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CHURCH NEWS

We will be keeping in touch **via email** for the foreseeable future. If you know anyone who might like to be added to our email list ask them to send in their address.

Thanks also to the donor who has offered to cover the costs of posting our Service Sheets and Notices to congregation members not on email. 😊

The Friday Morning Prayer Group will not be meeting in person, but we will be praying in our own homes at 10am on Fridays as usual. If you have anyone you would like to pray for please ring Margaret Langsford 01235 521536.

Since we now pray at home each Friday at 10am we can all join in. One suggestion is to sit quietly and ponder 'Be still, be still and know, be still and know that I am God'.

Then, if you have the 2016 Trinity Directory, you could pray for each person named there, not forgetting new people to Trinity since 2016. Or mentally think about all the people in Church you see each week.

Do join us if you can. Margaret L, Ruth D, Douglas & Kate.

Oh to be in England, now that April's here,
We need to try to bring a barrow load of cheer.
We can phone and use email to keep us all in touch
So the dreaded coronavirus won't dismay us quite as much.
Keep smiling! Margaret L.



Stay and Pray: The Joint Public Issues Team is made up of the Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, working together for peace and justice. JPIT are encouraging people to establish a daily rhythm of prayer, and will be sharing prompts on social media and via a daily email pointing people towards different issues; local, national and global to encourage us to pray. This will particularly highlight vulnerable and marginalised groups during the Coronavirus crisis.



For more information: www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/corona-virus/stay-and-pray

Trinity Triangle: We are going to produce an electronic version of the Triangle - probably for a couple of months at least. Now many of us are at home - and possibly finding things or reading something one usually doesn't have time to read! - we wondered whether you could consider sending us an interesting article, prayer or a poem etc to include in the Triangle. It would be good to have uplifting



material, or things connected with the Easter season or just something which people will find interesting to read. If so, please send this, as usual to both: Val Dalby: valerie.dalby@tiscali.co.uk and Cynthia Bartlett: cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk. Submission deadline is 19 April.

Hard copy editions will be sent to those on email.

With our best wishes The Triangle Editors

Action for children boxes: I have decided to suspend the collection of these boxes until further notice. When the coronavirus restrictions are lifted then I will, of course, resume collections. *Thank you. Kevin Goodman*

TrinityLearning: It's good to have a good news story in these difficult times. We attach an article from the April edition of Reform, the URC's national magazine, about the work of TrinityLearning - a cause supported practically and financially by Trinity members.



Missing hymn-singing?

Why not join the community of 750 singers, from across 5 continents who are the Virtual National Methodist Choir? Rehearsal videos for the first song are now online. Simply log on the website - <https://nmcgb.org/> - and on the members page you will find a warm-up video, the rehearsal videos, and in the next couple of days, the song run-through videos, too.

Those who can use YouTube, Facebook or Zoom can also join a live-streamed rehearsal on Monday 6th April, 7:30pm.

It's Keith via Zoom: Live, on-line worship in Holy Week

During Holy week Revd Keith Underhill will be leading some live worship on-line via Zoom and you are very welcome to join him if you so wish.

He writes: "Zoom enables up to 100 people to participate in a 'virtual' meeting

or gathering, where you can see and hear one another and join in together. I know that some of you are already aware of Zoom and use it in other settings outside of church. For those of you who do not know, Zoom is a free App for virtual meetings/conferences that you can download onto your iPhone, iPad, tablet etc either from the Apple app store or from the Google play store if you have an android phone or tablet. You can also access it from your computer or lap top by going to <https://zoom.us> (Please use the free version of Zoom.) I have upgraded my free version to a monthly subscription which means that anyone who is part of the 'meeting' I call using their free version doesn't have to worry about time limits etc. The benefit of using Zoom rather than live streaming from our new [Circuit YouTube Channel](#), is that Zoom allows you to see and hear one another and is more participatory.

It is my intention to lead live worship on

Maundy Thursday 8:00pm

Good Friday 10:30am

Easter Day 6:00am and 10:30am

I will send out the orders of service for all of these a few days before, so that everyone has the chance to use them, whether they wish to participate via Zoom, or simply quietly reflect at home on their own or with family.

For those of you who would like to participate and join me via Zoom and be part of the live experience, please would you email me directly (keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk) as soon as possible, so that nearer the time I can send you an invitation with the necessary details for you to join in.

Once I know who will be part of this, I will then ask some of you to read lessons, prayers etc, using the service sheet I will have sent out before.

If you have any questions etc, please do let me know.

The Passion - free Easter online resource for Churches from the LAMPS Collective. Filmed in isolation in the actors' own homes, The Passion Monologues are our response to covid 19 and being unable to tour live this Easter. We hope they might prove a bit of LAMPS light in what might feel like dark times. The monologues cover the key events of Holy Week from the points of view of Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and a young centurion called Marcus and are extracts from our full production of The Passion. They can be accessed via www.lampscollective.com/the-passion-monologues

The introduction to the series and the first two speeches are available now; the others will be uploaded one a day from Palm Sunday through to Easter Day. We hope you find them an interesting and creative resource for your congregations as you journey through Holy Week, and we wish you a joyful and blessed Easter when it comes.

With best wishes The LAMPS team, LAMPS Collective

Services on line: while Services are suspended our Ministers and Local Preachers will be making Orders of Service available for members to worship together at home. These will be circulated by email and added to the website.

Precautions taken concerning the coronavirus situation:

Trinity and All Saints Services and all activities - including Toddlers, Prayer Group, Evergreen Club and Thursday Group - are currently suspended. All Uniformed Organisation meetings are also cancelled.

The Trinity website - <https://trinityabingdon.org.uk/wordpress/> - gives links to daily and weekly online worship, and to the latest Methodist and URC guidance.

Other resources can be found on the [Circuit website](#) or the [Circuit YouTube Channel](#)

A prayer for our times:

God of all hope we call on you today. We pray for those who are living in fear: Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them. May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace. We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty. For those people who are worried about attending worship. For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend. Grant us your wisdom. Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen

The Methodist Church

*Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.
...and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8, 9b*

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