Trinity Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 24th April and 1st May 2022.

**Sunday 24th April 2022**
9.30 am at Trinity. Sunday Special led by Rev Mark.
Sunday Club in the Link.

**Coffee and Fellowship after the service in the Link.**

12.30pm Singles Lunch in the Link hosted by Ian and Barbara Armstrong.
2pm Holy Communion led by Rev Mark.

Prayers for this week: Broomfield and St. Paul’s Church, Great Baddow.

10am [YouTube] worship led by Sue Johnson

**Sunday 1st May**
9.30 am at Trinity. Worship led by Deacon Ramona.
Sunday Club in the Link.

**Coffee and Fellowship after the service in the Link.**

Prayers for this week: Hall Street and Christian Aid.

10am [YouTube] worship led by Mike Fogg.

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**Dates for your diary:**

Saturday 30 April 7.30pm. Fairtrade Quiz at All Saints, Springfield Green. Entrance £5.
Please email gill.parker@sky.com to reserve places.
(Visit CTiC’s website for more events.)

**Wednesday 4 May 10am Trinity Care Group.**

Friday 6 May 10am Coffee and Friends in the Link.
Thank you to everyone who completed surveys on Discipleship and Evangelism. These surveys are really useful and your participation is much appreciated. Today sees the launch of a new Service Survey. Could you please spend a few minutes to complete this new survey.

Link to online survey: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LS5YLNT

Online this Survey will close on 31st May with paper copies to be received by Thursday 9th June. (Contact the office for copies).

The Survey is asking some very simple questions of folk about their faith journey. There are no wrong or right answers, only honest ones. Through the survey we are able to see where the support in discipleship is required.

Thank you. Angela Brydon District Discipleship Enabler
Trinity Methodist Church

From the Minister... Patience a Virtue?!

I’ve always thought I was a pretty patient sort of chap – maybe it’s as the years go by and I’m getting older, but as each year goes by I get more IMPATIENT for the arrival of Spring! It’s seemed like such a long time coming, when March is over I really look forward to better weather – warmer at least. I foolishly took my vest off a couple of weeks ago – then it snowed!

We have just celebrated Easter – the central event of the Christian faith – Jesus risen from the dead, God conquering death not only for his precious Son, but for all people who follow in the way of Jesus.

One thing I try to remember about patience is that the business of waiting is a very different thing from the perspective of God than it is for us! As scientists continue to work out how many years old they think the universe is (Wikipedia suggest slatest thinking is 13.77 billion years!), I’m reminded of the words of the Psalmist who tells us that: The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field. It’s quite possible to take that as a fairly depressing idea, but we’re all conscious that at times the things we have to endure seem to drag really slowly. I try and remember this vast difference in time perspective when I’m finding it hard to wait for something to come, or something to pass.

Three days after Good Friday the first disciples found that Jesus was living with them in a new way, a way that would never end. We sometimes refer to those people as ‘the early church’, but as someone reminded me the other day, maybe we are still the early church, for perhaps in God’s scheme of things – it’s still the early days since Jesus rose. Let’s make the excitement of the first disciples OUR excitement this Easter, for we share the same Good News experience – Jesus lives with us today! God bless you all at Easter,

Mark
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Live-streamed services

See [http://www.chelmsfordcircuit.co.uk](http://www.chelmsfordcircuit.co.uk) for a direct link to Chelmsford Methodist YouTube. Link also on our Facebook page.

**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PRAYER SESSIONS:**
7pm Wednesdays with Deacon Ramona - Ramona’s Facebook page.

Eric has a semi-religious radio programme at 9.00 until 10.00 each Sunday
[www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org) and click on ‘Tune in’

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