

## WHAT IS THIS LIFE IF, FULL OF CARE

by W H Davies

What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare?—

No time to stand beneath the boughs,  
And stare as long as sheep and cows:

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance:

No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have not time to stand and stare.



### 6.30pm UNITED EVENING SERVICE led by Revd Pauline Main URC

Tonight Trinity is host to members of the congregations from All Saints and the Abingdon Baptist Church. Please make every effort to support the event.



United Service

The Three Logos at Trinity: the Orb of the Methodist Church; the Cross and Fish of the United Reformed Church & the Cross of St Edmund (Abingdon's Coat of Arms) entwined with the three circles of the Trinity, of the Church in Abingdon.



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**Welcome to Trinity Church.** If you are new amongst us, or visiting from elsewhere, we would be pleased if you would sign our Visitors Book. There is a 'Prayer Support Book' in the Welcome Area, for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service.

**Church Stewards on duty:** Peter Foskett, Chris Foskett & Margaret Greaney

# Maintenance or Transformation?

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be **TRANSFORMED** by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12: 2



**Please note:** there are toys & books for young children through the glass doors in the Welcome Area – you are welcome to take children out there if they need a break during the service.



**10.30am FAMILY WORSHIP** led by David Kershaw (Wallingford)  
(Organist: Val Rast-Lindsell)

PRELUDE: 'Improvisation on a tune by Norman Warren with words by  
Mother Theresa' (Organ)

WELCOME

TIME OF QUIET

CALL TO WORSHIP

♪ HYMNS & PSALMS: 334 I sing the almighty power of God

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

FOCUS 1

MEDITATIVE INTERLUDE

FOCUS 2

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:



Isaiah 58: 9b -14  
Alastair Fear  
Reader: This is our Faith's story

(REB page 619)  
**Thanks be to God**

FOCUS 3

♪ HYMNS & PSALMS: 431 Where cross the crowded ways of life

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You see into our hearts, Lord  
**Guide us through our prayers**



FOCUS 4

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and most merciful Father we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

- We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts
- We have offended against your holy laws
- We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done and there is no health in us

But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent. according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may, hereafter, live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

FOCUS 5

OFFERING & DEDICATION

♪ HYMNS & PSALMS: 548 Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart

FOCUS 6

♪ HYMNS & PSALMS: 374 Thou God of truth and love

FOCUS 7

READING:



Luke 13: 10-17  
Neil Oastler  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
(REB NT page 64)  
**Thanks be to God**

TIME FOR REFLECTION

FOCUS 8

♪ HYMNS & PSALMS: 571 Sometimes a light surprises

BLESSING

SENDING OUT:



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

VOLUNTARY: 'Radetsky march' by Johann Strauss (Organ)

**Everyone is invited to stay whilst drinks are brought round.**  
**Thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers: Liz & Neil Oastler & Olive Vaughan. Thanks also to Val Rast-Lindsell for providing the church flowers and to Ruth Dams for the rose bowl.**