

FAITH IN ACTION

“I have come so that you
can live life in all its
fullness” John 10:10



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Mr Cotton Chaplain Trinity School

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, our school community has come together in so many ways. From donation drives and carol services to nativities, Christingle workshops, eucharists, and more! The Faith Team has played a key role in bringing these moments to life across both sites.

This Christmas has been a time for Trinity to share joy both within our school and in the wider community. Pupils and staff have embraced many opportunities to live life in all its fullness.

From all of us in the Faith Team and Chaplaincy team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Litter Picking

The Faith Team has continued its commitment to supporting the local community through weekly litter-picking sessions in Manor House Gardens.

Our pupils have shown great enthusiasm for volunteering, helping to keep the local park clean and safe while protecting the surrounding wildlife. Their efforts make a real difference and reflect Trinity's ethos in “living life in all its fullness”.





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Emmanuel Gateway Youth Minister

“Hear Me Out are drop in sessions that run during Friday lunchtimes in the Drama Studio.

Pupils have an opportunity to share their perspectives on issues that are on their minds using engaging and interactive tools. We’ve covered topics like self-confidence, fake friends, trust, and social media.

In the new year, pupils are going to have a greater say on the topics and activities, opening up a world of possibility!”

Christmas Carols

As part of our festive celebrations, we hosted a carol service at the Trinity Secondary site, welcoming parents, staff, and members of the local community. The service was prepared by the Faith Team, featuring prayers and readings that captured the spirit of Christmas.

Care Home Carols

We continue to strengthen our partnership with the Salvation Army Care Home through the involvement of our various pupil leadership groups. During our most recent visit, members of the Trinity Choir spread some festive cheer with the residents and staff by singing carols.

The morning was filled with music and conversation, as pupils sang alongside residents and shared stories about Christmas traditions, family life, and personal experiences.

This visit provided a great opportunity for our pupils to grow in confidence, grow their communication skills, and most importantly, spread some joy and Christmas cheer.



We also heard a message from our Deputy Head Boy and Young Mayor of Lewisham, Shane Grant, who shared an inspiring message about Christmas and the importance of giving.



Christingles

Trinity Primary had a very “fruitful” time making their Christingles! Continuing our annual tradition, pupils created their own Christingles while learning about their meaning and symbolism.

After the workshops, the Faith Team led school worship and shared the significance of the Christingle, with a surprise appearance from Mr Cotton, dressed as one!

This wonderful event was made possible thanks to our generous sponsor, Waitrose Greenwich, who for the third year running provided over 420 oranges for our pupils to use.

Fundraising

For this year’s Christmas appeal, Trinity collected clothing and toy donations for Demelza, a charity we’ve proudly partnered with for several years. Faith Team pupils had the chance to meet the Demelza staff, tour their facilities, and learn about the vital work they do to support children and families.

Through these conversations, pupils discovered how crucial fundraising is for Demelza, as much of their income relies on donations and sales from their charity shops.

This year, we achieved our largest collection yet. Pupils spent the morning loading the school minibus with donations before delivering them to Demelza’s Orpington branch.



Nativities

At Trinity Primary, our Reception and Year 1 classes performed for parents and local nurseries with their Christmas nativity.

After the shows, our Faith Team welcomed the young visitors for story time, along with drinks and snacks.



Bible Scripture

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

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Christmas!
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All are invited to ...

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sunday 14th December 10.30 - 11.30 am
A 'hands-on' service for all ages
- with free mulled wine, hot chocolate & mince pies!

PUB CAROLS
Saturday 20th December 5 - 6.30 pm
Carols in The Station Pub to get you in the festive mood
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COMMUNITY CAROLS
Sunday 21st December 6 - 7 pm in the Church Hall
Join us for a festive sing-along of all your favourite carols
- with free mulled wine, hot chocolate & mince pies!

LIGHTING THE LAMPS
Christmas Eve 4.30 pm & 5.45 pm
An illuminating service of music and readings during which the church is taken from darkness to light

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
Christmas Eve 11.30 pm - 12.30 am

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION
Christmas Day 10.30 - 11.30 am
A celebration service for all the family including Holy Communion

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