

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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Service details for May

1st May

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Rev Judith Lincoln **S**

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Helen Bell

Duty Stewards: Hazel Brewer & Roderick Lay

Welcome Steward: Rosie Woodland

8th May

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Roger Whittaker

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Joy Langford

Duty Steward: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

15th May **CTIM Service for Christian Aid**

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by the Roman Catholic Community

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Judith Lincoln

Duty Stewards: Iris Bown & Ian Lay

Welcome Steward: Zoe Tur-Ribas

22nd May

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mrs Sandra Andrews

6.00 p.m. Taize Prayer

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Helen Bell

Duty Stewards: Hazel Brewer & Roderick Lay

Welcome Steward: Ann Lay

29th May

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Led by Mrs Margaret Day

Duty Stewards: Iris Bown & Ian Lay

Welcome Steward: Jenny Marsay

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
1st May	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Rosie Barrs Kate Scott Ann Holloway</i>
8th May	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Fran Johnson</i>	
15th May	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Linda & William Walmsley Iris Bown</i>
22nd May	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Margaret Lay</i>	
29th May	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Rosie Barrs</i>	<i>Jenny Marsay Roderick Lay</i>

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

In April we had Easter. This year (due to the late Easter) Pentecost isn't till June. But in between, in May, there is Ascension Day.

This feast of the Church can be easy to miss, as it always lands on a Thursday. It can also seem odd: many representations in artwork (a famous one by Albrecht Dürer in particular) conjure up images of "vertical takeoff". Two years ago, in Lockdown 1, the joke was that Ascension Day was "the day Jesus started working from home". But for Jesus' family and friends, it was no joke. They'd had to get their heads round His death, then His resurrection, and now this. They knew that He had to go home to His Father, but equally would have felt bereaved- and perhaps asked "what do we do now?"

Many of us may be experiencing these emotions. Our church family has seen a lot of bereavement in this past year. While we may be confident that our loved ones are with God, we still want them with us. The old familiar ways of doing church don't always seem to be working, and this can be upsetting and frustrating. Society is trying to find a "new normal" as we're told to "live with Covid". It's disorientating and draining.

Perhaps we can take comfort from Jesus' disorientated, drained friends, after the Ascension. They were frightened yet praying- and ten days later the Spirit came, enabling them to carry on Jesus' work in ways never before imagined. Maybe we, in these bewildering times, also need to wait for the Spirit, who will come to us, giving us power to go on in ways we can't imagine, and praying within us when we can't find the words.

With love in Christ,

Judith

UPCOMING EVENT – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

“SOUL JOURNEY” - FRIDAY 1ST JULY 7.30

This concert will be quite different to the usual.

It will be a blend of music and poetry from contemplatives and mystics with the **Alma String Quartet**.

From plainsong to gospel, celtic to ragas. Evocative melodies and melting harmonies woven with words that invite you to stillness, wholeness and joy.

Karen invites you to

“Join us on our search towards reconnecting with the Divine, the earth and our deeper selves.”

Friday 1st July 7.30pm Markfield Methodist Church

Tickets £10 - Available from Ann Lay 01530 242166

or Karen Silverwood 07739 555015.

MUSIC CAFÉ - 12th & 26th May 2.00 – 4.00

Don't be on your own – have a change of scenery & join us for an afternoon of music, singing & friendship - with a cuppa.

All for £1.50.

SPRING COFFEE MORNING - THANK YOU

Thank you to stallholders and refreshments folks for their hard work in organising the event. Thanks also to those who supported it by giving cakes & prizes, coming along on the day, or making a donation. £245 was raised for church funds.

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES

On behalf of our church Rosie, Ann, Iris, Marilyn, Linda & Judith made & delivered Easter activity packs for 36 children. They were all well-received & the feedback has been good. We are particularly grateful to Rev Judith for her hard work in producing an attractively illustrated booklet entitled "Easter – What's it all about?" which retold the Easter Story in a child-friendly & informative way. Every family had one in their pack along with their craft activities. **Well done & thank you, Judith.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKFIELD

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

CTiM has a great tradition of working together to raise money for Christian Aid. To mark the beginning of Christian Aid Week there will be a CTiM United Service at our church. This will be organised by members of the Roman Catholic Church with a Christian Aid speaker.

It is hoped that donation envelopes will be delivered to every home in the village. Each church has been allocated a number of streets, so if you can assist with the distribution of our envelopes please take a bundle from the entrance porch. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

“QUEEN, COUNTRY & COMMONWEALTH”

We invite you to join us in celebrating

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 10.30 – 4.30

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 10.30 – 4.30

CAKE STALL & TOMBOLA A.M.

CARDS

BACON BUTTIES 11.00 – 1.00

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 11.00 – 3.30

“SONGS OF PRAISE” – 4.00

FREE ADMISSION * REFRESHMENTS

LOST

Several small corgis. Last seen in the vicinity of the church. Please help find them at the Flower Festival in order to reunite them with their grateful owner.

SONGS OF PRAISE – 4.00 SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

Please note there will not be a morning service on this day. Instead, you are invited to “Songs of Praise” which will draw our Flower Festival to a close. Please join us as we
“Thank Him for all that is past, & Trust Him for all that is to come”.

FAITH LUNCH – 12TH JUNE

Due to circumstances beyond our control the “send off” concert for Rev Steve Clark 2 years ago had to be cancelled. However, we look forward to welcoming Steve back to Markfield on 12th June when he will lead our morning worship. We hope that most of our congregation that day will be able to stay for the faith lunch which will follow at 12.00. You’ll have the opportunity to have a chat with Steve & Sue & enjoy fellowship as we eat together.

Nearer the day there will be a list in the entrance porch for you to sign and to indicate whether you’ll be bringing a savoury or dessert. Please book the date.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Rev Judith Lincoln, on 0116 2313957, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

Items for the **JUNE** notices should reach Linda & William Walmsley by **22ND MAY**

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

3RD, 4TH, 5TH JUNE

How can you be involved? Please come!

A lot of time & effort will have gone into preparing for the weekend which we hope will be a fitting tribute to The Queen: acknowledging her service & dedication to our country and the Commonwealth. Don't miss it.

How can you be involved? Donate a cake – or two!

A cake stall is always a popular addition and a good fundraiser. Bakers have been very generous recently and we're asking you to stretch your generosity and donate cakes once again. We need them for the cake stall and to cut up for refreshments. Please talk to Janet, Betty & Linda.

How can you be involved? Volunteer for refreshments and/or welcoming duty.

Whatever time you can give will be greatly appreciated. Please sign the lists in the porch if you can help.

How can you be involved? Tell others.

Your friends and neighbours may not have been inside your church before. Take the opportunity to invite them. Welcoming them to the Flower Festival could break down barriers & build up friendships.

We look forward to seeing you & thank you for your support.