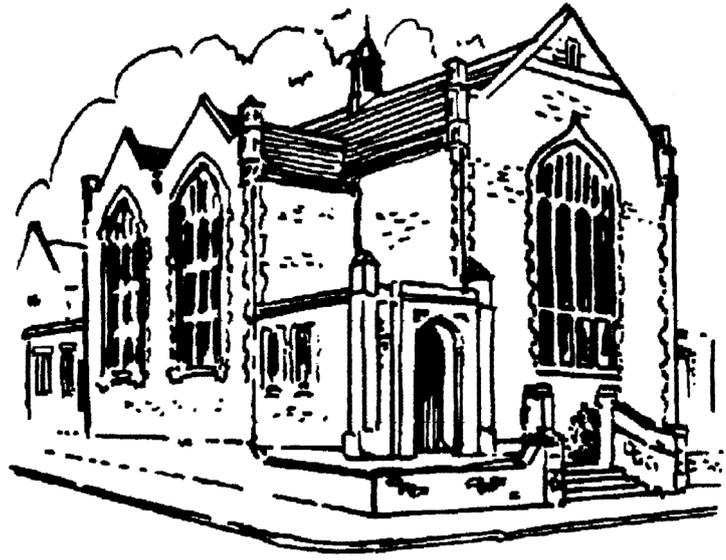


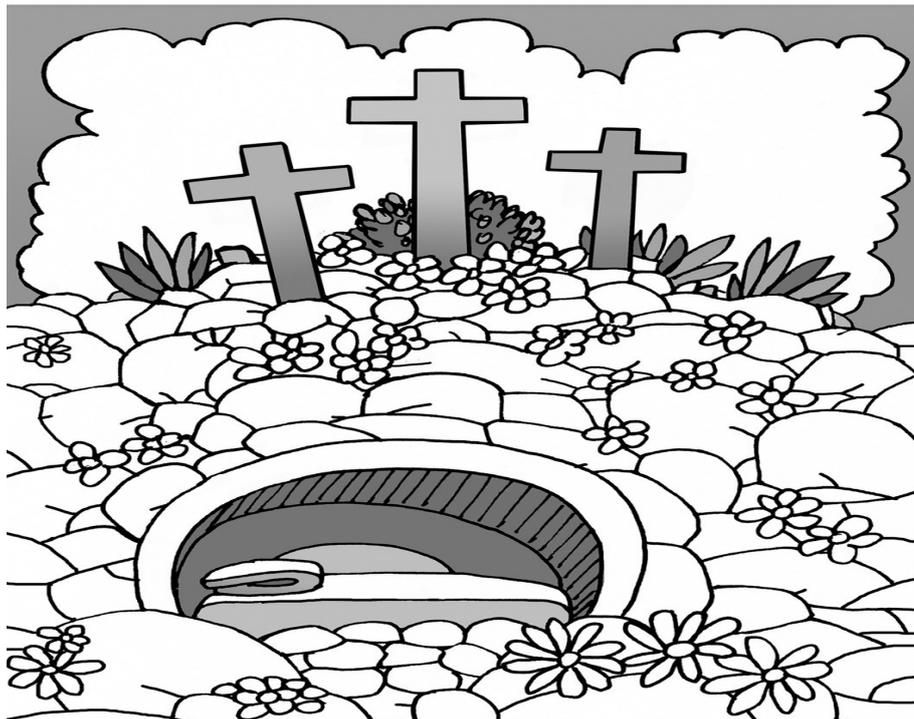
The Messenger



Trinity United Reformed Church Upminster



April 2018



Family News

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Joyce Tunaley on Sunday 18th March . Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter, Ann, and her family.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who have recently lost a loved one and we especially remember Joyce and family following the loss of Les and Judith and family following the loss of Margaret.

We remember those of the congregation who have been unwell recently, including Laura, Ian, Meryl and Margaret.

We think of those unable to worship with us at present and especially remember, Doris, Doreen, Kath and Joan.

We send our congratulations to Victoria Stratton who recently became engaged to Max.

If you have any item you wish to be included in Family News, please contact one of the Elders.

Thank you

Congratulations Adam

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that Adam Woodgate has been awarded the Silver Acorn Award of the Scout Association. The Silver Acorn is only awarded annually on St George's Day, is the 3rd highest out of 6 awards to adults for Good Service, and reflects not only in excess of 20 years service, but also service which can be described as 'specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding'. We feel that this is definitely justified in Adam's case. Many of you at Trinity will know him through his membership of the church as well his work with the Scout Group and in wider Scouting activities. We too are indebted for all that he has done - together with our other group leaders - fitting in hours of Scout work alongside his busy professional and family life. For example, he is currently in the process of organising this year's Gambia trip. We wish him every success in the future.

