

# Trinity + Methodist + Church

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“For it was not through law that Abraham, or his posterity, was given the promise that the world should be his inheritance, but through the righteousness that came from faith. For if those who hold by the law, and they alone, are heirs, then faith is empty and the promise goes for nothing, because law can bring only retribution; but where there is no law there can be no breach of law. The promise was made on the ground of faith, in order that it might be a matter of sheer grace, and that it might be valid for all Abraham’s posterity, not only for those who hold by the law, but for those also who have the faith of Abraham.”

Romans Ch. 4 v 13-16

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

### Readings:-

Genesis Ch. 17 v 1-7, 15-16

Romans Ch. 4 v 13-25

Mark Ch. 8 v 31-38

**Prayer Diary:-** Vestry Stewards, Cleaning Rota, Trinity Family Friendly Centre and Group D.

## SERVICES TAKING PLACE ON ZOOM THROUGHOUT THE CIRCUIT:-

Topic: Zoom Sunday Worship and Coffee: Nunthorpe, Marton and Stainton.

Time: Nov 22, 2020 11:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: **Trinity & LR Coffee & 'Church'**

Time: Sunday **11.00am**

Topic: Charity Hamilton's Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Normanby, Grove Hill and Eston Grange: Sunday Worship

Sunday at 9:30am.

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I look forward to sharing in worship with you either in person or online in the coming weeks

Best wishes and every blessing

Christopher

Daily Prayer at 9:00am every day (except Sunday):

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Sunday Worship at 9:30am:

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Virtual Coffee Mornings, every Wednesday and 1st Saturday, 10:00am onwards

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Blogged Sermons:

<https://lignarkisto.blogspot.com> Rev. Christopher J Wood-Archer BA BD MA

**TRINITY ZOOM WORSHIP 11am Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Rev. Charity will be leading our worship today.**

See above for the links to join in.



### Heart-Bombing

For Easter, we are planning on heart-bombing the area the church building is in. Can you make some heart decorations? They can be made out of anything, fabric, cardboard, crochet, knitted, sewn; they can be any colour; they need to be no bigger than palm-sized and with a hanging loop attached; we will be printing some post-cards to be attached to the hearts with an Easter message on and contact details for our church. We need as many hearts as possible - hundreds would be great! We also need people to deliver the hearts, through doors, hung on railings, left outside buildings - anywhere and everywhere.

The heart-bombing idea is two fold: to use a handmade, crafted heart decoration to show the community that: God is love (and Easter is a time when we know that most fully), and that they are loved (love thy neighbour heart bombing). Rev. Charity

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**FREE INKS.** following the purchase of new printers I have new genuine HP cartridges if anyone wants them. HP920 (colours) HP364 (colours & black) contact Brian Moore 01642 885310 (First come first served)

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As most of you will know, Rev. Charity goes on Sabbatical on Monday for 3 months. During this time if you need a Minister please contact:-

**Rev. David Godfrey on 01642 286053**

or

**Rev. Christopher Wood-Archer on 01642 310562**

**or one of the Stewards**

**We wish Rev. Charity all the best and hope that she has a time of blessing and peace.**

## Worship at Home 28 February 2021

**Call to worship** Openly come to revere the Lord, to praise and worship him.

Let our hearts rejoice with everlasting joy.

**Hymn** H&P 141/StF 250 Jesus call us o'er the tumult

**Prayer** Lord, we give thanks that you know us by name;

that you know our hopes and dreams; everything we have been and everything we might become.

Lord, because we know you, we are being changed, becoming more like you.

Lord, we give thanks that you know us by name.

The Lord's Prayer

**Reading** Mark 8:31-38

It has been said that there are three levels of followers of Christ.

1. Those who put following Jesus foremost in their lives some of the time

2. Those who put following Jesus foremost in their lives most of the time

3. Those who put following Jesus foremost in their lives all of the time.

I'm sure we would all like to think that we are fully committed and that we put following Jesus foremost in our lives all the time but, with the best will in the world, sometimes we're so bound up, so busy with our lives, so busy leading them the way we want, that we don't realise that we're no longer making time for listening to God, no longer making time for God to show us how to follow Jesus in the life he wants for us. There is actually quite a simple test to check whether that has happened to us.

Just honestly ask ourselves each day what did I do today that helped me to follow Jesus more closely? How did I live out my Christian lifestyle today? If at the end of each day, we find we can't answer the question, then perhaps our commitment isn't as total as we like to think and we need to make some changes.

We can only be sure we are living the life God wants for us if we actually listen to him to find out what he wants from us, which path he wants us to follow, what direction he wants our lives to take

So, I have an experiment for you to try. When you wake up in the morning, or when you go to bed at night, say these words: Lord, I want to follow you. Please show me the way. Then—and here is the most important part-- actually listen. Listen for God's voice. Try this every day from now until the end of Lent. And see what happens.

But a word of warning friends. If we decide to do that, we need be sure we are totally committed because it may well be that we don't just get a life, but we get the life God wants us to have and that could be very different from the life we were thinking of.

