



***SPHERE LOOKS DIFFERENT*** For the next quarter, the Sphere magazine will look a bit different because Leisa Young at the Circuit office will be on sick leave for about eight weeks and this is going to create a few logistical problems in printing the magazine for us. So for March, April and May, Sphere will be produced as a four page "MINI MAGAZINE" and will be issued on the first Sunday of each month.



Hopefully, things will be back to normal for the June issue. So, if you have anything you would like in the April and May editions - keep them coming.

Many thanks, Eric Chatburn [Sphere editor]



# Worship Timetable

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7-30 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday service and simple meal at Trinity



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10-00 a.m.**

Good Friday service at Bamber Bridge

This is followed by an Ecumenical service outside the Wither Trees.



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March- Easter Day**

- 6.45 a.m. Circuit "Sonrise" service at Beacon Fell
- 8.30 a.m. Communion Breakfast at Bamber Bridge
- 10.30 a.m. Services at Bamber Bridge and Trinity
- 6.00 p.m. Life and soul party at Bamber Bridge



# Minister`s Message

*Dear friends:*

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February I travelled to India along with Sarah and Ian and Eileen Roberts. So as you receive and read this newsletter we will be sharing with brothers and sisters in Christ, visiting the Net school and local churches, and experiencing a culture very different to our own.

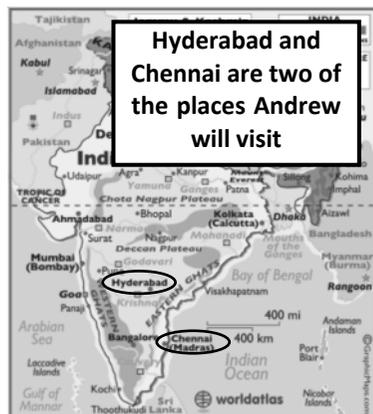
As part of the preparation for the visit Sarah and I had a series of injections to protect us from diseases like typhoid and tetanus. It amazes me that a small injection can give us lifelong protection. Sometimes I think we view faith like immunisation, we take a step at a point in our lives and then imagine it will last us for a lifetime without us having to do anything else. We sometimes talk about becoming a Christian as if one commitment long ago gives us lifetime protection by God and guaranteed admission into heaven.

I have been reading a book about Discipleship by Andrew Roberts called "Holy Habits". He likes the phrase 'being saved' which suggests it is ongoing. He says this:- 'Being saved is so much more than getting our cards stamped for heaven. Essentially it is about being made whole; being reconciled to God, oneself and others, set free from the selfishness of sin to live a life of gladness, generosity and self-giving and participating in the Kingdom work of justice, healing, reconciliation and peace for all creation.'

Our relationship with God is lived out in following Jesus, seeking to grow more like him. This is what discipleship is, seeking to be more Christ like. It is an ongoing journey in which we need to keep working, learning and growing, in which we play our part and in which God journeys with us. During this time of lent it is very much a time to review our relationship with God and to seek to deepen our love for him and rejoice in the depth of his love for us.

Please continue to pray for us as we visit India, I have no doubt it will be an exciting and challenging experience. May all of us be inspired on our journey through lent and may it be a time to grow in our discipleship of Christ.

*Grace and peace,  
Andrew*



## News from around the Churches

### Report on joint churches group

A group was set up last year to look at ways of Trinity and Bamber Bridge churches working more closely together. So far we have had a joint away day followed by a joint morning service. We have shared together in bible studies and film and faith nights. Our young people have shared together at the Sunday night Youth Group. The 2 churches are supporting each other in prayer and we have arranged a joint pastoral meeting. Future events include a joint evening service at Trinity and a social evening in April.

***If you have questions or ideas please speak to a member of the group : Andrew Webb, Tony and Dorothy Bonser, Liz wood, and Susan Toman.***

### **Fundraising at Trinity**

We at Trinity have been fund raising for a very worthwhile cause, it began in December when we sang carols for 2 hours in Tesco Leyland, lots of funny looks when the shoppers saw our toilet surrounded by singers, we also had to compete with Star Wars just across the aisle, we raised about £150, the money is still trickling in and we nearly have enough to sponsor a toilet block in a school. Now what is this all about?

It's Toilet Twinning, part of 'Tearfund,' flush away poverty by twinning your toilet', around a third of the world's population don't have a loo, for £60 you can twin with a single household or for £240 you can twin with a school block, the health implications of this are immense.



We haven't decided yet where in the world are twinning will place but there are a number of options, if you want to find more, ask our Minister, Rev'd Andrew Webb or myself, our twinned with one in Burundi, or go to the website [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org). ***Frances Robinson – Trinity.***

### **GOOD NEWS**

After all the negative news we hear this is good news. For our Christmas Fair we were promised a food voucher from the owner of the 'The Indian' in

Leyland as one of our raffle prizes. When June (who organises the raffle prizes) went to pick up the voucher from the owner Muslim he was really interested in hearing about our Christmas gave us an extra £50 towards our costs.



***Marilyn Gillibrand - Trinity***

# Anniversaries and Events

## Wedding Anniversaries

 **During March** 

Eileen & Ian Roberts on the 17<sup>th</sup>

Margaret & David Tattersall  
on the 21st

Wendy & Lynton Yates on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pat & Jack Wilde on the 28th

## Children`s Birthdays During March

Archie Brown : 4 on the 3rd  
Kimberley Quegan: 15 on the 3rd

Liam Kendal : 13 on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Isabelle Quegan : 10 on the 18th  
Joshua Sumner : 17 on the 18th



Gold  Congratulations & Best Wishes to **Sue and Terry Livesey** Gold   
Celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary  
50  on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March  50

## Thursday coffee mornings.

This year we have raised just over £1700. We donated £700 to the church, including £300 towards the cost of the repair of the front doors. The rest of the money was divided between Christian Blind Mission, the Leprosy Mission, Mercy Ships, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Galloways, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, St. Catherine's Hospice, Macmillan, Derian House Children's Hospice and the Bible Society.

As usual, a big thank you to all our customers, old and new. We really value your support.

**The Thursday  
coffee team.**



**Sat 19th March - 7pm**

**Family Film Night**

Entry Free : Relax and enjoy.

Refreshments

at reasonable prices.

Raffle