

Trinity Methodist Church

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SUNDAY 12th JULY 2026

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

Romans Ch. 8 v 1 and 2

10.00 am

Rev. C. Hamilton

Readings:-

Genesis Ch. 25 v 19-34

Romans Ch. 8 v 1-11

Matthew Ch. 13 v 1-9, 18-23

Prayer Diary:-

Worship Groups, Ramblers, Church Flower Arrangers and Group G.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 19th July 2026

10am – Mr. J. Hinton

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.

We are writing to announce the funeral (Celebration) of our beloved Wife, Mother & Nanna [Denise Nixon](#) on Friday 17th July. The service will be held at Trinity Methodist Church Middlesbrough (TS5 4JS) at 10:15 am. This will be followed by a private cremation and then everyone is invited to join us to celebrate her life at Middlesbrough Masonic Hall from 11:30am (TS5 5QA). We would request that people come in smart- casual dress, if possible with a splash of purple. Family flowers only please. There will be a collection during the service with the proceeds going towards Trinity Family Friendly Centre.



YEAR BOOK

I have started to prepare the Year Book for 2026/27. If anyone has any changes to their information please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks, Jean



Pizza Oven for hire

The church has a pizza oven for hire:

£10 a week including natural wood fuel.

Please contact Bernard to arrange hire.



Worship at Home - By David Godfrey
Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit - Sunday 12th July 2026

Hymn: StF 106, H&P 29 "God, whose almighty word"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJuqdlVH8VY&list=RDaJuqdlVH8VY&start_radio=1

Prayers:

Confession and words of assurance (taken from rootsontheweb.com):

Lord, we chase after many things, money, possessions, even relationships. Things we feel we need, must have, should have, and are entitled to. We act on impulse, wanting things now. In our instant world, waiting is a struggle. Lord, we are sorry for chasing such things, for being selfish and for making poor choices. Help us to look to you first, to trust and wait for your guidance. **Amen.** Jesus 'sacrificial blood has been poured out so we can be forgiven. We are dead to sin and alive in him, forgiven and free. **Amen.**

Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Reflection:

Words in our modern world have gained a bad reputation. Politicians are masters of the silky sound bite which is pleasing to the ear, but which means very little. Advertisers convince us that the latest gadget will change our lives, only for it to disappoint. Social media spews out millions of words, many of them unreliable. Little wonder that people take mere words with a pinch of salt. People want action rather than words. They want some evidence that what is said, is true and being lived by the person saying it.

In Isaiah 55 we find the prophet trying to instil hope into a people whose hopes have been dashed. They had seen their homes destroyed and experienced the long march into captivity and slavery. They were used to the false promises from those in power. They also remembered God's words of promise to their forbears with little hope in their hearts. It seemed to those captive slaves on the banks of the Euphrates that the word of God was as slippery as any other word. But Isaiah says No! God's word and God's action are not disconnected, like human words which let you down. God says in Isaiah 55,

"my word shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Centuries later Jesus came as the Eternal Word of God. His words were God's words and his actions were God's actions. Today God's word is still active in our world, taking root in human hearts and minds. When we hear God's word and take it in, then our lives can never quite be the same again. His word grows within us bearing fruit. For example, 'Love God and love your neighbour', says Jesus. These are some of the most profound words ever uttered, and completely transformative when we live them like Jesus. May God's enduring word produce fruit, transforming our lives, our communities and our world.

Hymn: StF 164, H&P 482. "Your words to me life and health"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeajBRDgQaQ&list=RDVeajBRDgQaQ&start_radio=1

Prayers:

Intercessions: Lord in a world of broken promises, of abuses and lies, you remain forever constant. We bring to you our prayers for justice and integrity in our world. We pray for those people exploited for profit. Those who are trafficked, those who are sexually exploited and those who are ensnared in modern slavery. We pray for war torn countries and for those who live in constant fear. We pray for Ukraine, for Gaza for people in DR Congo, in Sudan and in many other places where homes have been destroyed and families torn apart by conflict. We pray for those who seek to heal each other's wounds. For those who work in medicine or social care. We remember before you those who are sick, infirm, or who have

suffered loss. Help us through your Spirit to sow the seeds of love and care in our world that your kingdom may grow, and come in all its fullness. In the name of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen. Our Father...**

Hymn: StF 666, H&P 535 “Master, speak! thy servant heareth”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXvkhU-rAwU&list=RDUXvkhU-rAwU&start_radio=1

Blessing:

Guide us Lord as we hear your word. Guide us in our thinking, our speaking and our doing. Guide us always to choose what pleases you. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us always. **Amen.**