

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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Service details for April

3rd April **Passion Sunday**

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

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

Duty Stewards: Ian Lay & Iris Bown

Welcome Steward: Zoe Tur-Ribas

10th April **Palm Sunday United Service & Procession of Witness**

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

10.30 a.m. Procession of Witness

3.00 p.m. Circuit Service at St.Andrew's GRE

Duty Steward: Roderick Lay

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

14th April **Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7 p.m.**

17th April **Easter Day**

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Tom Limb

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Mike Furborough

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Jenny Marsay

24th April

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Led by Mrs Judith Nkounkou

6.00 p.m. Taize Prayer

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Justin Moulder

Duty Stewards: Ian Lay & Kerry Sharpe

Welcome Steward: M Zoe Tur-Ribas E Ann Lay

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
3 rd April	Rebecca Goldring	Malcolm & Betty Keates	Ann & Ian Lay Iris Bown
10 th April	David Woodward	The Gostelow Family	
17 th April	Rebecca Goldring		Janet Forrester, Ann Lay Jill Gibbins
24 th April	Margaret Silverwood	Zoe Tur-Ribas	

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

As I write this, it's 6 years to the day that I had the exciting news that I had been accepted for training for ministry. A day of celebration after several months of hard work. Yet it's also the day that, 2 years ago, the UK entered lockdown for the first time. The start of two years that have seen much death, bereavement, damage to physical and mental health, loss of livelihoods and relationships, and a lot of uncertainty. It's easy to feel God's presence in the "high" moments, but much harder in the "low" times. It is perhaps particularly hard to see where God is, in the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine right now. Unless perhaps in the generous response of other countries- and those Ukrainian Christians continuing to worship, remembering who is *really* Lord in all this.

A song we had at a recent Circuit Zoom Service said "For this I have Jesus". "This" being the good and bad times, the times when we're popular and when we're despised or disregarded. At Easter- not far away now- we will remember how Jesus shared our pain and darkness. We remember how in Gethsemane He shared our fear, saying "No- anything but that!", before He was able to say "Not my will, but yours". We remember how when others hurled abuse, He still showed love, was broken that we might be whole. And just when it looked like all hope was gone, He showed us that life, love and light cannot be defeated.

So let us rejoice in the good things of life. Let us also, though, offer Jesus our darkness and our struggles, the world's pain- and be open to His light shining in the darkness.

With love in Christ,

Judith

EASTER 2022

PASSION SUNDAY - 3rd APRIL 10.30 a.m.

This Sunday morning's service will be concentrating on the Passion of Christ with the choir singing extracts from Stainer's "Crucifixion". The choir has been practising this for several weeks and are looking forward to performing it as their contribution to the Easter story as it unfolds over the next couple of weeks.

PALM SUNDAY - 10th APRIL 10.30 a.m.

This year we have decided to have a **Procession of Witness** as well as a **United Service** that will be held in our church. So we are asking that those who are able to take part in the **short** walk will join us. If you are not able, please come to the service which will be led by Rev. Judith Lincoln, our minister. We hope to start with everyone, including those who are not walking, on The Green opposite the church with a song and a prayer to set us on our way. Those who are not walking will go into the church for a service and the rest of us will proceed on the walk of witness. The walkers will finish at the church, hopefully for the end of the service, or at least for a cup of coffee or tea.

All this, of course, depends on the weather, which we can't predict, so a quick decision will be made probably the day before. The walk route is planned so that we cross a road only three times for safety purposes, and a risk assessment for the walk has been completed. Please join us if you can.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 14th APRIL 7p.m.

Maundy Thursday is the time we remember the Last Supper when Jesus had a meal with his disciples. We will be having a service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Judith and the invitation to join us is open to all who love the Lord.

EASTER SUNDAY - 17th APRIL 9 a.m.

You are invited to join us for Easter morning breakfast at 9 a.m. The breakfast will consist of cereal and toast plus tea/coffee. We will need to know how many will be attending so look out for a sheet to sign up on which will be posted in the front porch at the beginning of April. There will also be a sheet listing various breakfast food items that we will need so if you are able to provide anything on the list please sign the sheet. However this is not obligatory, we would love you to come to the breakfast meal and join in the fellowship as we celebrate the risen Christ.

After the breakfast there will be a short meditation before the main service which will start at the usual time of 10.30 a.m. *Ian Lay*

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 10.00 – 12.00
SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Come & enjoy a cuppa & toasted teacake among friends.

Buy cakes, books & CDs, have a go on the tombola, and see if you can guess the name of the rabbit. We look forward to seeing you & perhaps you can take the opportunity to invite a friend.

