

# Newsletter

## 27<sup>th</sup> May

### 2018

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Leading: **Margaret Whittaker**  
Preaching: **Jeff Whittaker**  
Theme: **Trinity**

**The Next Deacons' Meeting** will be held on Tuesday  
12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Epsom Baptist Church.



A representation of the Trinity...



The **Mid-week Bible Study**  
for Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> will  
be hosted by Anne Bartley.

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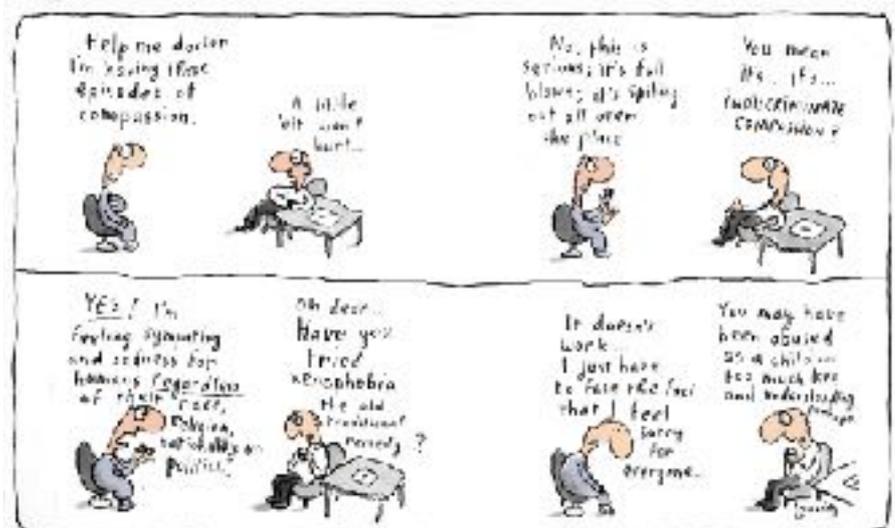
Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Chinese Congregations:  
Pastor Daniel Choi

Sunday Morning English Congregation: Pastor Jeff Whittaker

## From Pastor Jeff

Today is Trinity Sunday, a day when we reflect on the unlikely doctrine of the Trinity: God is one, yet three persons. Regularly, after preaching about the Trinity, I have people comment to me about the incomprehensible nature of this doctrine; about how difficult it is to get one's head around. I agree. It is difficult. And so it was for the early church which formulated the doctrine. They spent hundreds of years wrestling with the nature of Christ. Was Jesus simply a highly gifted human being. Or was Jesus God in disguise, like one of the Greco/Roman gods, and not really human at all despite appearances. The fierce debate, with all its side paths and dead ends, threw up the strangest conclusion: Jesus was both God and man. I'm sure the church fathers and mothers didn't come to this conclusion just to be awkward. They too found it difficult to live with. But one of the consequences of the doctrine is that the church became convinced of the incarnation: That God had indeed been born amongst us a vulnerable human baby. To me, this shows the compassion God had for us as human beings, the lengths God has been prepared to go to join us in our struggle of living, the lengths that God has gone to to enable us to escape from slavery to sin and to live differently. And so the doctrine of the Trinity has practical consequences. It calls us to become like Jesus, even to participate in the very life of God **through Christ**. May God bless us as we reflect on this strange doctrine today.

Shalom, Jeff



June 2018 Sunday morning rosters...

**Flowers:** 3 Helen Evans, 10, 17 Ann Guan, 24 Linda McBurney

**Morning tea:** Ian & Dawn de Stigter

**Communion preparation:** Ian & Dawn de Stigter

**Door and Offering:** Olwyn Halder

**Scripture reading & Communion:** Linda McBurney

**Offering counting:** Ha Rim Song and Alan Lau

**Lawns:** Jeff Whittaker