Gordon Reed

Group Chairman

3rd Upminster Scout Group

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Jeremiah who will be 2 years old on 1st May.

Messenger Deadline for May issue

Please submit articles for the May Messenger by 6 pm on Wednesday 18th April with dates up to and including Sunday 3rd June The Messenger will be ready for distribution on Sunday 29th April.

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Eulogy for Les Marshall

Dad was born in St. Pancras, north London 18th October, 1928, to his family he was always known as "Leslie". He passed a scholarship to William Ellis Grammar school in Highgate – near Parliament Hill Fields.

As a schoolboy he joined the Winscombe Street Mission (a branch of the London City Mission) Sunday School. He formed a very close friendship with the minister, Colin Walker and his wife (Aunty & Uncle Walker) - and they always remained close family friends. Later he became heavily involved with the Boys Brigade (81st London) at the same venue, he remained committed to both until being called up for National Service (RAF), where he trained as a radar mechanic.

Dad met my Mum at RAF Oakington in ----1947. He introduced himself by leaning across and 'interfering' with her crossword - something she always objected to - especially if he solved a clue before she did! He also 'fibbed' about his age - in order to achieve that first date!! (later to be known as 'her' toyboy.....!!). After 2 years stationed there together they were demobbed within 4 months of each other and were happily married on the 1st April 1950 at the Lower Edmonton Congregational Church. 65 years later Dad was very pleased with the card they received from the Queen on their anniversary, it was framed and hung opposite his chair in the lounge and he would proudly show it to all who visited.

Prior to this he had joined the local sports club for both football and cricket - he excelled at both and his skills and sportsmanship were admired and respected by both team mates and opposition alike. In cricket he regularly topped the batting & bowling averages - something he reminded me of on a regular basis when I started to play (he did occasionally try to secretly observe my cricket in Upminster park, but unfortunately the dog, which he had no control of, would run onto the pitch and this would generally blow his cover!!).

In early married life Mum & Dad lived in various places around London, including Highgate, Wood Green & Edmonton with various family and friends. For nigh on 7 years Dad studied engineering at night-school, and they both worked hard and saved hard - until they finally achieved their dream of purchasing a brand new house in 1955 - this was in Heron Way, Cranham, and cost the grand sum of £1875. They were delighted when I 'arrived' in June 1956. I was named "Colin" after the above-mentioned "Uncle Walker" contrary to popular belief not after the local milkman "Colin Hart". It was at this time that Dad probably made his first visit to the "Congregational Church" in Station Road – Upminster, of course now known as Trinity Church. He was able to do this, as Tottenham Hotspur, his beloved football team, did not play on Sundays in those days. He was an avid fan, and even kidnapped me from scout camp to take me to the FA Cup Final. In August 1959 our family was complete with the birth of my little sister. In 1967 they decided upon a move to Upminster (Stewart Ave) where we remained happily for 20 years before they moved to the current address in Laindon. Dad was an amazing Father-in-law to Kevin and Claire, and welcomed them into the family with open arms in 1979 and 1981 respectively. His patience when trying to assist Kevin with his DIY skills was second to none! Dad worked as a Heating and Ventilating consultant for all of his working life, he had a difficult commute involving long train and bus journeys, initially to South Kensington – before relocating to Westminster and finally South London. The long hours took their toll and he suffered his first heart attack in 1968.

This curtailed his more active sporting interests so he began to concentrate on golf, joining Upminster Golf Club in that same year. Badminton, table tennis – so many skills – all played to a high standard. He later joined the bowls club as well, we used to joke it was to avoid spending too much time at home!!! In actual fact Upminster Golf Club became a huge part of Dad's social life for many, many years. Every Friday evening he and Mum would join their very dear friends "The Duffus, The Smiths and the Jones" and the 'lively group of 8' would put the world to rights, together with many other good friends at the club at that time.

Eulogy for Les Marshall (cont.)

The pattern was that he only liked to play sports that he either excelled at or played to a very high standard - when things started to deteriorate he would change sport. His last sporting prowess was that he claimed to have regularly potted the most balls at the snooker games during his Thursday morning club which he attended until a very short while ago - however, there were occasionally some lively discussions as to exactly who could remember how many balls they had potted!!

