



TRINITY CHURCH
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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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10.30am Morning Worship
led by Daphne Savage

Church Stewards Tricia Cook & Olive Vaughan

Organist: Philip Kimber

AV Team: Adam Hagar & Ntwana Msonthi

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 Jesus & Me (Children's Group) 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.

You are very welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after today's service.

thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers:

Heather & Stuart Townsend

Welcome

Time of Quiet

Call to Worship

We come today with many hopes:
hope for ourselves and for our families,
hope for our communities,
hope for our world.

We come with hope that may be full of life,
or hope that may be dwindling.

**Let us give our hopes to God,
and be aware of what God is doing here and now.**

Let us be hopeful about new possibilities that lie ahead of us.

Prayer

**Our God of hope,
open our eyes, our ears and our hearts
to become more aware of the hope that you offer:
a hope that is renewing;
a hope that has no limits;
a hope that is for all of us - as your people.
Amen.**



All hail the power of Jesu's name

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Prayers

Our God of justice and renewal,
we give you thanks for calling us by name.
May we shed your light where there is darkness,
to lead others to your Son, our Saviour,
May we trust in the empowering hope of your Holy Spirit.
May we never grow weary of praising you,
but serve you with all our heart,
with all our mind and with all our strength,
today and always.
Amen.

A prayer of confession

God of hope,
when we listen to your word, but don't take it to heart:
forgive us, we pray.

When you reach out your hand to us, but we don't take it:
forgive us, we pray.

When injustice needs to be challenged, but we remain silent:
forgive us, we pray.

When we are lost and in darkness and don't see your hope:
forgive us, we pray.
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God of hope and renewal:
your tenderness enables us to trust you,
your forgiveness enables us to begin again,
your call enables us to follow you,
your faithfulness enables us to find peace in you,
and your Spirit enables us to live as your servants
in the world today.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

 **When Jesus came to Jordan**

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Reading

Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

Reading

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Reading

Acts 10: 34 - 43

Sermon

Renew our hope

 **Longing for light**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God,
your light can shine in the darkest of nights.
Renewing our hope, so we praise you.

Your justice can stand firm against all corruption.
Renewing our hope, so we thank you.

Your comforting spirit can reach the depths of despair.
Renewing our hope, so we honour you.

You call us to share your love as we praise you.
Renewing our hope and encouraging our faith.
Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

We offer our prayer in faith
Lord, renew our hope

Offertory and Prayer of Dedication



In Christ alone

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Closing Prayer and Blessing

God of the past and the present,
you bring hope to us today,
as you have brought hope to so many through the ages.
May we be open to the hope that you bring:
refreshing, restoring and renewing our faith:
and be ready to share that hope with others.
Amen.

Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Our prayers today are adapted from Roots for Churches

Next Week at Trinity

Sunday 18 January: 10:30am Morning Worship

led by Revd John Anderson

When we will be joined by our friends from All Saints
for a time of shared worship

Please hold the staff, trustees and volunteers of TrinityLearning in prayer as we seek a new Education Development Officer to succeed Nicola Williams, who has been an inspirational leader. Pray that God will guide those involved in the recruitment, and that God will prompt those who view the advertisement, that the right person may be found. Please also remember Nicola in your prayers as she moves on. *Pauline Main, Chair of TL Trustees*