

Trinity Methodist Church

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SUNDAY 25th October 2026 **LADIES CIRCLE 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

“As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.”

1 Thessalonians Ch. 2 v 7-8

10.00 am – Rev. D. Godfrey - Sacrament

Readings:-

Deuteronomy Ch. 34 v 1-12

1 Thessalonians Ch. 2 v 1-8

Matthew Ch. 22 v 34-46

Prayer Diary:- Door Steward, Keep Fit, Badminton and Group A.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2026

10am – Rev. Coates – Church Anniversary and AAW

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/join/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.

Trinity Methodist Church
Stainsby Road, Whinney Banks

AUTUMN FAIR

On SATURDAY

7th NOVEMBER from

2pm – 4pm



Entrance fee £2 which includes coffee or tea, a mince pie or biscuit.

TOMBOLA ** RAFFLE ** CAKES ** CRAFTS ** AND MANY OTHERS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A STALL PLEASE CONTACT JEAN, BERNARD OR LESLEY.

Pathways to Purpose hold a coffee morning at Trinity every Monday. They would love you to come along and meet them for a coffee and a chat.

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.

MAP

We are particularly short of old mobile phones and men's clothes. If you can help by donating any of these item it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Clocks go back 1 hour on Saturday night don't forget to put yours back. An extra hour in bed!!!

Worship at Home - By David Godfrey
Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit - Sunday 25th October 2026

Hymn: StF 479, H&P 69. "The King of love my Shepherd is"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWfZ-8s71-k&list=RDnWfZ-8s71-k&start_radio=1

Prayers:

Confession: Loving God, you make faith as simple as loving you and our neighbours. Yet we are often tempted to divert our faith into other things. We chase after material wealth, selfishness and greed, forgetting those you have given us to love. Restore in us a faithful balance, we pray. May love in the present be enough and may our wisdom come from you. Words of assurance: God is our dwelling place, our good news, our source of steadfast love. In Christ we are restored and set aright. **Amen.**
Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 1

Hymn: StF 439, "Abba, Father, let me be"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoeUUioe9mU&list=RDJoeUUioe9mU&start_radio=1

Reflection:

The key to understanding this Psalm is in the first word - 'happy'. The Psalm begins, 'Happy are those who...'. But what is it that makes us happy? Many people have a very materialistic view of happiness. They may think of it in terms of what they earn or own. Some will think of it in terms of consumer experiences such as holidays. In fairness most will acknowledge that happiness is not defined purely by material things and they will quite rightly talk about family, friends, wider community and even the environment in which they live as well. However, most people will look at you very strangely if you suggest that, 'meditating day and night on the law of the Lord', is the best path to follow for a life of happiness.

The Law or Torah came to be associated with the first five books of the bible and were considered to be God's perfect gift to his people. Centuries later Jesus was asked what he thought was the most important part of the Law or Torah and he summarised it as follows:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

At last we begin to understand what the Psalmist is going on about and where the root of happiness lies. Obedience to God's law is not a restrictive code designed to limit human freedom. It is about turning outwards in friendship and peace towards our neighbours and learning to love others as we love ourselves. Happiness is about love of God and love of others. This is what God's law teaches us to do and this is where living in the presence of God ultimately leads. May our happiness rest in God our creator and source of life.

Prayers:

Intercessions: God of Love, in the news we see buildings destroyed and people killed and injured. We feel helpless and yet we know that the world is yours. Bring peace to lands that are being destroyed by war. Give hope to those who live in fear. May the leaders of the nations work together for the common Good so that all your children may live in safety and peace. We pray for your Church throughout the world. May those who worship you be people of prayer, and create loving communities where all are welcomed. We pray for those who are sick in mind, body and spirit. May they seek healing, strength and comfort from you. And may we be generous in loving others as you love us. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Amen. Our Father...**

Hymn: StF 504, H&P 739 "May the mind of Christ my Saviour"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gE5fOXSymBc&list=RDgE5fOXSymBc&start_radio=1

Blessing:

Help us to live lives worthy of you. May we see people and places this week where we can pass on all you have given us. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us always. **Amen.**