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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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NOTICES 11 April 2021

Dear Friends,

'This joyful Eastertide,' begins one of my many favourite hymns. Eastertide is not the most common words used today, but it does remind us all that the Easter Joy we celebrate and invite people to share is not over in a day. The joy, the celebration continue.

As the chorus says, "Come, share our Easter joy that death could not imprison, nor any power destroy, our Christ who is arisen!"

So let us rejoice and sing, that there is indeed no power that can destroy Jesus, and that he will be with us in this world and the next.

Every blessing, Ian

CHURCH NEWS

Many thanks to the flower arrangers who decorated Church so beautifully for Easter. The image on the front page, is of one of the window displays.

This week's rhyme

What a build up to Easter
we had this year.
The promise of seeing family,
though not too near.
The hint to put on thick, warm clothes
As we could only meet outdoors.
But the weather gave us the best it could
With lovely warm sunshine
as we ate our food.
But surprises at Easter
are not all that rare
Just think of the Disciples
finding the Tomb bare.



Image: *The Empty Tomb*, by He Qi

Read more: <https://www.heqiart.com/about-he-qi.html>

Margaret Langsford

In-Church Worship: has now resumed. Arrangements will be the same as previously – ie book in advance, masks to be worn, no singing. If you would like to attend please call the office - 01235 520282 - or book online.

Worship at Home Materials will also be produced, and circulated in the usual manner.

CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday 28th April 2021 7.30pm

Our next Church Meeting will be on 28th April
when Deacon Selina will lead an item on
Evangelism & Growth

The Trustees look forward to seeing people again on this occasion.

Details of the Zoom meeting will be available nearer the time –
in the Church Notices and via the Church Office.

Message for contributors to Trinity Learning:



Thank you for contributing to Trinity Learning in 2020/21. I will not be giving out Envelopes as usual, but if you intend to continue giving please send your gifts directly to the treasurer, Tom Kyffin, saying what they are for.

Thank you. Margaret Langsford.

Ena Mitchell sends her love to all at Trinity, and enjoys hearing church news. She regrets that she can no longer write as she used to due to failing eyesight.



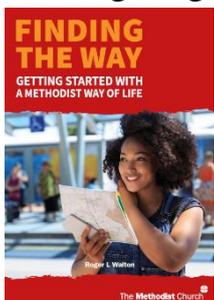
The deadline for the **May Edition of the Triangle**
is **Sunday 18 April**.



As usual email contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk)
or Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com) please, or via the Office.

DENOMINATION NEWS

A Methodist Way of Life Last month congregation members should have received an A6 booklet giving some details about this initiative. Fuller details will be found in the booklet:



"Finding the way" - Getting started with a Methodist Way of life which you should receive soon.

There will also be an open Zoom meeting for anyone who wishes to find out more on **Wednesday 14th April at 7:30 pm, led by Michael Wadsworth** from the Methodist Learning Network who will give us an overview of this exciting new venture.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84942620359?pwd=TndMQUp1QVJLUiB5WVlrSVE0MTIRZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 4262 0359

Passcode: 403043

If you do not receive the booklet, but would like a copy, please contact the Office.

Methodist Church to start major new project on being a justice-seeking Church

The Methodist Church is to commit to a two-year project looking at how the Church speaks out on social issues and challenges injustices. The project will be led by Rachel Lampard and aims to make the Church more effective in speaking and acting for justice and transformation.

Rachel Lampard, who will shortly move to this secondment from her role as Team Leader of the Joint Public Issues Team said: "I am excited to be part of this project listening to Methodists and those beyond our church, including those who are sometimes unheard; discerning the values upon which our commitment to justice can be based; and acting to help Methodists use these resources to speak and act on issues of justice.

"I hope and pray that this will be a project which engages people from around the Connexion and leaves us all with a deeper passion for God's justice in the world."

The Methodist Church's Head of Mission Jude Levermore said: "The world is living in a time of huge change with domestic and global injustices being revealed and intensified. Methodists have long been committed to working for justice. At this time when the Methodist Church is responding to Our Calling through the **Methodist Way of Life** and the **God for All** strategy, it is a crucial moment for us to renew our own voice as a justice-seeking church."

The second session of **Guided Meditations** - for the after Easter period begins on **Thursday 15 April**, led by Revd Eileen Appleyard of All Saints. This series is an experience of quiet reflection beginning with a period of relaxation and followed by a short time of quiet meditation based on a Bible reading. The chosen theme is After Easter and it will last for five or six weeks. If you would like to join please contact eileenappleyard13@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Abingdon Library will reopen on 12th April. This will be on limited opening hours temporarily. Safety measures will remain in place for the protection of customers, volunteers and staff.

Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May Look out for more details nearer the time

WORSHIP

At Trinity

Sunday 11: Morning Worship in Trinity at 10:30 led by Revd Ian Griffiths

Sunday 18: Morning Worship in Trinity at 10:30 led by Tabitha Griffiths

In the Circuit

Orders of Service for Worship at Home are made available on-line or in hard copy.

Keith leads an on-line Zoom service, Sunday mornings at 10:30am. If you would like to join in or know more about this, please contact him - keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk.

A short *Act of Worship* will also be posted on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#)

By phone

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514 or News: 0808 281 2478

or a pastoral message from the President and Vice-President of Conference 0808 281 2695

More widely the Methodist and URC are making resources available on line:

Methodist or see <https://Methodist.org.uk>

Methodist Central Hall – weekly Service and catch up

Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission – daily Service and catch up

URC or see <https://urc.org.uk/>



Creator God, by whose word the universe was willed into existence and by whose love each one of us is created and redeemed, grant us so to recognise our interconnectedness with all creation that we might live in respect for all that is around us.

May we treat your creation gently and with reverence, respecting the ground on which we tread, that by our nurture and care of all that sustains us we may pass on to others that which we have received so that all might share in its benefits.

Help us to recognise that “the earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it” so that with all creation we may honour the Creator and live together responsibly and with love. Amen.

Jonathan Pye, Bristol District Chair

(Thanks to Alastair for this interesting view of Trinity, can you spot the eggs?)