



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH WOKING
Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 17th May 2020

News Flash!

Phone worshipping

Not a violation of the 2nd commandment (Deut. 5:8), but an opportunity to join us for Sunday services **using your telephone**.

Just before the Service starts, dial any of the telephone numbers given below:

0203 481 5240

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

For each Service you'll be prompted for the meeting ID and password.

The meeting ID for Sunday Morning Worship (currently starting at 10am) is:

863 7272 5504

The password is 778335

The meeting ID for Junior Church at 11am is 813 9334 2933

The password is 158858

The meeting ID for Foundry Worship at 5pm is 839 7528 2042

The password is 142569

The "hash" key is the # symbol on your telephone keypad.

The sound quality is supposed to be good.

You could use the speakerphone function on your phone if you have one.

In any case you can sit back and enjoy.

We'll mute you during the service, so don't worry, we can't hear you sing. At the end of the service we'll unmute everyone and if you want to, you can join a smaller group for chat.

You can leave at any time – just hang up.

Morning Worship and Junior Church combined typically have over 60 Trinity people worshipping. Why not join us?

The telephone numbers will be charged at your normal phone rate.

Hugh, Dan & the Zoom Tech Team

Message from Rev Jackie Case

Dear Friends,

Recently I have been exploring the possibility of solar-powered lights outside my house. The front door is so badly lit that, returning after dark it has been hard to get the key into the lock. Meanwhile, whilst I don't want a light on in the back garden all night, the dogs become invisible in the darkness, which makes it hard to get them in at bedtime without risking life and limb! Of course, the trick with solar-powered lights is to position them so that whilst the actual light shines in the gloom, the solar panel must be able to absorb sufficient power from direct sunlight. Isn't this just like what we need to fulfil our calling to be messengers of God in the world, especially in situations of sadness and gloom? If we are to be God's beacons when we are needed, we need to be constantly 'charged' by spending time in the powerful presence of God. When we pray we don't need to bombard God with our own agenda – just spending time consciously in God's presence empowers us to serve the Kingdom of God in whatever way, and whenever, we are needed.

Blessings, Jackie.

Message from the leadership team

Nearly all the walks I have taken during this lockdown period have been along the canal, varied mainly by whether I walked clockwise or anticlockwise. Recently I have been using a new footpath (thank you Ruth) which joins two of my routes together. I didn't know about the path, but I did know the avenues it led to. I used to walk these with my mum and brothers and sister when we were children. It struck me that my mum never seemed to be in a hurry, she always had time. The main focus of her day was preparing the meals, 12.30 dinner and 6pm high tea. We always had our main meal together in the middle of the day when Dad would come home for his lunch break. If I remember rightly, he listened to Workers Playtime on the "wireless"!

How different things are now, these weeks of lockdown have caused our hurried world and me to slow down a lot and it's made me question why I am always in such a rush. It has made me see that if we are always in a hurry, it is easy for us to miss things, so it is good to know that God isn't in a hurry, and he doesn't miss things. It has also made me realise that Jesus is with me now, he is not waiting for tomorrow or next week or next year or for the virus to be over, he is here with me now. For those of us who wonder, amid the seeming uncertainty of life now, whether everything will really be all right in the end, this is really good news, Jesus is with us now!

Jean Normington

A Word in Season 8 – Only a Rose

As last weekend drew nearer and the indications were that there might be, then would be, some changes to 'Lockdown' we were anticipating what the changes would be. Those changes have now been announced and indicate some progress, but it is still going to be a long haul.

Dan and I have been expecting some changes in the garden. We have three different rose bushes, two in the front garden and the other in the back, all of them full of buds. The question was which one would bloom first. When I was watering on Saturday evening, I discovered a bloom on the rose in the back garden, it was a deep pink. Now, just a few days later, there are several blooms on that bush and on one of them out the front there is a now a delicate pale pink bloom. This morning I counted over forty buds on the other bush. Real signs of hope.

