

CONNECT

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Church is ..

a human connection of love,
not a building

a lifestyle, not a weekly
activity

an act of service, not a
service to attend



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Welcome to Trinity Rawdon!

At the heart of our ministry here at Trinity Rawdon is the welcome we extend to all and so we are really happy that you have made this connection with us.

Whether you are searching for answers to the big questions in life, exploring your faith, or looking for a new home church, we hope that we may be able to draw alongside you as you make your journey.

Our church family is made up of members from our local community of Rawdon, Yeadon and Guiseley. Trinity has existed in its present form for over forty years – since the Baptist, Methodist and Congregationalist (United Reformed) churches in Rawdon came together to form one church, hence the name Trinity – in the unity of the Father, the Son and the Spirit.

We like to think that no two

Sundays are alike at Trinity Rawdon and we enjoy exploring new ways of journeying and drawing closer to God in worship.

Although we may have our own individual denominational identities, what unites us is the belief that church is who we are, not where we go, not just a building, but also the act of sharing God's love.

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Helen's Diary

Helen's Community days are **Tuesday afternoon - Knit Café** at Brown's Greens & **Friday afternoon** with **Playstation** for the **Littlemoor** children.

Wednesdays will be Pastoral days. If you would like a pastoral visit or through your 4X4 team know someone who would like a visit and Home Communion, please let Helen know.

Tuesday Morning is put aside for study, either preparing sermons or working on her MA in Contextual Theology.

Helen's days off are **Monday, Thursday & Saturday.**

Prayer points:
Please pray for Helen this month

as her ministry begins at Trinity and as she prepares for her Induction Service on 9th September



Mary Rose, Jude, the Body ... and Partition!

The luxury of time and space to listen to, read and experience marvellous things has continued and now I write from one of our favourite places: the tiny hamlet of (Glendale) in the north-west of the Isle of Skye.

I was fascinated to learn more of the fate of the Mary Rose, the flagship of Henry VIII which sank close to home on 19th July 1545. So laden with ordinance, weapons, supplies and troops was it that, once it got into difficulties it simply toppled over. The loss was incalculable, not least in human terms: of an estimated 415 crew and troops, few survived. Amongst the 29,000 artefacts that have been recovered were 130 longbows and not a few skeletons, which are still being meticulously pieced together some 35 years after the ship was raised. Research has shown that the draw-weight required to arm such a bow with its projectile was about 180lbs, whilst a modern bow needs only 48! It is known that archers of the day could release 12 or more arrows in a minute, which equates to 1 every 5 seconds. Studies carried out on the bones recovered have revealed that the radius and ulna in the draw arm could be up to 30% more developed than in the archer's other arm! These men must have had superhuman strength! Now the research is helping sports scientists and physiotherapists to help those with injury and disability.

Whilst we have been here, our host Jude has been off work for a few days due to one of her eyelids being adhered to her cornea – no doubt extremely uncomfortable, but also highly debilitating. Two days ago we were called out to help an elderly bed-bound man who had fallen out of his bed in the early hours. He is unable to bend, due to his

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hips having fused.

So I have been thinking about the importance of the many parts of the body to the functioning of the whole machine. If one part ceases to work correctly, it can have a devastating effect on the whole. Of course, the human body shows an extraordinary ability to adapt to a new or different situation and we only have to think of how those with disability respond to this and succeed in amazing and almost unbelievable ways.

Every Church is the same, though to differing degrees: all require their constituent parts to operate to their optimum in order for that organisation to survive, grow and thrive. All of our members need to understand our function and the importance of each to the whole.

It is 70 years since India achieved its independence, though at such a great cost. Partition, which created the separate states of Pakistan and East Pakistan (Bangladesh) unleashed a period of unspeakable violence and the movement of some 13 million people, whose effects are still being felt today. The lesson is surely is that we cannot cut off or isolate part of a body without expecting serious consequences.

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. AMEN

Romans 12:4-6

Worship in September



**Sunday 3rd September 9.30 Communion with Helen Lambert
10.30 Farewell Service for Derek Allan followed by a shared lunch**

Saturday 9th September 2.00pm Helen's Induction Service

**Sunday 10th September 10.30 Worship with Helen Lambert
Communion and cake at the Baptist Graveyard (c/o Ruth Ashton-
Ward) 3pm**

Sunday 17th September 10.30 1% Launch - Helen & Missions Team

Sunday 24th September 10.30 Worship with David Tate



People to Pray for:

Lord, may those named be wrapped in Your love, found deep in Your everlasting wings, carried and kept, safe and cherished.