He reluctantly retired from working in his late 60's (he thought he should work for another 10 years at least) and became involved in the local Probus organisation - he accepted the role of "President" for the year 1999-2000. He was also extremely proud of the fact that he was a member of MENSA - although this was something he preferred to keep relatively 'quiet'. However, he thoroughly enjoyed receiving all the communications, and frequently contributed to their monthly magazines and not surprisingly their 'joke' pages! He also had a penchant for "art" and thoroughly enjoyed attending a local group for many years after his retirement. Dad was an extremely proud Grandfather, and all of the grandchildren will have so many different memories of all the happy hours they spent together with him – not least when he took on the role of taxi driver to numerous engagements. During more recent years the biggest smiles were brought on by their regular visits, particularly if accompanied by the great-grandsons. Although this was somewhat tempered by the array of dogs which accompanied them! All of whom would have to sit down instantly upon arrival unless they wanted to experience the wrong end of the walking stick! However, it was also a very good excuse to get the biscuit tin out again, that is if it had been prized away from his side in the first place. He was, however, very pleased to welcome the dogs back with Sue and Kevin on their regular evening visits, mainly because this meant there was a good excuse to have a little 'tipple' with Kevin! Something they enjoyed together for many years.

In addition to his kindness and his sporting excellence the main thing that Dad will be remembered for is his sense of humour. The friends he had in his young days were always subjected to his extremely dry wit, I think Mum probably became immune to it but it was not lost on mine and Sue's friends (who always knew there would be lively banter when they came to the house)! The grandchildren all thoroughly enjoyed that side of Grandad too - we have no doubt many of his one-liners will live on forever. We are delighted to say this never left him - the carers, nursing staff and doctors all acknowledged what a breath of fresh air he was and he would still raise a smile, when it was least expected. No doubt many of the church members will also remember his cheeky sense of humour!!

We are comforted by the fact that he lived an extremely full and active life, and it goes without saying we will all miss him massively!

Colin Marshall



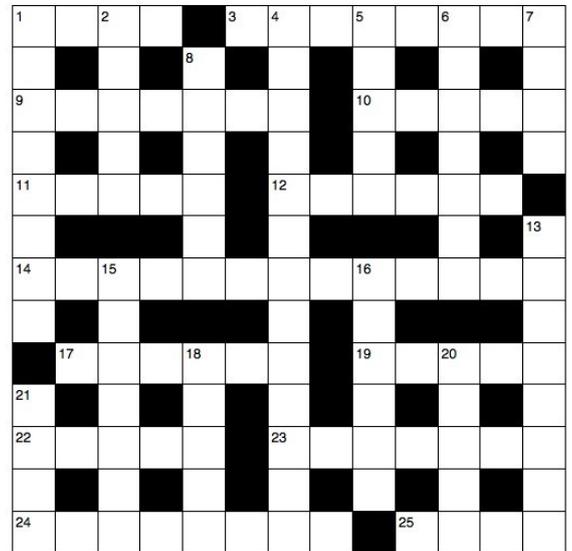
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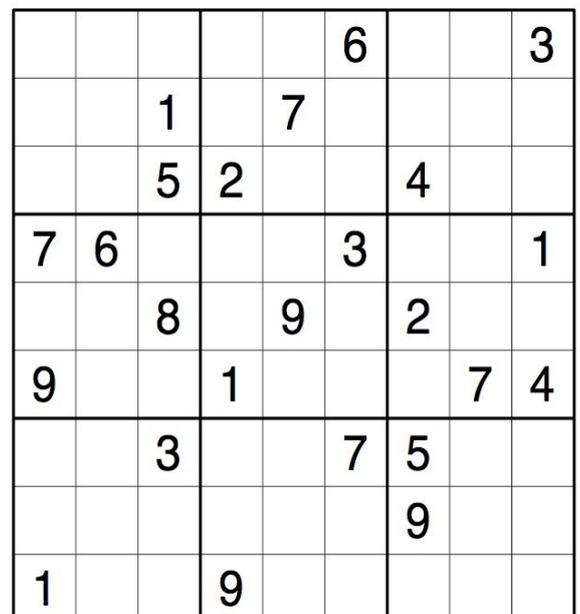
- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3
- A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — —, who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)



- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



Churches Together

Hosted by Kings Church, Churches Together are organising an afternoon of fun for all.

