

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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Services in May

5th May

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mr Jay Ward (On note)
Worship Leader: Ian Lay

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

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

12th May **Church AGM & Faith Lunch**

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Revd Jimi Kaci **S**

Duty Stewards: Ian Lay & Hazel Brewer

Welcome Steward: Ann Lay

6.00 p.m. Taize Prayer with songs & silence

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service - Revd Helen Bell

19th May **Pentecost**

10.30 a.m. Catholic-led CTiM Christian Aid Service

Duty Stewards: Roderick Lay & Iris Bown

Welcome Steward: Zoe Tur-Ribas

26th May

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Revd Helen Bell

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Rosie Woodland

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Revd Jimi Kaci

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
5TH May	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Fran Johnson</i>	
12th May	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Ann & Ian Lay Iris Bown</i>
19th May	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>Rosie Barrs</i>	
26th May	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>		<i>Janet Forrester, Ann Lay, Gill Gibbins</i>

ITEMS FOR THE JUNE NOTICES SHOULD REACH LINDA & WILLIAM WALMSLEY BY
19TH MAY

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MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Do you love yourself? The Bible encourages the love of self. When Jesus was asked to name the greatest commandment, he immediately tied together the two basic Old Testament laws of love. The first was that you should love God with all your being, the second was that you “love your neighbour as yourself”. Why do people avoid, or appear to avoid loving themselves?

My first hunch is that many people identify love of self with selfishness. They do not want to say good about themselves for fear of being accused of conceit and vanity. However, having a positive self-regard is quite different from conceit.

To call attention to yourself repeatedly in monopolising conversation or some strange form of behaviour is to reveal you really do not love yourself. The conceited person’s problem is precisely that he/she loves himself/herself too little, not too much.

Another hunch I have about why people do not want to love themselves is that it clashes with the Christian concept of self-denial. Some feel that we cannot both love and deny ourselves. Some Christians have identified the Gospel with self – degradation and contempt. The lower they can get the more Christian they feel.

But we can deny ourselves only as we learn to love ourselves, for false humility is a cover-up for a “bad me” image. Those who wear a mask of false humility are just as starved as those who wear the mask of conceit

People also evade loving themselves to avoid responsibility. If you say, as many do, that you are not “good enough” you won’t have to take a responsibility offered to you. This is what happened to the lazy servant in the parable of talents in Matthew 25:25. Being afraid that he had nothing to give, he hid his talents in the ground. If he had been able to love himself, he could have made a profit for his Master,

We waste opportunities to be of help to fellow human beings because we did not believe ourselves “adequate” or “good enough”. We did not want to take the risk of failure but rather remained sealed in the womb of inferiority. Comfortable in our little world and not daring to reach out into the human mess around us.

Love in Christ, *Jimi*

PASTORAL CARE

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

CHURCH AGM/SERVICE/BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Sunday 12th May at 10.30

Last year we incorporated the Church AGM into our morning service with Judith and this worked really well, so we will be doing the same with Rev Jimi this year.

It is really important that everyone in the Church knows what is going on in the Church and is involved, and I hope that as many folks as possible will come along and enjoy the service and fellowship afterwards for those who wish to stay.

There will be a "bring and share" lunch after the service. If you can stay, please sign the list in the porch and indicate the food you will provide.

Many thanks,
Kerry Sharpe

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 12th May - 18th May

At the beginning of May Christian Aid envelopes will be available to deliver to our allotted streets. Churches Together would very much appreciate it if you are able to pick up a bundle of envelopes representing a street and deliver them at the beginning of Christian Aid Week. We don't have to collect them as we rely on people handing them over to one of the addresses attached to the envelope. Thank you very much for your continued support for Christian Aid.

HOME FELLOWSHIP

The Home Fellowship meetings for May are Tuesday 7^h & Tuesday 21st at 5.30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Andrews. If you require more information or need a lift then please contact Ann or Ian Lay (242166)

"COME FOR A CUPPA" Every Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00

Drop in & meet each other for a cuppa and a chat. There is no charge.

MUSIC CAFÉ

2.00 – 4.00 on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Don't be on your own! Join us for a music-based afternoon of friendship and fun. This month we will meet on **Thursdays 9th & 23RD May**. Contact Linda (01530 242607) to find out more.

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE at 7.00 p.m.

LE8 FIVE BRASS QUINTET

IN CONCERT

"An evening of musical variety featuring music from stage & screen"

Tickets £12 – includes refreshments

Tickets are available in church or phone 01530 242607/242166