

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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# March

## 2022



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## Service details for March

### 6<sup>th</sup> March      1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

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

**Duty Stewards:** Ian Lay & Iris Bown

**Welcome Steward:** Jenny Marsay

### 13<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 a.m.      Morning Worship – Led by Mrs Linda York

3.30 p.m.      Circuit Service at Ratby

**Duty Stewards:** William & Linda Walmsley

**Welcome Steward:** Ann Holloway

### 20<sup>th</sup> March      CTiM United Service

10.30 a.m.      Morning Worship at the Congregational C C

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> March      Mothering Sunday

10.30 a.m.      Morning Worship – Led by Mike Furborough

6.00 p.m.      Taizé Prayer

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

**Duty Stewards:** Ian Lay & Kerry Sharpe

**Welcome Steward:** Ann Lay

*“Be strong & courageous, do not be afraid or discouraged,  
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you may go.”*

*Joshua 1 v9*

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Margaret Silverwood	Hilda Poole	Linda & William Walmsley Iris Bown
13 <sup>th</sup> March	David Woodward	Linda Walmsley	
20 <sup>th</sup> March CTiM United Service			Jenny Marsay Roderick Lay
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Margaret Silverwood	Hazel Brewer	

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

I know that many of us in this church family are keen walkers. It's great to be in the fresh air, and round here the landscapes, skyscapes and wildlife can be stunning.

What, however, is not so much fun, is getting lost. Going on walks with my cousins as a child, I soon learned *not* to trust my uncle's short cuts. In adult life, my "spatial challenges" have sometimes caused me some fun- notably on one foggy morning when walking to Anstey's coffee morning, and on a journey to Biggleswade for a friend's funeral, when my sat-nav went berserk.

Getting lost is scary. In Lent we remember how Jesus was sent into the wilderness, away from everything familiar. We know that He was tempted- was He also lost and scared? He knew that His ministry would bring risks as well as joy, that His old life was over. And yet, He trusted His Father, walked on into the unknown....

We sometimes face "wilderness" times in our lives, when we can't see the way ahead. Perhaps we've lost someone important to us, or a job that gave us a sense of worth and purpose. Perhaps we face big decisions about education, jobs, relationships, the welfare of people we love. My year group of ministers are facing the question of whether to stay, or move on, when our initial 5 years are up in 2023. For a lot of us, it's not clear cut.

And yet... as Jesus knew His Father's loving presence in the wilderness, I pray that we may know God's loving presence in our lives. May we, like Jesus, trust God to lead us- step by step, in hope and faith.

With love in Christ,

*Judith*

### **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.

## **SAME SEX MARRIAGE VOTE**

At our last Church Council, the Church Council voted by a strong majority to allow same sex marriages to take place in our church. As the wheels of bureaucracy grind very slowly, registration is in progress but is not yet confirmed. We are aware that this decision may bring joy for some, but be more difficult for others. Judith is available to provide confidential pastoral support for anybody who needs it. We are grateful to all for the grace with which discussions on this matter have been conducted.

## **CTiM WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2 p.m.**

The theme this year is "I know the plans I have for you". The service will be held at **Mayflower Court** and everyone is welcome to attend and stay for refreshments afterwards. If you need a lift contact Linda & William Walmsley.

## **CHURCH AGM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 7.30 at CHURCH ALL WELCOME - PLEASE COME!**

We will be having a talk/discussion from Justin Moulder, our circuit Mission Enabler.

He will be chatting & sharing information about what is happening in our circuit regarding mission, good news & various activities. It would be AWESOME to see as many folks as possible. There will be tea/coffee & cakes.

This meeting is FOR our church, ABOUT our church. Please do come along if you can. Thanks. *Kerry Sharpe*

## **CTiM LENT COURSE "Life on the Breadline" MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>**

Following last's year's successful course via Zoom, this year's course will follow a similar pattern with the option for those without internet access to link in at the Congregational Community Church. Details will be emailed as previously.

## **CIRCUIT RECOGNITION SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 3.30**

Your support at the Recognition Service for Carol Long at Ratby Methodist Church will be most welcome. Please come & celebrate with Carol & stay for tea & cakes afterwards.

## **MUSIC CAFÉ 10<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2.00 – 4.00**

Items for the April notices should reach Linda & William Walmsley by 20<sup>th</sup> March

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