There will be a barbeque and then a variety of activities and games. Trinity have been asked to provide some board games in the light of our successful TLC group. There will be more active games for the younger people too.

Everyone is welcome and weather permitting it would be good to see some Trinity people there. I don't have any more details at the moment but keep the date your diaries.

Gaynes School Field

Saturday 12th May 1pm onwards

Pat Gothard

Social & Fundraising

We held a very successful Jewellery Sale in March and raised £100 for our charity Childhood Eye Cancer Trust.

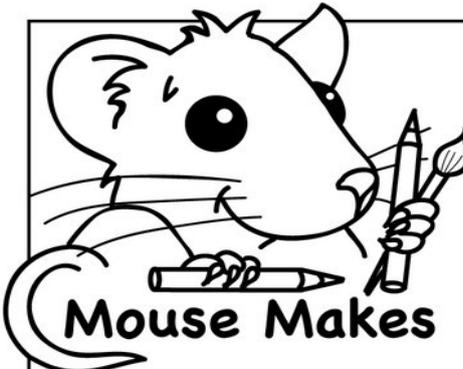
The first Lawn Sale will be held on Saturday 14th April from 10am till 12noon If you can spare an hour or so to help it would be greatly appreciated.

Please let Pam or Brenda know if you are available.

Thank you



Children's Page



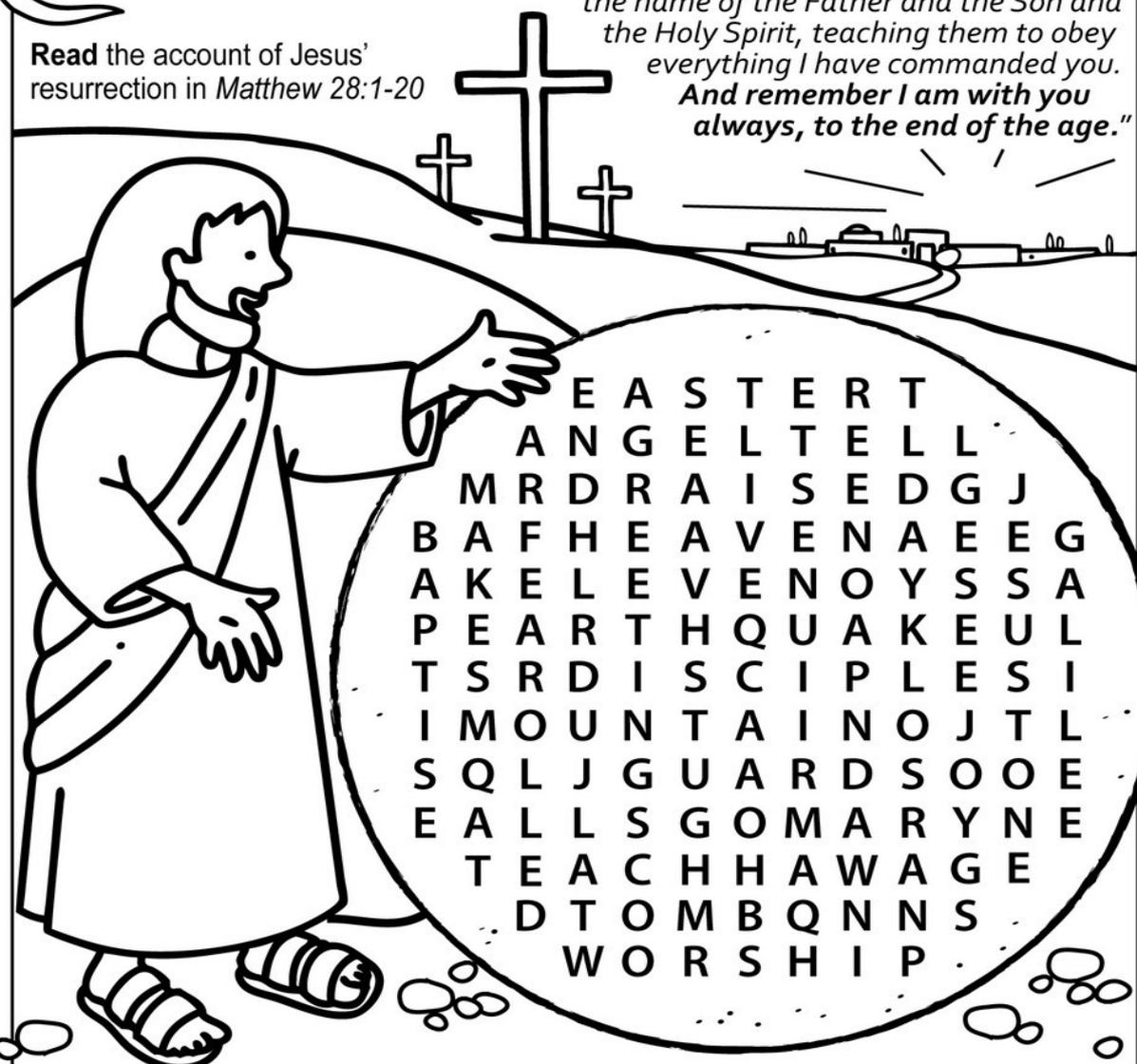
Mouse Makes

Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*

JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."**



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Let's Dig Deeper!

- **Have you ever been left with some questions about God/ the Bible after a Sunday Service?**
- **Would you like to know more about the Church and its Reformed Roots?**
- **What was Worship originally intended to be? And what should we make of it?**
- **How should we pray? Does prayer work?**

These (and more) questions could be the focus of a joint Heath & Havering discussion group - and you could be part of it!

Using the URC's TLS Lite materials, I would like to invite you to consider joining me for some regular reflections and conversations about our Reformed Christian faith.

The sessions are continuing in the Chapel at Trinity Church on Mondays at 7.30pm. on the following dates:

9th April and 23rd April

Come and join us they are very enlightening

(plus chocolate biscuits!)

Let's dig!! Dorothee

RevdDorothee@t-online.de 01708 228489

Saturday Coffee Rota

April 7	Pam Addis	Mike Addis	Pat Gothard
April 14	Badminton		
April 21	Brenda Mole	Carole Green	Pattie Paper
April 28	The Gould Family		
May 5	Heather Stainer	Evelyn Charlton	Linda Legrand



Sunday Coffee Rota

April 1	Margaret Sida	Jane Whittington
