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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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Sunday 10 May 2026
10.30am Morning Worship
led by Revd Pauline Main

Church Stewards on duty: Caroline Atkin & Alastair Fear

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A special welcome to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service.

There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our Junior Church will not be meeting today. Children are welcome to stay in the Service, or take advantage of the toys and activities in the Welcome Area / North Transept.

You are very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea after today's service thanks to today's **Coffee Rota volunteers:**
Heather & Stuart Townsend

Next Week at Trinity – 17 May
10.30am Morning Worship
led by Revd Wayne Hawkins

Welcome

A Time of Quiet

Call to worship

Lord, this is the day you made; we rejoice and are glad in it:
save us, prosper us, bless us as we come into your house.

you have made your light to shine upon us:
we celebrate, and unite to worship you.

you are our God; we give you thanks and exalt you:
Lord, you are good, and your love endures for ever.

 **God is love, his the care**

StF 403

Affirmation of faith

from Psalm 145

We believe in God
who is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

We believe in God,
whose kingdom is everlasting,
whose dominion endures for ever.

We believe in God,
who is faithful to all his promises,
and loving towards all he has made.

We believe in God,
who opens his hand
and satisfies the needs of all things living.
Amen

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we have tried so hard to live better lives;
To be good-tempered and considerate;

To work hard instead of being lazy;
To watch our tongues and not speak hastily;

To be cheerful even when things go wrong;
To act kindly to people we find it hard to like.

But it is always the same story – trying is not enough.
Help us to catch your spirit,
through prayer and worship,
fellowship and service,
so that the fruit of the Spirit
will grow in us, to your glory.
Amen

(from Baptist Prayer and Worship)

♪ **Father, hear the prayer we offer**

StF 518

Reading

John 14: 15 - 21

Reading

Acts 17: 22 - 31

Please remain seated to sing:

♪ **The Church is . . .**

The Church is wherever God's people are praising
singing their thanks for his goodness this day.

The Church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.

Carol Rose Ikeler

Sermon

♪ **Where can we find you, Lord Jesus our Master**

StF 672

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord' Prayer

Please remain seated to sing:

♪ **The Church is . . .**

The Church is wherever God's people are helping
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.

The Church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

A prayer for Christian Aid Week 2026

Gracious God,
when we stand on the plains of uncertainty,
with no path before us, we look to you.

**We remember what you have done before
and our anxious hearts are comforted.
Showing mercy, you delivered us then;
in your love and faithfulness, you will do it again.**

Give us the strength to step forward in hope.

Give us faith that changes us,

hope that feeds us,

love that moves us.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

(Bob Kikuyu, Christian Aid's Global Theology Advisor, Nairobi)



Lord, you give the great commission

(tune StF 410)

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
And the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervour, draw us
Closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
Daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us
Share your children's liberty;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
All that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
To a just society;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Jeffrey Rowthorn

Closing Blessing