

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Bula to you all.

We have made our Covenant with God and look forward to journeying on, safe in the knowledge that He is with us in our journeys.

The last few weeks have been very cold and we remember in our prayers those affected by the floods and those displaced by the wars. We also remember the homeless and those struggling to make ends meet.

As I am writing this, I have also been preparing for the zoom service. The reading is about the call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus calling us and saying, "Come and follow me". Our Church needs those who stand ready to respond to the call to do the Lord's work. We must dispense with the myth that commitment to Christ means becoming a clergyman, or that work done inside the church building or in a church organisation is more holy, somehow, than work done within the community or market place. Christ came to give us a sense of calling in everyday work. This is where the world is changed and the kingdom built.

Jesus himself was a working man and he called twelve working men to be his disciples. We must understand the really radical thing God has done in Jesus Christ in wanting to build a new world and a new kingdom primarily through committed working men and women.

When are you going to say "Yes" to Jesus? Let 2024 be the year for Markfield men and women to stand up and take heed of Jesus's invitation.

Wishing you all the best, *Jimi*



Service details for February

4th February

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Mrs Edith Cobley

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Revd Joy Langford

11th February

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Revd Jimi Kaci **S**

Duty Stewards: Roderick Lay & Hazel Brewer

Welcome Steward: Zoe Tur-Ribas

6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Revd Helen Bell

18th February CTiM United Service

10.30 a.m. Morning worship at St Michael's Parish Church

6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Revd Jimi Kaci

25th February

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Mr Rob Bird

Duty Stewards: Iris Bown & Ian Lay

Welcome Steward: Rosie Woodland

6.00 p.m. Taizé Prayer

6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Mr Justin Moulder

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
4th February	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Kim Tubby Wendy Billing</i>	<i>Linda & William Walmsley, Iris Bown</i>
11th February	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Linda Walmsley</i>	
18th February	<i>Service at St Michael's</i>		<i>Jenny Marsay, Roderick Lay</i>
25th February	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>Rona Church-Jones</i>	

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Revd Jimi Kaci, on 07909 280486, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

HOME FELLOWSHIP The Fellowship meetings for **February** are on **Tuesday 13th** and **Tuesday 27th**, both starting at 5.30pm. This month we will be at the home of Sandra Andrews. If you require more information or need a lift then please contact Ian or Ann Lay. 01530 242166

MUSIC CAFÉ

This month we will meet on **Thursday 8th & 22nd February**. Don't be on your own - join us for a music-based afternoon of friendship & fun on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month from 2.00 – 4.00. Contact Linda on 01530 242607

“COME FOR A CUPPA” Wednesdays 9.30 – 12.30

Come and keep warm, meet each other and have a chat with refreshments. There is no charge. *Please note our new opening times until the end of March.*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING 6.30 p.m. Wednesday 6th March in the schoolroom.

WAYS & MEANS EVENTS

Here are some dates for your diaries:

March 9th - “Afternoon Tea at Three” with entertainment
(See more details elsewhere)

June 28th – LE5 Brass Quintet

September 28th – Harvest Ploughman’s Lunch

COLLECTION BOXES IN THE PORCH

Many thanks for continuing to support the Food Bank, Glasses for Ghana and Canine Partners

Your donations of egg boxes was greatly appreciated. However the charity involved isn't in need of any more, therefore we're no longer collecting them.

GIFT DAY & COFFEE MORNING – SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY

At the Church Council meeting last October, one of the issues discussed was the problems we were having with the two boilers that heat the church and schoolrooms at the back. At the moment they are both working although that is due to having the main boiler repaired at a cost of over £1000. We are hoping that we shall get through the winter without having to lay out any more expenses on them. However we have been told that they are past their sell-by dates and we need to be looking to replace them later this year.

We are exploring grants that will offset some of the cost but we need to raise quite a bit of money ourselves. One suggestion was that we should hold a **Gift Day** and encourage everyone to offer a gift of money towards the new boiler fund. This was agreed by the council and the date Saturday 24th February was proposed and accepted. The church will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on that date so if you are willing and able to support us with a gift please come along, place your gift in the receptacle provided and if you wish, stay for a cup of coffee/tea and biscuits.

We will provide gift envelopes which you will find in the front porch and please, if you are a tax payer, fill in the Gift Aid slip and place it inside the gift envelope with your donation. Gift aiding your donation will bring in an extra 25% from the government on the amount you give.

We will be holding other money raising events through the year which I know you will support. Thank you for all that you have given in the past, not just money but your time, effort and commitment that has kept our church functioning as a warm and friendly place. We ask you now to continue that support by giving generously so that we maintain a place fit for the future.

If you would prefer to make a bank transfer then please get in touch with Sandra Andrews (249218). Thank you.

Ian Lay

YOU ARE INVITED TO

AFTERNOON TEA AT THREE

Saturday 9th March at 3.00

On the menu are: assorted sandwiches, warm savouries, fresh cream and jam scones, cheese scones and chutney, various cakes and pastries, fruit compote and mousse. Vegan options will be available.

Prosecco (0%), tea & coffee will be served.

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with delicious food and entertainment

TICKETS - £10

They can be obtained from **Ian Barrs (07877312142)** who will also be able to give further information about the menu.

MARKFIELD METHODIST RECITALS

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A PIANO RECITAL BY

RENATA KONYICSKA

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL AT 7.00 p.m.

Tickets £12 Adults £6 Children

(This includes a programme & refreshments)

Tickets can be purchased from Kerry via the website
or from Rosie in church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

MARKFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

2.00 p.m. FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH

“I beg you, bear with one another in love.”

Ephesians 4:2

***Everyone** is welcome to the 2024 World Day of Prayer service which has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine, the land in which Jesus was born, ministered and died, where the Christian faith began and is rooted.*

(Our service has been organised by an ecumenical group of Christian women in Markfield on behalf of CTiM.)

As we participate in the service we will be part of a great wave of prayer in native languages encircling the globe, beginning as the sun rises over Samoa, continuing as it makes its way around Earth, ending back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa. We will be joining with people in over 146 countries and islands around the world to pray with and for the people of Palestine.

The Worship Service shares stories which illuminate the experiences of three Palestinian Christian women, from three different generations, who witness to the power of bearing together in love.

As we hear their stories we are urged to bear with one another in love despite difficulties and differences; to unite in prayer for just and harmonious solutions that would bring an end to human suffering; and to commit ourselves to journey with each other to achieve security and peace for all people around the world.

We give thanks to the Christian women of Palestine for this service and pray that their stories will encourage and inspire women throughout the world. May God’s richest blessings overflow abundantly as we support one another in informed prayer, prayerful action and accept the invitation, and challenge, to bear with one another in love.



Please send items for the **MARCH** notices to
Linda & William Walmsley by **18th February**
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