

# Trinity + Methodist + Church

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**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke Ch. 11 v 9-10

**10.00 am**

**Mrs. R. Lewis**

Readings:-

Jeremiah Ch. 2 v 4-13

Hebrews Ch. 13 v 1-8, 15-16

Luke Ch. 14 v 7-14

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

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**10am – Rev. C. Hamilton - All Age Worship**

**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 EcoShop 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 cafe 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.**

We are very short of meat products in the shop - especially corned beef, ham (smallish tins) 200gms, and spam, but **not** meat/meatballs in sauces.

We need (empty) 6 pack egg boxes too, please. Cash donations would also be very welcome.

<b>Worship at Home 31 August 25 Ruth Lewis LP Paper</b>
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**Call to Worship:** Come! You are invited! You have a place at God's banquet, whether you're poor or powerful, whether you're brainy or brawny, winner or loser, old or young, an exam passer or an exam re-sitter, male or female or non-binary... you are invited!

First a Charles Wesley hymn.

**Hymn StF 401H&P 460: Come sinners to the gospel feast**

**Reading: Luke 14: 7-14**

### **Message:**

EDI, Equality Diversity and Inclusion. That's a bit controversial in today's polarised world. Yet in our bible reading Jesus introduces inclusion as a basic for his people. Today governments, councils, hospitals and schools are trained in EDI and required to show how their facilities and practices are available for EVERYONE, despite any differences people might have, be they physical, financial or intellectual. The Methodist Church has a mandatory training module all about it, for its staff and stewards. It recognises that the Bible is not specific on matters of equality, and contains stories of discrimination against people, of enslavement, sexual violence against women, and the equating of disability with sin. But the Church's collective understanding of God's purpose and truth has changed over time. Today we are required to be inclusive, but outside church, it's sneered at by some, called woke by others. Many people resent the idea that we should make allowances for, accept and care for everyone, especially the lowest earners.. Newspapers and politicians attack what they call benefit culture and woke culture.

Equally in this parable of the banquet Jesus shocks his listeners at the idea that societies' cripples [a word we would not use today] , lame and blind should be invited to a feast. His was a culture which had strict hierarchies and ideas of honour based on status. The people Jesus said we should be inviting to a banquet were the economically inactive, who couldn't earn a living and therefore be poor, dependant on hand-outs. At the bottom of the hierarchy, they would not be able to contribute with a reciprocal meal for their host. But this is the way of God's kingdom. This is God's grace. Free and unconditional.

None of us can pay God back for what he has done. We have done nothing to deserve his grace, love and hospitality, but it is freely given us. What we can do is follow Jesus and ensure that our worship is inclusive, that our hospitality truly welcomes all and that in our lives, words and behaviour we do not discriminate, but show love and kindness to our neighbours, whoever they are. .

Here are hymns which ask for forgiveness

***Hymn StF 420 Because you came and sat beside us. OR H&P412 We turn to you O God***

**Prayer:**

Lord we thank you for your generous hospitality and love. Lord, we lift to you all those who need a particular touch from you at this time. We pray for [and name aloud/in our hearts] those known to us who are sick; those awaiting consultations or operations; those undergoing unpleasant treatments, those who are grieving; those who are anxious, lonely or housebound. We ask you to make yourself known to them through us.

We pray that our churches will be a place of refuge, where anyone and everyone feels safe and welcomed, where all who enter may find love and the joy of community that comes from you.

But there are other places where you are at work and living... we think of our workplaces, our homes, our schools, our communities – all places where you can be found, living and active.

When we leave this worship, open our eyes and ears to see where you are at work and impel us to follow and serve you there. Lord, thank you that we have a place at your table: show us how to welcome everyone in your name. Let's say The Lord's Prayer. **Our father....**

And now a hymn about how the outcast are welcomed to the banquet in God's Kingdom

***Hymn StF 255 H&P139 The kingdom of God is justice and joy***

**Blessing:** As God's invited guests, let us now go and do the same, welcome others, never neglecting to show hospitality and never ceasing to love. For we serve God through the love we show others. May the peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

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