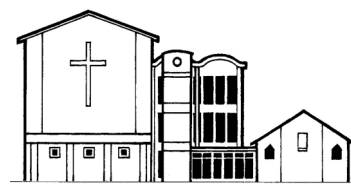


TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to our Services to-day.
If you are visiting us we are pleased to see you
and hope that you will join us for tea or coffee
and fellowship after this morning's service.



Notices for Sunday 26th February, 5th and 12th March 2023.

Sunday 26th February 2023 Lent 1

10.30am United Service at Hall Street

12.30pm Friendship Lunch at Trinity

2.00pm Holy Communion. All welcome.

Prayers for Halstead, St. Andrew's Church, Sandon & Prison Fellowship
Prayer Group.

Sunday 5th March 2023 Lent 2

9.30am Worship led by Rev Guy Goodall

Sunday Club in the Link.

Prayers for Trinity.

Sunday 12th March 2023 Lent 3

9.30am AAW led by Rev Mark.

11.00am Church AGM. Please bring a packed lunch.

Prayers for St. Augustine's.

LENT

Sunday 12th March 2023

**11.00am Church AGM. Please bring a packed lunch.
Tea and coffee provided.**

Events: Mon 27 - Sat 18 March 2023

Tuesday 28 Feb 2.30pm Circuit Ladies Afternoon Tea in the Link.

Speaker Deacon Ramona on her visit to the Holy Land.

Friday 3 March 10am Coffee and Friends.

Wednesday 8 March 10am Care Group.

Wednesday 1,8,15 March 2pm Bible Course.

Thursday 9 March 2pm Tea @ Two.

Thursday 9 March 6.30pm Men's Supper Club.

Thursday 16 March 7.30pm Writtle House group. 'Turning the Page' with Sheridan Pengelly.

Friday 17 March 10am Coffee and Friends.

LENT BOOK CLUB

MARCH 1st, 15th, 29th at 7.30pm on zoom.

Details from Sheridan or Ramona.



An appeal for extra Communion Stewards. Please contact Phil Roberts if you are able to help.



Lent reflections from Mark.

As Lent begins (Ash Wednesday was on the 22nd Feb.), so begins a period in the Church calendar when we think of Jesus beginning his ministry and getting off to a literally 'rocky' start in the stoney desert. In Mark's gospel we hear how Jesus went out into the wilderness and faced a time of great hardship and testing.

In many different ways and at different levels we can see hardship and testing around us. Sometimes we see it from a far off, as in the tragic destruction following the earthquake that has killed so many in Syria and Turkey; other times, the effect of testing is felt more directly, for example through a bereavement or the effects of the cost of living crisis. Of course, we can't compare and contrast these different types of suffering, but the emotions they all stir up are real to those who experience them nevertheless.

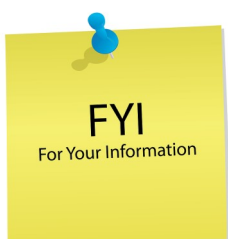
For Jesus this desert time led to great temptation as well. And we are more than likely to find ourselves tempted as we face testing times also. There's the temptation to think we might be wrong about God being over all things. There is the temptation to rely on ourselves and our own wisdom instead of God's power. There's the temptation to worship other things instead of the one true God. All these temptations Jesus faced. By his trust in God as his father, and by the assurance of the promises of God's word Jesus overcame the things he struggled with.

By our relationship with God, and by the assurance of His word we too can overcome the challenges of daily living. Try and use Lent to listen to what God might say to you in a special way, and how he might use you to be an agent of strength and peace to those around you.

God bless you on your Lenten journey.

With every blessing,

Mark



The Church Office will only be open from 10-11am on Wednesday 8 March.

From Diane Potter and Hilary Walden:

As Safeguarding officers we are pleased to say that there will be face-to-face Safeguarding Training given by Val Carter and Esther Burton at Trinity and Moulsham Lodge in the next few weeks. If you are someone who **must** renew their training we should have already contacted you to invite you along.

In addition everyone is very welcome to complete the training. These categories might help, **but everyone is welcome!**

- Leaders of other (non Methodist organisations), working with children or vulnerable adults, who use church premises.
- Remaining Choir/music group/drama leaders.
- Any other group leaders within the church, who may have adults who are vulnerable within their group.
- Property stewards and other key holders
- Church/circuit meeting secretaries.
- Church/circuit/district administrators

Please see the links below to sign up.

Saturday 11th March at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Use the following link to book a space.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-safer-space-foundation-module-tickets-53444595122>

AND

Saturday 15th April at Trinity Methodist Church 9.30am - 12.30pm in The Link.

Use the following link for people to book a space.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-safer-space-foundation-module-tickets-534474055287>

Val and Esther are happy to provide lifts if there are transport needs. Contact them directly to arrange.

If you would like to go but are struggling to sign up online please let us know.

Diane Potter and Hilary Walden - 01245 356855 or hilarywalden@gmail.com



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Everyone is Welcome

Friday 3rd March 2023 at 1.30pm

Holy Family and All Saints (RC)

Service prepared by the Women of Taiwan.

Followed by refreshments.

Car Parking: Pay & Display adjacent to the church.

Newland Drive, Witham CM8 2UL



Shopping List February 2023

Emergency food for people in crisis

Thank you for continuing to support us through these difficult times.
The items most needed at present are:

Items can be delivered to our warehouse at
450A Beehive Lane CM2 8RN

Instant coffee—small jars
Instant mashed potatoes—large servings
Tinned meats—eg chicken in sauce,
curry, spag bol, hot dogs, meat balls
Tinned fish
Tinned vegetables
Soups
Sponge puddings
Instant custard packets
Cartons of fruit juice
Jam
Marmalade
Washing up liquid

We have sufficient pasta and baked beans,
thank you



www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk

For updates, follow us on Facebook and Twitter
info@chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk 07512 574 542

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OUTSTANDING DATA CONSENT FORMS

**IF YOU HAVE STILL TO COMPLETE AND RETURN A FORM PLEASE
COULD YOU DO SO ASAP. HARD COPIES AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
OR CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR AN ONLINE FORM. RETURN TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE.**

**THANK YOU,
CHURCH OFFICE.**



NOTICES for SUNDAYS 19 and 26 March

to the Church Office - email :

trinitymethodistchelmsford@btconnect.com

Telephone: 01245-269079 by 7.30pm on

TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023

Church office:

Monday and Wednesday 10-12noon.

TRINITY NEWS

FEBRUARY/MARCH EDITION AVAILABLE.

CLOSING DATE FOR APRIL/MAY EDITION WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PRAYER SESSIONS:

7pm Wednesdays with Deacon Ramona -

Ramona's Facebook page.

6pm Fridays with Sue Johnson on Sue's Facebook

WELCOME CARDS

are available in the vestibule if you would like to share your contact details with Trinity.

INTERCESSIONS BOOK

A book is available in the vestibule for you to enter the name of anyone you would like to be remembered during the intercessory prayers.

LOOP SYSTEM

An Induction Loop System for the hearing impaired is fitted in the church.

Our Mission Statement

**Our mission is to proclaim the love of God,
in Jesus, to all people by:**

Being a place of welcome, worship & nurture

Belonging, learning & growing together

Serving the community in whatever way we can.

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