

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, RINGWOOD
(METHODIST/UNITED REFORMED)**

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

NOTICES for Sunday 2nd and 9th December 2018

We welcome everyone today especially any visitors. You are invited to join us for refreshments after worship in the foyer, we look forward to meeting you.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 2nd December 1st Sunday of Advent	10.45	Morning Worship at Trinity led by Mrs Marjory Barson
Sunday 9th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	10.45	Morning Worship with Communion at Trinity Church led by Revd Mike Shrubsole. Communion Charity – Bournemouth Free Chaplaincy
	4.30	Christingle Service at Trinity Church.
Monday 10th December	1.15	Mid-week Christmas Communion service with carols (following Monday lunch) led by Revd Mike and Louise Shrubsole
Sunday 16th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	10.45	Christmas Carol Celebration Worship at Trinity Church led by Mrs Louise Shrubsole

REGULAR MEETINGS

Sunday	CHOIR meets before worship on all Sundays except 4 th Sunday of month (and on Thursday morning)
Monday	MONDAY LUNCHES 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 10 th December. 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. The next meeting 11 th December – Christmas Celebration led by Mike and Louise Shrubsole, followed by tea. All welcome.
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 course 'Jesus the Game Changer' continues Wednesday on alternate weeks, twice monthly on the 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays. Dates for your diary – 5 th December and 19 th December. Fliers are available in the foyer.
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 – 20 th December. Please make every effort to attend this important aspect of our church life together. 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 next meeting Thursday 22 nd November.

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.

Methodist Circuit Prayers are held monthly – every second Saturday of the month at two venues, Barton and Colehill. 8.30 am for half an hour. Next date 8th December.

MONTHLY PRAYER LETTER for December is available following the Prayer meeting on 29th November. Paper copies available but please see Louise if you would like to be on the emailing list.

ADVANCE/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Management and Staffing meeting – Wednesday 13th December 9.30 am

NEW PREACHING PLAN for Dec/Jan/Feb – is now available and can be collected from the table in vestibule on Sundays.

NEW 2019 CHURCH DIRECTORIES The new 2019 church directory is being finalised ready for printing. Please look at your entry in the last copy and check that it is all correct – this is the last call for any alterations for the new edition. Please tell Pauline as soon as possible.

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2019 are ready for collection at the back of the church. Please collect. If you are not on this scheme and would like to be, please see David Ayles

ACTION FOR CHILDREN Christmas cards and diaries will be on sale each Sunday. Please buy a pack and support the work of Action for Children. Further information from Pauline Sunderland

It is with regret that the HEAL PROJECT QUIZ NIGHT had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Look out for a new date in the New Year.

ADVENT CANDLES This year's theme for the Advent Candle lighting reading is **STARS**. An attractive 3 fold card (which stands like a candle!) is available with the weekly readings and prayers. Please do take one for your own devotions and take one to folk who are unable to join us in worship.

ADVENT CANDLE READER NEEDED – Pauline would like to hear from anyone who would like to light the candles and do a short reading on Sunday 23rd December.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING A very big thank you to Glenis Surplice who has organised the volunteer rota for Wednesday morning coffee for quite some time. However it is time for her to step down – Could you be the next rota organiser? – there are lots of willing volunteers ready to fill it. It just needs an organiser to put it all down on paper!

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

RMDS Christmas Concert – Fa La La Tuesday 18th December at Trinity Church, 7.30 pm. We are very grateful for the donation they make to our Christmas Charities. Tickets rmds.org.uk or at Greyfriars.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON IN RINGWOOD – Sunday 2nd December

Our Churches Together presence – If you would like to volunteer on Sunday afternoon 2nd December help is needed for the Scratch Choir and being a Christian Presence around the Nativity scene to chat to folk. Please just turn up.

Decorations and Christingles – Saturday 8 December at 10.30 am

Can you help decorate the Christmas Trees, the church or make up the Christingle Packs? Please sign the list by the vestry door if you can help. Refreshments will be provided and it is usually great fun!

Christmas Post Box

Will be available on the 2 and 9 Dec for your cards to friends at Church. Distribution will be on Sunday 16 Dec. **Please put the full name of the recipient on the envelope and final posting is Friday 14 Dec.**

If you prefer You can pin a single card to everyone at Trinity on the decorated board by the vestry door.

Please consider making a donation in the box provided in lieu of postage or cards for our Christmas Charities.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES This year we have chosen to support 2 charities over the Christmas period – Action for Children and the Heal Project.

We are receiving publicity for many Christmas events in other churches and in our town. Please check the notice board.

- Burley Christmas Tree Festival 6th to 9th December – well worth a visit
- West Moors Christmas Tree Festival 5th – 8th December 10.00 – 6.00. On Thursday the Gospel Choir are singing. (You may remember Maggie Larkin sharing the news of this new choir initiative)
- Charity Lunch at Colehill Methodist Church Saturday 8th December 12.00 noon.

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. This will help cut down on paper use.

NEXT FORTNIGHTLY NOTICES for Items to be included on the next issue Sunday 16th December to be emailed to Louise at: louiseshrubsole@gmail.com or left in the folder in the office **by Wednesday 13th December**. Thank you