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"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians Ch. 5 v 9-11

SUNDAY 15th November 2026

10.00 am – Rev. D. Godfrey

Readings:-
Judges Ch. 4 v 1-7
1 Thessalonians Ch. 5 v 1-11
Matthew Ch. 25 v 14-30

Prayer Diary:- Vestry Stewards, Cleaning Rota, Trinity Family Friendly Centre and Group D.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2026

10am – Mr. R. Mapplebeck

Daily Prayer at 9:00am every day (except Sunday): This is now on Microsoft Teams. Just download Teams and you can go straight on to it or use this link
https://teams.live.com/meet/9414857191536

EcoShop

The Eco Shop is **open on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm** and we would love you to come along to try us out. You will be able to buy 10 items for £4. Please bring your own bag if you can.

There are 2 bins in the café area for donations (nothing perishable please) to be sold in the shop.
We look forward to seeing you at the Eco Shop – please support us.

JUNE

Please continue to pray for June who is now in the temporary care of Woodside Grange Care Home in Thornaby for a period of rehabilitation. She will continue to have regular physiotherapy sessions at the Care home to strengthen her arms and legs and get her walking again, with the aim of building her up sufficiently so that she can receive treatment for the cancer. If you would like to visit please give me a call first to avoid having too many visitors as June tires easily. Thank you for your continuing prayers. Rev. John.

AUTUMN FAIR AT TRINITY

The Autumn Fair last Saturday raised a magnificent total of £1,100. A big thanks to all who helped and supported this event.

TEESSIDE APOLLO MALE VOICE CHOIR'S

Christmas Concert

Will be held at Trinity Methodist Church Acklam Middlesbrough
On Saturday 28th November 2026 at 2pm.

Tickets £8 Including Refreshments
From the Church Tel: 07786 140378 and
The Choir Tel: 07729 626449

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WORSHIP AT HOME – SUNDAY, 15 November 2026

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Call to Worship: We bring to you, gracious God, what is yours: our thanks, our praise, our hearts, our lives. As we sing, as we celebrate, as we listen and as we pray, bless each one of us with a sense of your presence and the reassurance of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: StF 115/H&P 338: Praise ye the Lord! 'Tis good to raise

Prayers and Lord's Prayer: We come to you, gracious God, we who have many talents and we who have few; we who have much confidence and we who have little. We come not to give and to receive, we come because you call us and believe in us. We come in gratitude and in awe. We come in Jesus' name. Amen. Dear God, it is so easy for us to hide our talents – to be shy, scared or intimidated. Lord Jesus, help us to use our gifts to honour you. It can feel as if our gifts are worth nothing – that next to others, they are useless. But to you, our gifts are precious. It can feel very dangerous – exposing our talents to the world. Even when it feels like a big risk, Lord Jesus, help us to use our gifts to honour you. We are critical of each other. Help us to encourage rather than crush, help us to grow together. With use, our talents develop – they grow and blossom and bless others to the glory of your name. Lord Jesus, help us to use our gifts to honour you. Amen. We pray about all those world situations which cause us great concern at present; and for those we ourselves know who need our prayers today. Amen
Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, …..

Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

Message: The parable of the talents is regarded as a notoriously difficult one to understand but that should encourage us to think it through for ourselves, which is after all why Jesus taught in parables. This parable is simultaneously challenging and energising. The man is going away and assigns his slaves responsibilities in full knowledge of what they can and cannot do. We are not judged on the basis of what we can't do, but on the basis of what we can, yet have failed to do. On his return, the master rewards those who have used their own (and his) resources to good purposes. The man with one talent is too consumed by fear to use even that and any ability that he had. His reward and his judgement are the same – to be thrown out from the company of Jesus and the community around him.

Our reading today invites us to think about what it means to be faithful, what it is that God expects of us and how we should respond. 'Are you interested only in self-preservation?' asks Jesus. We are being asked to consider what we each will say if God returns and demands that we give an account of ourselves today. We are also being reminded, continually it does seem, that we need to get ourselves ready for the return of God and a day of judgement. We cannot be lazy and inefficient in the use and application of our individual talents and resources, we have to make the best use of them that we can. We can think of talents either in terms of our individual skills and abilities, or also as an amount of money, a substantial amount. The parable seems to remind us also that if we work on our faith, then we can strengthen and improve on our current state. That surely is a talent worth developing further!

Hymn: StF 645/H&P 689: Will your anchor hold

Blessing and Benediction: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. As we go out into the world let our light shine, so that the people walking in darkness will see the light of the world in us. Amen. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.