by debit or credit card or a/c transfer or perhaps increase your Standing order just come to the office after church on Sunday & we will facilitate you.

**Thank you so much again,** Philip Strouhair



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## Mission Focus—Tearfund

We're Christians passionate about ending poverty, working through local churches to unlock people's potential and helping them to discover that the answer to poverty is within themselves.



In a great step forward for our No Child Taken campaign, we give thanks for the Bill introduced by Minister Fitzgerald in November to criminalise the buyers of sex and protect the vulnerable, particularly trafficked people. Tearfund

CEO Sharan Kelly presented No Child Taken campaign cards to Minister Fitzgerald recently.

Give thanks for the IMPACT project in Malawi - before the project began 1 in 5 children being born to HIV infected mothers were starting their life with HIV, a death sentence at birth. Since the start of the project all women have delivered HIV negative babies, reducing the child mortality rate in the area. Please pray that the work of the project will be continued by the communities themselves now that the project is in its final stages.



*(Photo: Baby Jesse born HIV negative to HIV positive mother/Markus Köker)*

Thank you for your support this year! **For more information see Markus & Elke Köker or [www.tearfund.ie](http://www.tearfund.ie)**

## Thank You ...

Thank you to the **Acess Worship Team** who led our Meeting on Sunday 30 November—thank you to everyone who made that possible—to **Peter** for getting the worship team ready and facilitating a brilliant morning, thank you to **all the parents** who supported the youth, thank you to **Clair Breen and prayer teams, Michael Westbrooks with serving teams and Philip Nixon with the sound and media teams**. Thank you too to **Joe and the catering Team** who prepared a great meal for us after our morning.



## Pastoral Care at Christmas and Beyond

Despite all the bright lights and tinsel and excitement, Christmas can be a difficult and lonely time for many in our Church family and others we know. Particularly at this time of year we are expected to be generous, frequently get together for meals, drinks and parties, offer season's greetings to all and exchange gifts with those we are closest to. Sometimes this can be a pressure to comply with what is expected of us and we end up in a heap at trying to please those around us.

Each of us has the potential, because of the indwelling Holy Spirit, to be a comfort to each other during this Christmas season and to offer differing levels of pastoral care to those around us who might be feeling the stress and pressure which the Lord never intended to be part of our Christmas experience. **I would encourage you to be on the watch out for those you are in close relationship with** and seek to be an appropriate pastoral support to them. Please initiate pastoral care for others and don't sit back assuming that everyone is doing fine. Some of you who are now in small groups will have many opportunities to serve each other and provide pastoral care over the Christmas season and beyond. Don't forget to keep in contact and speak prophetic blessings so you will all be comforted and built up and encouraged.

In the new year we hope to provide **some pastoral care training** so that the small groups can become self-sufficient and minister in caring ways to each other. **However, we continue to remain available to meet with, advise and pray with those among us who feel the need for deeper levels of pastoral care.**

Love in Jesus—Joe & Lorraine Kerrigan



**Joe Kerrigan**  
Pastoral Care  
Ministry Leader