

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



Minister
Rev Helen Lambert

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 and further afield too. 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**. In case of emergency, please contact the Leadership Team.

Prayer points:

Please pray for Helen this month as she takes her first Assembly at Rawdon St. Peter's C of E Primary School on Wednesday 17th January, attends Newly Accredited Ministers' Conference at Luther King House, Manchester on Wednesday and Thursday 3rd-4th January and takes a funeral at Otley Methodist Church on Friday 5th January.



Backwards and forwards!

What was your highlight and what are you most looking forward to?

We picked up a Radio Times just for the Christmas season, normally managing without. In some cases it told me of things I had missed (like "Dead Ringers", though I look forward to being able to catch this one up, through the marvels of modern technology!) and flagged up other gems like "50 years of Just a Minute", also on Radio 4. The fact that Nicholas Parsons has fronted all 975-odd shows is an awesome achievement. I am a great devotee of the radio, but not so much of the gogglebox (though I do like its eponymous partner).

In my Christmas Day post-prandial stupour, I searched the availability of good viewing and found a whole load of things I did not want to watch. However, amongst the selection of old films was "Carry On Camping" – we could not resist and perhaps slightly embarrassed, I tell you that I, and we, laughed heartily! This was less the cause of the jokes and more that of the complete incongruity of it all. The likes of Sid James and Bernard Breslaw, in their polo necks and slacks looked far too old to be chasing around after school girls, who themselves looked to be way past the age of matriculation! Still, the antics of Matron (Hattie Jacques) in pursuit of the hapless Dr Soper played by Kenneth Williams (himself a wonderfully talented player of "Just a Minute") were highly amusing. As for Charles Haughtrey, Barbara Windsor, Joan Sims ... the list goes on...

So then, what floated your boat? Perhaps

The editor reflects ...

it was "Victoria" with its topical explanation of the origin of the Christmas tree as a domestic decoration, or maybe "Call the midwife" which always brings me to tears – this time the poignancy of the birth of a child in the most difficult of circumstances, with more than a hint to the miracle that is the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. As we look back, we begin to see with clarity through what was at the time an amalgam, a mish-mash and a mess of opportunities, challenges and experiences. We live in a dangerous world where it is often very difficult to see the way forward.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face-to-face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (1 Cor 13:12)

Entering into a true relationship with God through Jesus Christ helps us to see the future more clearly, or at least to focus in more intently upon our objectives. Far too often our vision is obscured by the obstacles that confront us and which we frequently put there ourselves:

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? (Matt 7:3-4)

Let us rejoice that we had over 600 new faces come through Trinity's doors over the Christmas season and let us pray that some of the light of Christ will penetrate through to their hearts and be their Epiphany!

Worship in January



Sunday 31st December 2017 No 9.30 service
Sunday 31st December 2017 10.30 Prayerful Preparation
for the year ahead

Sunday 7th January 2018 10.30 Worship with Helen Lambert
Sunday 14th January 10.30 Youth/Parade Service
with the Worship Team

Sunday 21st January 10.30 Covenant Service and Communion
with the Leadership Team

Sunday 28th January 10.30 Worship with Rev Steve Allen



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

Joan
 Audrey
 Marion
 June
 Doreen
 Frances

Let's give thanks for the safe arrivals of babies Thomas and Albert!

Connect with us this month as we gather for:

Trustees' Meeting Monday 15th January at The New Manse (32 Micklefield Lane)

7.30pm Congregational Meeting 21st January after 10.30 Service

Thank you ... to all who helped in any way with the Christmas Services and events - over 600 new faces came through our doors during this period! Many thanks for all your support – Helen.

... to all who help on a regular or on an occasional basis with the Foodbank. Your support is gratefully appreciated!

Trinity stamps – don't forget to hand in your stamps to the box in the foyer. Thanks! David Longley

Missions Team – please pray for the team as they meet this month to discuss plans for the year ahead

Please note that the **9.30am Communion Service** will be cancelled during January and February due to the concerns of the majority of our regular attenders regarding potential inclement weather. Services will resume in March all being well. Please see Helen for more information.



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 to find out more.

We now have a third **LIFE GROUP** which meets alternate Wednesdays at the Haigs'. See Linda for details. If you are interested in leading a **LIFE GROUP** or joining one please see Helen. We would love to see a fourth group form from the fellowship in 2018!!

Connect with our community

Messy Church

Saturday 27th January 3.00 - 5.00. All are welcome and we are always glad to welcome extra helpers.

Toddlers Group

Dear Friends

I am going to be away in February and March and there is an urgent need for help at the Friday morning Toddler Group. This involves making tea, coffee and juice, washing up and tidying the kitchen. The dates when help is needed are:

February 2nd, & 23rd and March 2nd, 9th & 16th.

I would be very grateful if one or two people could help on one, any or all of these dates.

Please let me know if you can help. [email: mumbogrange@gmail.com] or phone 0113 2503137

Thank you – Margaret

Rawdon Library Occasional Lecture Series – 6th February 2018 2.00pm “Cambodia: from sadness to joy, from despair to hope” Peter Lambert