As we follow the disciples, through this Easter period and on to Pentecost, we see signs of growth in the early church and 'Hope'. Next week we shall be reflecting on Ascension Day and God's plan for the world coming towards a full circle. God's love for us is eternal, never ending, always there, always preparing to forgive, to strengthen and encourage particularly in these still difficult times. Only a single rose prompted these thoughts and Thomas O. Chisholm puts it this way:

*Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father/Mother,
there is no shadow of turning with you.
You changest not, your compassions, they fail not; as
you have been, you for ever will be.
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun,
moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness to your great
faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Pardon for sin and a peace that endures, your own
dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed your hand has provided.
Great is your faithfulness, Lord, unto me.
(StF 51)*

May God richly bless us all this week.
Graham Warr



Artaban

A year ago TNV carried an article about Artaban (aka 'Daphne's musical'), the story of the 4th Wise Man. Since then the team have been working towards a first production originally to be held at the Actors Church in Covent Garden this November. Sadly, that won't now happen, and we are hoping it will be possible to put it on next Spring. In the meantime we have adapted the words of one of the songs and are issuing it as a tribute to carers, who have been something of a Cinderella in the fight against Covid-19. At the same time we are raising money for Carers by inviting donations which will all go to the Care Workers Charity (<https://www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk/>), which has set up an emergency fund specifically, to help carers affected by the virus pandemic. If you are interested you can hear the song by going to go <https://artabanthemusical.co.uk/song-for-carers-sacrifices-of-the-heart/> where there is also a link to the JustGiving page.

David Lander

As you will know, the Government has suggested we wear face coverings on public transport, in some shops and where social distancing isn't possible.

Valerie Slyfield has provided **instructions for sewing a face mask:**

Requirements.

2 pieces of cotton fabric, 10 X 6 inches.
Sewing machine, or needle and thread if sewing by hand.
2 pieces of elastic 6 inches long.
scissors
pins
Bodkin, hair grip or small safety pin to thread the elastic.

- Lay the fabric pieces on top of one another, wrong sides together.
- Press long edges down a quarter of an inch, tack and machine.
- Press
- Turn the short sides over half an inch press and stitch as the long sides.
- Press
- Thread one piece of elastic through each side.
- Knot the ends of the elastic and pull the knot through.
- Enjoy wearing.

Here are the answers to last week's quiz on the theme of "Fruit".

American key_ _ _ _ pie? *Lime*

After ski- ing ,baby's cradle? *Apricot*

Fruit found in Genesis? *Apple*
 Served at Wimbledon. *Strawberry*
 Berry named after a kind of poultry?
Gooseberry
 Roahl Dahl wrote about a giant one? *Peach*
 Makes a nice sandwich with Brie? *Grape*
 To get a very good job - - - .? *Plum*
 English person living in Australia and a rock?
Pomegranate
 Not available in W. W. 2...*Banana*
 Two hairy feet? *Paw Paw*
 Framboise is the French for this fruit?
Raspberry
 Cooked with apple to make a trad. pie?
Blackberry
 Gather in the hedgerows and mix with gin,
 leave for 3 months shaking occasionally.
Sloe
 Pressed to make oil? *Olive*
 Two of these? *Pear*
 You can't buy this fruit at the bakers?
Breadfruit
 Cut into rings and tinned? *Pineapple*
 Azure Berry? *Blueberry*
 Fruit from New Zealand? *Kiwi*

Are you ready to try Valerie's General Knowledge Quiz this week?

- Of which country is Kathmandu the capital?
- What is the name of Hugh Grant's character in "Bridget Jones Diary"?
- In which English county will you find Castle Howard?
- What was the name of the mad, bad, and dangerous brother of Charlotte Bronte?
- How many potential dads does Sophie have in the film "Mamma Mia"?
- In which city is the tallest building in the world?
- In which fictional town is Coronation Street?
- What is the name of Sooty's friend?
- Which is the longest river in the U.K?
- What is the name of the tower block where Rodney and Del Boy lived?
- What soft drink is commonly associated with Scotland?
- Who was married to Henry 2nd of England?
- What do the French call the English Channel?
- Which planet is nearest the sun?
- Where is the U.S Masters Gold Tournament held?

Thank you, David Lander, for our closing thought this week:

I don't imagine I am alone in having to pinch myself to remember that it is still less than two months since we went into lock-down. The pace and scale of the changes we are experiencing will be unprecedented for virtually all of us. The other day Daphne came across a quote from none other than Vladimir Ilyich Lenin which is surprisingly apposite to this situation:
"There are decades where nothing happens; and there are weeks where decades happen."



Winter day on Bournemouth Beach, Daniela's photo