

Trinity + Methodist + Church

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SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2026

“The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.””

Genesis Ch. 12 v 1-3

10.00 am **Rev. J. Howard-Norman – Annual Church Meeting**

2.30pm **CIRCUIT SONGS OF PRAISE Service here at Trinity**

Readings:-

Genesis Ch. 12 v 1-9

Romans Ch. 4 v 13-25

Matthew Ch. 9 v 9-13, 18-26

Prayer Diary:- Sunday Club, Cambridge Road Baptist Church and Group B.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 14th June 2026

10am – Rev. C. Hamilton

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.

STAINTON'S BIG SING

Stainton'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

CHRISTIAN AID

The total amount raised for Christian Aid and banked was £380
Of this £230 was Gift Aided
A fantastic total!!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning in any way!
Janice

Methodist Peace Fellowship Annual Meeting
Saturday 6th June 2026, 11.30 - 3.30

Roker Methodist church, Sunderland

AGM - Looking back and planning ahead

Join The Methodist Peace Fellowship for lunch as we review the year's activities, elect new executive committee members, and plan the year ahead. All are welcome but only members may vote.

Keynote - Rev John Purdy, Methodist Minister

"The land of Saints and Scholars, Civil War and Semtex - what we might learn from Ireland today."

John ministered to a community in rural Ireland who held stories of intimidation and murder from 80 years before, and now welcomed asylum seekers and refugees with their own trauma. He will talk about his work for peace, mediation and what he learnt and now brings to work in Sunderland

Workshop - Liddy Buswell, MPF Coordinator

"Building peaceful communities in a divided world"

What does it mean to love our neighbour when the world seems filled with hate? What role can the Church play in healing communities? Can what we do locally make a difference in the wider world?

[Book to join in person or online today](#)

CLEANING

We obtained a quotation of £650 + vat = £780 to have the floor of the worship space and Foyer cleaned with a suitable machine by a professional cleaning company.

We obtained a price to purchase a reconditioned floor cleaner of £1295 + vat = £1554 and decided to proceed. This came with 2 cleaning discs, one especially to remove the glue off the new vinyl and a bottle of concentrated cleaning liquid. It has a rechargeable battery which runs for approx. 1 hour before requiring a 5 hour charge. I used it today (and found it very easy and lightweight) for 1 hour and managed to remove 95% of the glue marks from the new vinyl



- 1) The church is looking for financial donations towards the cost of the machine. Please put money in an envelope marked 'Cleaner' and give to Lesley or make a bank transfer and mark the transaction 'Cleaner'
- 2) The church is looking for volunteers to use the machine to clean part of the vinyl flooring throughout the building maybe 3-4 times a year x a 1 hour session.

Please contact Bernard if you able to offer assistance even if only once or twice a year.

Bernard Nixon

Saturday 6th June 2026

We are having a final tidy up of rooms after the development work on Saturday 6th June 2026 at 1pm

Anyone able to help, please just turn up

Bernard

WORSHIP AT HOME for week commencing Sunday, 7 June 2026 by Ron Mapplebeck (with thanks to Vine at Home for use of their material)

Hymn: H&P no. 552/STF no. 526 – Lord of all hopefulness

Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSHGTCZwAtw&list=RDDShGTCZwAtw&start_radio=1

Prayers: Let us pray. Sit down, close your eyes and breathe three deep, slow breaths. Keeping your eyes closed, pay attention to your breath for a minute or more and in doing so, when you breathe in, imagine you are breathing in the love of God. When you open your eyes look around you, what do you notice in your room that reminds you of the love of God? If this is something you can hold, hold it, if it is to be looked at, look at it. As you do so, remember that you are in the presence of God. When you are ready, offer this time of worship to God, with these words "Around me and within me, Spirit of God I thank you for your presence here. I offer each breath in worship to you. Amen"

Lord's Prayer: Our Father

Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YHOyBNWosY>

Hymn: H&P no. 705/STF no. 566 – Take my life

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4l5bTdZ8M&list=RDOF4l5bTdZ8M&start_radio=1

Responding to the readings: Today's stories from Matthew's Gospel are filled with interruptions. Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector, right in the middle of his ordinary working day. Then, while sharing a meal with

people others consider sinners and outsiders, he is interrupted by a leader pleading for help for his dying daughter. On the way to that crisis, another interruption comes: a woman who has suffered for years reaches out quietly to touch the edge of Jesus' cloak. And in every interruption, Jesus chooses connection over convenience.

First comes Matthew. A man many would have dismissed as compromised, corrupt, or beyond respectability. Yet Jesus simply says: "Follow me." No lecture. No conditions. Just an invitation. Then comes the criticism from the religious leaders: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus responds with words that still challenge the Church today: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Mercy over appearances. Compassion over exclusion. Relationship over judgment. For those of us seeking to follow Jesus, these words cut to the centre of discipleship. Faith is not about guarding purity or protecting status. It is about participating in healing, welcome, and restoration.

And then there is the woman in the crowd. For twelve years she has lived with illness, isolation, and likely shame. She is unnamed, perhaps understood by the initial audience as someone who is outside of society, invisible to most people. Yet she believes that even touching Jesus' cloak might bring healing. And, in the middle of the crowd and the urgency, Jesus stops: he notices her. He calls her "daughter." He restores not only her body, but her dignity and belonging.

Then Jesus goes on to the house of the grieving family and takes the girl by the hand. Life rises where others saw only endings. Again and again in this passage, Jesus moves toward those society pushes away: the morally suspect, the chronically ill, the grieving. He refuses to let stigma or fear have the final word. And, as he moves through the interruptions and busy-ness of this narrative, he does not allow himself to become distracted from being present to those in front of him, those in need, those who he has promised to stand with.

Discipleship is not about avoiding messy situations. It is about trusting that God's grace is most alive in the places where people are longing to be seen, touched, and restored. Jesus does not wait for people to become perfect before he calls them. He meets them where they are, and love begins there. May you have the courage to follow, the compassion to notice those on the margins, and the openness to receive the healing grace of Christ in your own life too.

Hymn: H&P no. 767/STF no. 661 – Give me the faith

Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhZCEaVJDW4&list=RDyhZCEaVJDW4&start_radio=1

Blessing: Let us pray. Go from this moment, knowing that you are loved and accepted by the living Christ, Knowing that the inclusive, expansive, grace-filled invitation To join in with God's work in your home community, Is extended to you, today, this week, and beyond. Go with the peace of Christ, Amen.