

# Trinity Methodist Church

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## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew Ch. 9 v 35-36

**10.00 am**                      **Rev. C. Hamilton**

Readings:-

Genesis Ch. 18 v 1-15 (21 v 1-7)

Romans Ch. 5 v 1-8

Matthew Ch. 9 v 35 – Ch. 10 v 8 (9: 23)

**Prayer Diary:-**              Carpet Bowls, Leadership Team, Lay Worker and Group C.

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June 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/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.**

## **STANTON'S BIG SING**

Stanton's Big Sing, in Meldyke Square on Sunday 14th June at 3.00pm.  
Led by Revd. Laura Wild and Revd David Godfrey with Marske Brass Band  
Light refreshments will be available in the Memorial Hall afterwards. All Welcome

### **Worship at Home - By David Godfrey Middlesbrough and Eston Circuit - Sunday 14th June 2026**

**Hymn:** StF 503, H&P 267, "Love divine all loves excelling"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGGcqhKShQ8&list=RDJGGcqhKShQ8&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGGcqhKShQ8&list=RDJGGcqhKShQ8&start_radio=1)

#### **Prayers:**

Confession and words of assurance (taken from [rootsontheweb.com](http://rootsontheweb.com)):

Lord, sometimes we cling tightly to familiar things, too frightened to listen to your call to move forward, to trust that you will give us the strength we need. Forgive us, and help us to trust you more. **Amen.** The God who cared for the lost sheep of Israel cares for us, and will pick us up from our wretchedness, and bring us back into his loving arms. The God who encourages us to step out in faith longs for us to take the risk of trusting him with our lives. We go forth knowing we are cleansed from all our sin, ready to start anew in his marvellous life. **Amen.**

**Reading: Matthew 9:35 - 10:8**

#### **Reflection:**

Jesus's ministry looks so easy in the gospels. He travels from town to town, village to village, teaching in the synagogues, healing the sick, mixing with all kinds of people and gaining an enormous following. But Jesus wants to expand his mission and commissions the 12 disciples to help him. After all, 12 workers must be better than one. But when the disciples have to "Proclaim the Kingdom of God" without Jesus, it suddenly looks a lot more difficult. Jesus gives them authority to do the work he has been doing, but that authority is limited. It is not a blank cheque to do as they want. They are restricted to where they go, only 'to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' They are restricted to poverty, taking only the clothes they stand up in. They are reliant on the hospitality of those who receive the message with open hearts, which puts the pressure on for them to be successful, otherwise they'll starve. However, in amongst all the restrictions and warnings of trouble ahead, Jesus offers some words of encouragement. It turns out that they are not going to be on their own after all. God will be with them through his Spirit. The Spirit of God will be a strengthening presence who will help them to endure the hardships. This is encouraging.

Of course the Christian church in later years would look at these instructions and feel that somehow Jesus is speaking not just to the disciples, but to them. After all we, the Church, are the body of Christ. Jesus is no longer with us, but we are his hands, his feet, and his voice. His mission is ours. We are inheritors of

that authority he first gave to his disciples long ago and we know that our task is the same. To proclaim the kingdom of heaven, to heal, to teach, to serve, to reconcile, and to persuade people's hearts that God loves them and wants them to be part of his family. We know the task, we know it is hard, and we know that we are not alone. God's Spirit encourages and strengthens us. But to whom shall we go? Who, I wonder, are the lost sheep in our community, or in our town? It is a test for the Church to show the same compassion and love that Christ had for the crowds in Galilee long ago.

**Hymn:** StF 407 "hear the call of the kingdom"

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**Prayers:**

*Intercessions:* Lord of the harvest, send labourers for your Church to proclaim your kingdom. We pray for Christians who are persecuted for living their faith. We pray for places where the gospel of Christ has been distorted for power or profit. We pray for the church as it struggles to be noticed in a secular world. Strengthen and inspire all who live for you. We pray for places that have been in the news this week. We pray for nations where there is conflict and for our own nation. Heal your world in its brokenness loving God. We pray for those whose lives are blighted by illness or tragedy remembering especially those who are living with the loss of loved ones. God of truth, Christ of compassion, Spirit of healing, strengthen and inspire those who reach out to you. In the name of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen. Our Father...**

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MyXCHRk2Wg&list=RD9MyXCHRk2Wg&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MyXCHRk2Wg&list=RD9MyXCHRk2Wg&start_radio=1)

**Blessing:** Lord, you send us out in your name. You give us your authority and power. Give us the courage to go where you send us. Go ahead to lead and guide. Follow behind to encourage and help. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us always. **Amen.**

## **CAN YOU HELP MAP?**

Our numbers of asylum seekers are increasing, and our stock of clothes for adults and children, household goods and toiletries are running low.

Any donations can be dropped off at the MAP office, 54 Borough Road, any week day morning between 10.00 - 12.00 noon

**Thank You for all your help in the past and hoping you can help once again.**