Amen.

**Prayer** Gracious, caring God,

you know who, and what, we are – you know us better than we know ourselves.

When you are faithful, we are faithless, and when you are patient, we are impatient.

Forgive us. Help us to deny ourselves and follow after you that we may be good and faithful servants: for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We pray for followers of Jesus Christ; for those who are imprisoned for their faith, for those who serve as missionaries, for teachers of the faith...

We pray for those who deny themselves to serve others; for those who work in hospitals and prisons, for those who are carers, for those who serve their communities as volunteers...

We pray for those who carry the weight of a cross; for the homeless and unemployed, for those who are ill or bereaved, for those who struggle with mental health...

We pray for ourselves, as we follow Christ; for strength to overcome our struggles and failures, for our fears and worries, for those we love, and those who love us... Amen

**Hymn** H&P 705/StF 566 Take my life and let it be

**Benediction** God has called us to come. Jesus tells us to go.

So let us go in the power of the Spirit and know that God goes with us.

And now the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore.

Amen

## **THOUGHT48**

I have mentioned previously my love of all types of music, but especially Church Music. Here I have to admit that I am fairly traditional in my taste, enjoying an organ and congregational singing of some of the more well known hymns.

Having said that it is amazing how 'modern' hymns can become 'traditional' very quickly, look at 'Shine Jesus Shine' which has become very well known and accepted. We enjoy 'Songs of Praise' and always record it as the time it goes out is not convenient for us.

Last Sunday was a great programme, all our favourite traditional hymns with lovely organ accompaniment, until a Worship song was announced, I think it was called 'At your table' It was performed by a group of talented young people with guitars, keyboard and percussion. My usual prejudice came along, until we listened and we watched these amazing young people who sang with such passion and such sincerity, it was a very moving experience and we played it again just to witness that expression of faith through music. It made me think of how important we all are in God's family, but I especially thought about the place of young people in our churches. As I go around the Circuit taking services it is so good to see groups of children in the church family, and we have a group of children at Grove Hill. Sadly since last March we have not been able to have Sunday School, or 'Steps' and 'Strides' as we call it. We don't have the space for the required 'bubbles' and social distancing. However I am very happy to see some of the children coming to the service with their parents, and as we are sticking to half hour services, it isn't too long for them. How good when preachers acknowledge their presence in the service. We hope eventually we can reinstate Junior Church.

It is sometimes the Secondary school age children who are missing from our churches and we pray for all who are seeking to address this omission. I just want to mention 'Young Sunday' Circuit Youth Discipleship Group. This is led by Rev Charity and her team, the group meeting sometimes virtually and other times in person. If you want to know more then we had an article in the last 'Memo' telling us all about it and the great work going on there. We also featured the special few days that Nunthorpe church provided for their young people. I remember Rev Sue being so inspired by the presentations they did in the service following the event as they shared what it had meant to them.

So we can look back maybe to our own days in the Youth Club and Junior Church, maybe those Sunday School Anniversaries with packed churches and feel why can't we go back to those days. We have to be realistic and see things have changed, but we also have to thank God for the children and young people in our church families and nurture them and value them. I was once told off (rightly so) for saying our young people are the church of the future, well maybe they are, but more importantly they are the church of the present!

Of course we are all important in our church family whatever our age. I remember a minister at Grove Hill talking about the wisdom of the older members of the church and she would go and seek out their opinions on church policy and activities. I loved my time as a Sunday School teacher and Youth Leader, and I know that it doesn't matter how old we are, we still have much to offer to our church and that includes our younger members.

Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth reminds them they are all one body made up of many parts. It is in 1 Corinthians ch 12 v 12 to v 27.

As we look to the future we thank God for better news, a little bit of light at the end of this very long tunnel. We keep on praying for the many who are suffering from this dreadful disease and all working with the sick and those delivering the vaccine.

The hymn I have chosen is in STF 706 'Longing for light' and the lines in v.1 'Make us your own, your Holy people, light for the world to see'

**Dave Elliott**

# PRESIDENT'S VISIT

## **Save the dates!**

The President of the  
Methodist Conference  
is visiting the Dales

Rev Richard Teal will be with us

**5 -7 March 2021**

His visit will be virtual on  
Zoom and on YouTube.

**Watch out for details of his visit!**

Do join us on Sunday 7 March  
Stanhope Methodists YouTube channel  
Live worship at 10:30am.

Look for the President's message  
on North Yorkshire Dales Methodist  
Circuit YouTube channel.

**VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE  
THROUGH THE DALES**

**We will stop at  
PRAYER STATIONS**

**An opportunity for you to  
DWELL**

**The President will share  
REFLECTIONS**

**FRIDAY 5 MARCH**

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**Presenting The President of  
The Methodist Conference,**

**Rev Richard Teal**

**Sunday 7 March at 10:30am**

**Come and join our Circuit service on**

**Stanhope Methodists  
YouTube channel live**