

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, RINGWOOD
(METHODIST/UNITED REFORMED)

T.R.I.N.I.T.Y. – Together, Renew, Inspire, Nourish, Inform, Transform, You.

NOTICES for Sunday 4th and 11th March 2018

We welcome everyone today especially any visitors. Please make yourselves known to the steward on duty and sign our visitors book. Please join us for refreshments after worship, we look forward to meeting you.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 4th March 3 rd Sunday in Lent	10.45 am	Morning Worship at Trinity Church led by Revd Linda Chester.
Sunday 11th March 4 th Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday	10.45 am	Morning Worship with Communion at Trinity Church led by Revd Mike Shrubsole. Communion Charity – A Roche Christian Environmental Charity.
Sunday 18th March 5 th Sunday in Lent	10.45 am	Morning Worship at Trinity Church led by Dr Chris Slade

REGULAR MEETINGS

Sunday	CHOIR meets before worship on all Sundays except 4 th Sunday of month (and on Thursday morning)
Monday	MONDAY LUNCHEAS at Trinity 12.00 noon. Open to all – just come along Cost £4.00 Coffee served in the Foyer from 11.00 am. All welcome for a hot tasty meal and good chat. BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP usually meets at Wesley Centre on the second Monday evening of each month at 7.30pm. Next Meeting 12 th March. Please take a leaflet from the vestibule which describes the philosophy of the group. A welcoming and friendly group.
Tuesday	TRINITY GUILD meets at Trinity 2.30 on 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays. Next meeting Tuesday 13 th March – an illustrated talk with Kevin and Maddie May ‘Views of Japan and South Korea’.
Wednesday	COFFEE MORNING at Wesley Centre 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, all welcome, just drop in for a chat. This is a great opportunity to have fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. LITTLE LAMBS PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – 10.00 to 11.30 am Trinity Centre. Term time only. A warm welcome awaits, with opportunities for chat and play and a welcome cuppa. T.R.I.N.I.T.Y - together in a study group – The Holy Habits Course is taking a break now to allow opportunity to attend the Ecumenical Lent Course – Stories of Hope – please see over for dates and venues.
Thursday	PRAYER MEETING for Pastoral Concerns – meets once a month – 10.00am Trinity Vestry – to pray for concerns within and connected to the church fellowship. Next meeting - 29 th March CHOIR - 10.30 – 11.30 monthly choir rehearsal at Trinity– first Thursday of Month (and Sunday mornings) . Just come and enjoy singing. MUSIC and SINGING GROUP 7.30 at the Wesley Centre, on Thursday preceding 4 th Sunday.

Prayer is an important part of our Christian Life - We invite you to prayerfully use the notices and Travelling Together in your personal prayers. Prayers from the vestry prayer book and the vestibule board are also used in Worship. Please remember there is a **church prayer chain** – first point of contact is Louise Shrubsole – 473407.

The **March Prayer letter** is available from David Daniels for a paper copy or by email from Louise.

We hold in our prayers the family of **Jane Hales**, and in particular our dear friend Valerie Lampard, sister to Jane. The Thanksgiving Service and Celebration of Jane’s life will take place on Monday 5th March, 12.00 midday at St Mary’s Church, Fordingbridge, followed by refreshments in the church hall opposite. Jane has requested not to wear black. The email from David is available for reading on the board beside the vestry. There will be cars travelling to Fordingbridge if you would like a lift – please make it known on Sunday and something can be arranged with you.

Please pray for the Worship and Stewarding team meeting on Tuesday 20th March and the Management and Staffing Group on Thursday 22nd March. Mike and our reps will be attending the URC Wessex Synod on Saturday 17th.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Judith for keeping the office open during the inclement weather on Thursday and Friday. Another huge thank you to Judith, Ian and Mike for salting and clearing paths to give safe access to the building.

Ron Toft has emailed the following message. Rosie and Ron would like say a very big thanks you to everyone for all you prayers and support over this past year. It is exactly one year since Rosie was diagnosed with cancer. It's been a tough year for both of us and Rosie is still receiving on going treatment and suffering with side effects of radiotherapy to her lungs but she continue to smile through it all and stays positive. Best wishes from Ron.

ADVANCE/ADDITONAL INFORMATION and DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH AGM INFORMATION will be held on Tuesday 13th March at Trinity Church. Thank you to all those who have prepared reports for the Annual Reports, much appreciated. The Book of Reports is available – please ensure you have picked one up and taken time to read it before the meeting. A list of office holders will be on display on the notice board outside the vestry. Please consult and confirm your willingness to continue as a post holder or consider taking on one the vacant roles. Mike is happy to have conversations.

Some members of Executive Council are up for re election and there are also vacant positions. Please consider whether this is something you are called to do in the life of the church. Do please encourage each other. Election slips will be made available. Please continue to hold this in your prayers.

TRAVELLING TOGETHER - The deadline for the next edition of **April May Travelling Together** is on Sunday 11th March. **Louise is encouraging you to consider writing an article** and sharing some of the news of the church. Would anyone like to write an article about the fun Caribbean themed Church Together evening (Louise has some pictures that could support it) or an article about e.g. recent activities at the Guild, or a Christian book or article they have read? Please let Louise know. Otherwise John Birch will be up and running again next week to receive the regular articles and dates etc.

CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – the minutes of meeting held on 11th February are available.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 2nd March – 10.00 Unfortunately due to weather conditions the service had to be cancelled. A huge thank you to all those willing to take part and we have very much appreciated the preparation that our choir put in to learning the songs, with the skill and encouragement of Lesley. Please do take a booklet of the service and use it in your private devotions.

RINGWOOD FOODBANK – REQUEST FOR CARRIER BAGS. With carrier bags being less available these days, foodbank would be grateful for any you are not using – they need to be clean and without holes, so they can be used again. They can be any carrier bags not just supermarket ones. They can be put in the collection point box in Trinity Centre and will be passed onto the Distribution Centres. With thanks Valerie Grant.

40 STORIES of HOPE – CHURCHES TOGETHER – LENT STUDY COURSE - Choose between an afternoon or evening or mix and match. Please note the venues change.

Monday Evenings 7.30 pm	
5 th March	All Saints, St Leonards
12 th March	Poulner Baptist Church
19 th March	Trinity United Church

Wednesday afternoons 2.30 pm	
7 th March	All Saints, St Leonards
14 th March	Poulner Baptist Church
21 st March	Trinity United Church

The Stories within the course and book and using Mark's Gospel give a unique insight into prison life and point to the hope we can find as followers of Jesus. The spiritual journey through Lent will offer much to draw on to refresh and encourage our faith.

Please keep reading the **NOTICE BOARD** for details about activities in other churches and around the Methodist Circuit and URC Synod.

RECEIVE E-MAILED COPIES OF FORTNIGHTLY NOTICES – if you would like a copy of the notices emailed to you - please email Louise your email address – it will only be used for this purpose. Items to be included on the **next notices Sunday 18th March** to be emailed to Louise at: louiseshrubsole@gmail.com or left in the folder in the office **by Wednesday 14th March** Thank you