

# TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

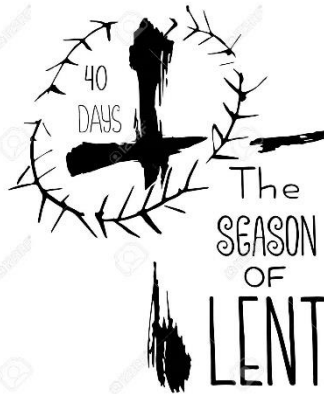
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## Service details for March

### 5<sup>th</sup> March      2nd Sunday in Lent

10.30 a.m.      Morning Worship – Led by Mrs Margaret Msimbe

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

**Duty Stewards:** Linda & William Walmsley

**Welcome Steward:** Ann Lay

### 12<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 a.m.      Morning Worship – Led by Howard Pollard R \*\*

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

**Duty Stewards:** Hazel Brewer & Roderick Lay

**Welcome Steward:** Jenny Marsay

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

10.30 a.m.      Morning Worship led by Rev Jill Marsh S

**Worship Leader:** Ann Lay

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

**Welcome Steward:** Zoe Tur-Ribas

6.00 p.m.      Taizé Prayer

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

### 26<sup>th</sup> March      Passion Sunday

4.00 p.m.      Worship led by Rev Judith Lincoln

6.00 p.m.      Circuit Zoom Service – Justin Moulder “Good News”

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

**Welcome Steward:** Ann Holloway

\*\* Change to plan

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Rebecca Goldring	Hilda Poole	
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Margaret Silverwood	Jenny Marsay Lucy Crossley	Iris Bown Ann & Ian Lay
19 <sup>th</sup> March	David Woodward	Hazel Brewer	
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Rebecca Goldring		Janet Forrester, Ann Lay Jill Gibbins

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

As I write this, it's the Sunday just before Lent, when we remember Jesus' Transfiguration. It's a "high" point, when Jesus is revealed as He really is. But I've often wondered: why do we remember this now, just before Lent, a "low" point as we remember Jesus' temptations, the loneliness of the wilderness, and perhaps confront our own demons? We may one day feel really close to God, then the next day life seems to hit back at us. As I was in the middle of writing this, I had a phone call, telling me of the death of a dearly loved member of our church family. A dear friend whom we shall deeply miss- and so soon after another sad loss. We may look at the high points, and the rubbish that everyday life throws at us, and wonder, "Which is reality?"

I wonder whether remembering Transfiguration, and Lent, so close together, actually reminds us that *both* are reality. Straight after the Transfiguration, Jesus and His friends come down off the mountain, into dealing with all sorts. Life is sometimes amazing, and sometimes it's rubbish. We know that one day all things will be made new in Christ but it hasn't happened yet. God's love has touched our lives, and yet it doesn't always feel like it. And yet, the transfigured Christ is also Lord of our wilderness, who leads us through. Sometimes His light is more like sunrise on a winter morning, or winter sunlight through bare trees, than a dazzling glow. I pray that in our dark times, we may know the Lord of the wilderness, the crucified Christ, who is also the transfigured, risen and ascended Christ, close to us, bringing light in our darkness.

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.

## CTiM WORLD DAY of PRAYER SERVICE

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.00 p.m. in our church**

Each year the service is written by the Christian women of a different country. We thank the Christian women of Taiwan for this year's service & pray that our response will be affirmative & constructive as we commit ourselves to positive prayerful action.

**Everyone is welcome.**

### **PASSION SUNDAY**

The 5th Sunday in Lent is called Passion Sunday and is the time when the Church makes the sufferings of our Redeemer an important aspect of Easter. Our worship on the **26th March (Passion Sunday) will be at 4pm** (no morning service) and led by our minister Rev. Judith Lincoln with several items by the choir. We hope you will join us as we remind ourselves of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. *Ian*

### **REGULAR MEETINGS**

**HOME FELLOWSHIP** The meetings for **March** are on **Tuesday 14th & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 5.30 p.m. This month we will be at the home of Douglas & Hazel Brewer. If you require more information or need a lift please contact Ian or Ann Lay. 01530 242166

**“COME FOR A CUPPA”** Every **Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00** Drop in for a cuppa and a chat with a warm welcome in a **“Warm Space”**. There is no charge.

**MUSIC CAFÉ** This month we will meet on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **UPCOMING EVENT**

**MARKFIELD METHODIST RECITALS** The next recital will be on **Friday 10th March** when we welcome John Parsons (Cello) and Beatte Toyka (Piano) for what promises to be a wonderful evening. Tickets are available via Rosie or online via Kerry.

### **QUIZ & SUPPER – THANK YOU**

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the event a resounding success. £453 was raised for church funds.

Please send information for the **APRIL** notices to Linda & William Walmsley by **19<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

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