May the healing power of Jesus breathe across them all. AMEN

Betty
Joan
Marion
June
Doreen
Rev Micky Munroe

Connect with us this month as we gather for:

- Christian Aid Walk 2.00pm start from St John's, followed by refreshments
- Derek's Farewell Service, 10.30am Sunday 3rd September, followed by Shared Lunch
- Helen's Induction 2.00pm Saturday 9th September, followed by tea, coffee and cake
- Communion 3.00pm Sunday 10th September at the site of the Old Baptist Chapel: a time to remember and give thanks. Directions: Cattleya, Orchid Way, Rawdon LS19 6GZ. For drivers, use Ruth's postcode or LS19 6LF which is Cragg Terrace. For those walking, the house is located off Woodlands Drive, up behind Cragg Terrace cottages. Cragg Terrace does have a road sign!!!!



Can you help?

After the amazing response of 30 children wishing to join **Playstation**, we are now desperate for volunteers. We need five volunteers every Friday between 2.45 (to set up) and 5.00pm when the children leave. You don't have to come every week as we run a rota. There are different ways you can help: preparing and serving toast and juice in the kitchen, baking, playing games or chatting in the Quiet Room.

Thanks!

Margaret Exley wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to all the Church family for the rose bush, beautiful cards and good wishes received for her special birthday on 30th July – a memorable day followed by a great holiday!

Coming soon watch out for our new website which will be launched soon

Connect with us in fellowship

Walk and Talk meet each Friday for a short local walk lasting approximately one hour, exploring areas that many of us had forgotten existed. We have a good chat and enjoy a cup of tea to finish with. You would be most welcome to join us! We meet each Friday outside the church at 2pm.

Knit Café meets every week on Tuesdays 2.00pm at Browns Green Vegetarian Café, 3b Harrogate Road, Rawdon, Leeds. We love to knit, chat and of course eat cake! All are welcome, not just knitters, people who want to learn and those who want to make new friends.

Prayer Breakfast gather once a month (fourth Saturday) at 8.30am for a short time of fellowship and prayer at The Manse. This is followed by a simple breakfast. We ask only that people bring their prayers, concerns and thanksgiving, either spoken or silent, be they personal/family matters, Church or local issues or situations in the world which require God's intervention.

Life Groups Our Life Groups meet in homes in order to share life together and study the Bible. This is where people really get to know others and discover the value of their prayers and practical support. It is also the place to chew on difficult issues and to unpack further what the preacher may have been saying the previous Sunday. Please contact Helen or Pete to find out more.



Connect with our Youth Community activities

Breakfast Club - a friendly and safe space for teenagers to get together, relax in comfy chairs, play music, eat breakfast and play games. Breakfast Club runs between around 10:30 and 11:45 on the third Sunday in every month.

Drop Inn - supported by [Leeds Faith in Schools](#), on a Wednesday afternoon after school in term time, for pupils from Benton Park. The aim is to provide a welcoming, friendly environment where young people can relax and feel free to participate in activities such as crafts, cooking, table tennis, chess, board games, quizzes and watching video clips. We provide soft drinks or beverages, jam and toast and the opportunity for questioning discussions. Matt Lewis from Leeds Faith in Schools, occasionally joined by another [LFIS](#) member, leads the sessions, supported by Trinity volunteers.



Messy Church is a time for children and adults to be creative, celebrate and enjoy fellowship together. Each meeting starts with a welcome, followed by creative time (crafts games and activities), a short fun worship time and finally a family meal. Refreshments are available throughout. It's messy because we may paint things and ourselves, play messy games or bake cakes and biscuits. It is Church, because God loves it when people come together to have fun and be creative. That's what worship really is about! We meet every fourth Saturday of the month from 3.00 - 5.00pm

Parent and Toddlers' Group is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings during school term times from 9.30am – 11.30 am. A warm welcome is extended to all parents and carers with pre-school age children. There are toys and activities for babies and toddlers with a short singing time at the end of the session. Anyone caring for a young child is very welcome to attend. £1.50 for an adult and child (includes tea, coffee, juice and biscuits), 50p for every other child over the age of 1 year (babies come free!) Just turn up, or for more information contact us through the Administrator.

Uniformed Organisations meet each week at Trinity where they play games, work towards fun badges, go on trips, do craft, bake and generally enjoy ourselves!! From Brownies upwards, we also stay away for days on Pack Holiday or camp.

Play Station has been running since September 2016, where we have been welcoming students from Years 5 and 6 at Rawdon Littlemoor to Trinity Church on Friday afternoons for a variety of activities. We collect them from school at 3.15pm and transport them via a walking bus to Trinity where they stay until 5.00pm. Willing volunteers provide the young people with toast, jam and peanut butter, washed down with juice prior to games and craft activities, indoor games (including skittles, table tennis and Subbuteo) and even outdoor Rounders, when the weather allows!