

# Trinity + Methodist + Church

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## SUNDAY 24th MAY 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY

“When the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Acts Ch. 2 v 1-4

**10.00 am**

**Ms. K. Dykes**

Readings:-

Acts Ch. 2 v 1-21

1 Corinthians Ch. 12 v 3b-13

John Ch. 20 v 19-23

**Prayer Diary:-**

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Society of Friends Cambridge Road and Group J.

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 31st MAY 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.**

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**



To date we have raised an amazing **£360!**

There will be envelopes in the Foyer on Sunday for any further contributions.

Thanks to Janice and to all who supported the coffee morning on Monday last.

## **Songs of Praise: Trinity**

**Sunday, 7 June 2026 at 2:30 pm**

Join us for an uplifting afternoon of music and fellowship as we celebrate with a "Revivalist" themed Songs of Praise. Whether you grew up with these classics or are discovering them for the first time, all are welcome to lift their voices in song.

### **Event Highlights**

- **Traditional Hymns:** We'll be singing favourites from *Mission Praise* and the *1933 Methodist Hymn Book*.
- **Guest Musicians:** We are delighted to be joined by **Geoff Foxall** on the organ, featuring special items from guest soloist **Cerys Gallagher**.
- **Chapel Renovations:** This is a wonderful opportunity to see the recently completed renovations in the **Trinity Chapel**.

### **A Special Dedication**

The outline planning for this event was a collaborative effort between **Dave Elliott** and **Ron Mapplebeck** before Dave's illness. As we gather to sing, we keep Dave in our thoughts and prayers, wishing him well in his continued recovery.



MOSAIC LADIES CHOIR are seeking new members. If you enjoy singing and feel you would like to join us please send an email to [benningtonju@gmail.com](mailto:benningtonju@gmail.com) or speak to Lesley Walker. We rehearse on Thursday evenings in Middlesbrough. We would love to see you.

### **Trinity Redevelopment**

As we dedicated the foyer on Sunday, Rev John challenged us to look forward to the future to continue God's mission in Whinney Banks.

To assist with this mission, we require the assistance of people for the following:

1. Cleaning of the worship space and foyer
2. Assistance on a Tuesday, to help sell clothes from 10.00-12.00 noon

Will anyone wanting further information, or willing to help, please contact Bernard 07764579481

### **Church Council's AGM**

This will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 during morning worship:

### **Worship at Home Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

#### **Call to Worship:**

Holy Spirit you came as a dove, alight upon our fragile faith.

Holy Spirit you came as tongues of fire, warm our words.

Holy Spirit you came as wind, breathe new life in us.

#### ***Hymn H&P 469 StF 155 Come Holy Ghost our hearts inspire***

**Prayer** Lord God we have come to ask for forgiveness

If we have hurt people with thoughtless words or spiteful comment.....Forgive us

If we've taken for granted all that our friends and loved ones do for us.....Forgive us

If we have thought more about our selfish wants, rather than the needs of our neighbours near and far .....Forgive us

We are so aware of the faults of others and so blind to our own failings

Forgive us as we think of what we have done and ought not to have done

We thank you Lord God for your gift of forgiveness

As certain as blossom on bare branches

As sure as warm sun after biting winds

As free as the air we breathe and the Holy Spirit we feel

Thank you for your son Jesus who died for us

And taught us how to pray saying... Our Father

#### ***Hymn H&P 286 StF 379 Gracious Spirit Holy Ghost***

**Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

#### **Responding to the reading [From Vine at Home with thanks]**

Pentecost begins with waiting.

The disciples are gathered together, unsure of what comes next. Jesus has gone. The

future is uncertain. They are in that in-between space, holding onto a promise, but not yet seeing how it will unfold. And then, everything changes. A sound like a rushing wind. Tongues of fire. Voices speaking in languages they have never learned. Suddenly, the Spirit is not just an idea or a memory: it is alive, moving, disruptive.

This is not a quiet moment. It is bold, visible, impossible to ignore. And what is the result? Not confusion, but connection. People from different nations, cultures, and languages hear the message in ways they can understand. The Spirit does not erase difference, it honours it. It speaks through it.

For those of us walking a thoughtful, inclusive path of faith, this matters deeply. Pentecost reminds us that God's presence is not confined to one voice, one culture, one way of understanding. The Spirit moves beyond boundaries: expanding, including, drawing people together without making them the same.

Then Peter stands up and interprets what is happening. He reaches back to the prophet Joel: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." Not just a few. Not just the powerful, but everyone, all flesh.

Sons and daughters. Young and old. Those who are often heard: and those who are often overlooked. Pentecost is a moment of radical inclusion. But it is also a moment of calling. The Spirit does not simply comfort the disciples: it sends them out. It gives them courage to speak, to act, to live differently.

For us, Pentecost asks some important questions:

- Where do you see the Spirit moving in unexpected places today?
- How might God be speaking through voices or experiences you have not yet fully heard?
- What would it look like to be open: not just to being comforted by the Spirit, but to being changed by it?

The Spirit does not leave things as they are. It stirs. It challenges. It creates something new. And perhaps that is both the gift and the risk of Pentecost: God is still speaking, God is still moving, and we are invited to listen and to respond.

May you feel the breath of the Spirit in your life: disrupting what needs to change, igniting what needs to grow, and calling you into a wider, braver, more loving way of being.

***Hymn H&P 326 StF 398 There's a spirit in the air***

### **Blessing**

The Spirit of God is inclusive, invitational and wild.

The Spirit of God is ahead of you, already at work in the world out there.

The Spirit of God invites you to join in the work of healing, hope and love,

May you encounter that Spirit this day, and every day,

Amen.