

# Trinity Methodist Church

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## SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2026

“When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the 7<sup>th</sup> day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus Ch. 24 v 15-18

**10.00 am**

**Mrs. R. Lewis**

Readings:-

Exodus Ch. 24 v 12-18

2 Peter Ch. 1 v 16-21

Matthew Ch. 17 v 1-9

**Prayer Diary:-**

St. Francis Church, Children's Groups, Youth Club and Group F.

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 22nd February 2026**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**10am – Mr. D. Elliott**

**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 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.**



## **JONAS CENTRE UPDATE**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have been blessed with a busy January and are now preparing for a consistent flow of Christian groups and guests as we look forward to Spring. We trust that you all enjoyed some peaceful time over Christmas and New Year, and have started this year with a renewed focus on the Living God; our Father, our Source, and our Provider.

I wonder how well are we able to trust in the Lord - really trust? I have found this a challenge recently as my circumstances have been changing, causing me to lean hard on Him and His promises. But I feel a sense of His delight and pleasure in making a way for me whilst I put my full trust in Him and dare to believe that He will stay true to His Word. I am lost and poor without His love, grace, mercy and provision, but with Jesus I can boldly approach my Creator and walk the abundant life He promises, hand in hand with Him.

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

We pray that you all experience His smile and pleasure as the year unfolds.

Every blessing to you all,

Nicola Yearsley  
Office Manager

**RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY  
PRESENTS**



St Mary's Cathedral  
MIDDLESBROUGH

**A PASSION PLAY**  
**NIGHT**  
**FALLS**

**BY PAUL BIRCH**

**"RIDING LIGHTS  
WORKS MIRACLES"**

The Stage

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL MIDDLESBROUGH**  
**THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 7:30pm**  
**TICKETS £15 / £10**

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RIDING  
THEATRE  
COMPANY  
LIGHTS

The logo for Riding Lights Theatre Company features a red square containing a white silhouette of a ship's mast and rigging. The words 'RIDING', 'THEATRE', 'COMPANY', and 'LIGHTS' are stacked vertically on either side of the square.

**WORSHIP AT HOME FOR WEEK CIMENTENCING Sunday, 15 February 2026 by Ron Mapplebeck**

**Opening prayer:** Give us, O God, a vision of your glory, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, and offer the praise of glad and thankful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn:** H&P no. 267/STF no. 503 - Love divine

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPbD2G3i-7Y&list=RDdPbD2G3i-7Y&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPbD2G3i-7Y&list=RDdPbD2G3i-7Y&start_radio=1)

**Prayers:** Let us pray. God, who is hidden in the wild variety of earth's creation, who is hidden in the force of nature, the power of sun and wind, show us the brightness of your face. God, who is hidden in the secret darkness of our hearts and minds, who is hidden in the stranger we fear to call our friend, the neighbour who is kind without reward, show us the brightness of your face. God, who is hidden in the stories of our faith, who speaks through Abraham, Isaac, Moses, the prophets of long distant times, show us the brightness of your face. God, who is hidden in the man from Galilee, who works with his hands to heal and endure, the teacher, miracle maker, helper and friend, you show us the brightness of your face. With a word, fishermen become preachers, with a touch lepers are healed and accepted, with bread and wine a new relationship is begun, with a cross, sin and guilt are taken away, an empty tomb reveals life out of death. We see your brightness. We see your glory. We wonder at the signs of your presence, sometimes so clear, sometimes just glimpsed as we turn our head. Suddenly you are there, transforming the day, renewing the world, making sense of what confuses and beguiles us. Lift the veil that we may see you, and seeing be touched by the glory of God, the brightness of your love, the warmth of your presence, through Jesus Christ, Amen. *A prayer for forgiveness:* When we cannot read the signs, when we fail to wake up, when we are lost in our own dreaming, God, forgive us. When the old is too comfortable, when we'd rather not be challenged, when we grow weary of the Gospel demands, God, forgive us. When we follow the rules and not your voice, when we crush freedom in favour of safety, when we think there are no more surprises, God, forgive us. When we carefully plan the future without you, when we sit surrounded by comfort, when we turn away from other people, God, forgive us. Take us to the top of the hill, to the dizzy heights of insecurity, to the place where earth stretches below and sky reaches above, and give us wings to fly in faith and trust as your saints did before us, full of light and truth, and the love of God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer** Our Father .....

**Reading:** Matthew 17,1-9

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI2auBDhTjs>

**Hymn:** H&P no. 156 - How good, Lord, to be here!

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**Message:** Many stories in the Gospels we can understand through our own experiences. Some Christian people speak of 'mountain top experiences' but even such spiritual highs are unlikely to match the extraordinary event of the transfiguration. We find it difficult to deal with sheer mystery. Certain things were revealed which perhaps only made sense to the disciples in retrospect. For instance that it took place in the context of prayer – like the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice speaking at Jesus' baptism. The voice came to Jesus following his baptism as he started his public ministry. Now it came to Jesus and the three disciples as he was about to begin his journey to Jerusalem and to death and resurrection. For Jesus it was confirmation of who he was and that what was to happen was in God's purposes. It was not surprising that the three disciples were told not to talk about their experience at the time. Words were inadequate (and still are) and it was not immediately possible to make any sense of it, other than it reinforced the uniqueness of Jesus. Only later would it be possible to see that suffering and death were equally a part of the story (and not an awful accident or mistake) as the amazing event Peter wanted to preserve by putting up shelters. In our own Christian lives we have our own personal experiences of knowing Jesus and how we changed as a result. When one of our mission statements can be: *'Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'* we know simply that it will not be enough for us to go on as we are paddling furiously in the hope we can stand still. It is a serious question for us. Not merely: what might we like to change if we could but, more, what can we change, what must we change, what will we change, in our own lives and witness and also within our respective churches, to ensure that the transforming power of Jesus through the Holy Spirit continues to become known to others?

**Hymn:** H&P no. 158 – Stay, Master, stay

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**The Grace**