MONDAY 4TH APRIL at 10.30 in the schoolroom

You are invited to help with the general planning of the **Flower Festival** - 3rd, 4th, 5th June. Ann Lay will be delighted if you can provide a flower arrangement, and we always need an army of willing volunteers for refreshments and door duty. Your support in any capacity will be most welcome. *Linda*

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL at 10.30 in the schoolroom

All those who have volunteered to provide a **flower arrangement** for the **Flower Festival**, or have expressed interest, are invited to this informal meeting to discuss their ideas and get advice if necessary.

Ann Lay Tel: 242607

MUSIC CAFÉ - 14th & 28th APRIL 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.

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL 6.30 for 7.00

MARKFIELD CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

You are invited to an illustrated talk by Rev. Dr Rob Hunter entitled
“The Passion of Christ – a Forensic Medicine Perspective”.

Rob is a forensic physician who will be retiring from his post as HM Senior Coroner for Derbyshire. He will become the minister of Markfield Congregational Community Church.

LOVE IS ____ . LAUNCH EVENT

Led by District Chair Rev'd Helen Cameron

At: St Andrew's Glenfield Road East

Date: Palm Sunday, 10th April 2022 Time: 3 p.m.

Love is..... This is a district initiative for as many Churches as possible to come up with some mission and community ideas over the Easter Holidays. How can we show our communities what love is? Launch Sunday is Palm Sunday. At the church AGM this was discussed & it was decided that we will incorporate this into our planned Easter activities and hope to have cards, or something similar, that we can ask the community to fill in. We hope to be able to display them for as many people to view as possible.

A "Love is" activity will be included in the Easter packs being sent out to families in the village.

A CONCERT IN MEMORY OF MALCOLM GOLDRING

TICKETS

Tickets are now available to book for the concert in memory of Malcolm which will be on Saturday 18th June at 7 p.m. at Derby cathedral. This will not only be a wonderful event to come together and remember Malcolm, but also a "night to remember" with talented musicians including Renata Konyiksca who has performed several piano recitals at our Church and is well-loved by all who have had the privilege of hearing her.

The tickets are £11.37 each and can ONLY be booked online. IF YOU CAN'T DO THIS ONLINE Kerry can book your tickets for you. Please email or call her to sort out payment - kerryjane34@yahoo.com / 07979 607099.

COACH

There will be a coach going from Markfield organised by Kate - the price will depend on how many go but will probably be around £12/£14 - if you would like to book your place on the coach - please email/call Kate **BY 31ST MARCH** - katescott9@me.com 07772 646842

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES

We are preparing packs of craft activities based on the Easter Story for children aged 5-11 years and their family to do together during the Easter holiday. This has been publicised in the library and request forms have been available for a number of weeks. There has been a good response & we will distribute packs ready for Easter. Through the materials we provide we pray that families will have fun learning about the Christian message of Easter as well as enjoying their chocolate eggs!

EASTER CROSS ON THE GREEN

On Easter Sunday we will be erecting a cross on The Green opposite our church. You are invited to bring flowers – single or in posies – to decorate it so that it will stand throughout the week as a sign of God’s love and a witness of faith to the village.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

For all those who give to the church by the envelope system, your new envelopes are in the front porch of the church.

You are reminded that if you are unable to come to church any one week, please still fill in your envelope and bring it on your next visit to church.

Anyone wishing to join the scheme, or in fact to give by standing order, please see either me or Sandra Andrews.

Because we have really suffered financially during these past 2 years and are standing at a deficit, any amount given will be gratefully received.

With thanks,

Ann Lay

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.

A MESSAGE FROM JESSIE

My sincere thanks to all who sent cards and messages of condolence on the death of my beloved David, also to those who made offers of help at the time, and for donations made towards the Salvation Army and Cancer Research which amounted to £645.

Your love and assurance of your prayers have been a great comfort to me and my family.

God bless you and love to all

Jessie Stock

UKRAINE APPEAL

Thank you to all of you who made a donation to the All We Can Ukrainian appeal. We have sent £345.00 to the appeal and hope and pray that it will go towards helping the plight of the refugees.

ITALIAN BISTRO – THANK YOU

All who came enjoyed a good night out and left replete after a substantial Italian-style meal and entertainment. Many thanks to Ian Barrs (our Singing Chef) for planning the event, to David Woodward for his accompaniment, & to the team for their support. £324 was raised for church funds

CHANGE OF DATE

Due to a recently-arranged preaching appointment in the USA, Rev Steve Clark is unable to be with us in July. He will now be leading worship on **12th June**.

The service will be followed by a faith lunch. Please amend your calendars and diaries!

Items for the May notices should reach Linda & William Walmsley by 17th April

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