April 8	Brenda Mole	Pam Addis
April 15	Eileen Pullin	Jacque Chapman
April 22	Susan Neville	Mandy Haines
April 29	Heather Stainer	Linda Legrand
May 6	Susan Neville	Brenda Mole



Flower Rota



WW1 Memorial

Communion Table

WW2 Memorial

April 1		EASTER FLOWERS	
April 8		EASTER FLOWERS	
April 15	Linda	Linda	Linda
April 22	Heather & Evelyn	Heather & Evelyn	Heather & Evelyn
April 29		Mandy	
May 6	Brenda	-	Brenda

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Diary April

Sun 1 9.30am Easter Sunday inc Communion - Revd Ann Woodhurst

Thurs 5 11.30am Service at Freshfields

1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Sat 7 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning – Group C

Sun 8 9.30am Morning Worship - Revd Kevin Swaine

6.30pm H&H Evening Communion

Mon 9 7.30 pm Dig-In—Chapel

Thurs 12 1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Sat 14 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning – Badminton

10 am Lawn Sale

Sun 15 9.30am Morning Worship –Revd Dorothee Bäärma followed by Church Meeting / AGM

Thurs 19 1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Sat 21 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning - group D

Sun 22 9.30am Morning Worship – Revd Dorothee Bäärma

Mon 23 7.30pm Dig-In—Chapel

Thurs 26 1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Sat 28 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning - Gould Family

Sun 29 9.30am Café Style – Worship Group

May

Thurs 3 11.30am Service at Freshfields

1.00pm Trinity Leisure Club

Sat 5 9.30am Morning Prayers – Chapel

10.00am Coffee Morning - Group A

Sun 6 9.30am Morning Worship inc Communion - Revd Ann Woodhurst

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Worship**Sunday Morning Worship 9.30am**

Holy Communion 1st Sunday in month

All-age Worship and Parade (term time) 2nd Sunday in month

Young Church 3rd Sunday in month

Saturday Morning Prayers—in the Chapel 9.30am

Weekly Programme

Monday	Beavers	6pm
	Explorer Scout Unit (as arranged)	7.30pm
Tuesday	Cubs	6.30pm
Wednesday	Badminton Club	8pm
Thursday	Trinity Leisure Club TLC	1pm
	Rainbows	5.30pm
	Brownies	5.45pm
	Guides	7.30pm
Friday	Parent & Toddler Group	9.30am
	Scouts at Methodist	7.15pm
Saturday	Coffee Morning	10 am