

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 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 has changed her days off due to growing commitments on a Monday. Mondays are now set aside for admin and meetings as well as pastoral visits. So 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 allocated to study, preparing sermons and events and her Community days are still Tuesday afternoon - Knit Café at Brown's Greens & Friday afternoon with Playstation for the Littlemoor children.

Helen's days off are therefore **Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday**. In case of emergency, please contact one of the Leadership Team.



The editor reflects ...

..... on whose authority?

Before this next month is very old, we will meet again under the Buckstone Rock to remember our non-conformist forbears who met and worshipped in secret for fear of persecution by the authorities. At the same time, we will think of those for whom the expression of Christian faith is still a dangerous activity in many parts of the world. "On whose authority?", I ask.

This annual event reminds me how Rawdon is steeped in history. Recently I have read some fascinating articles by local historian James Rhodes in "The Squeaker" – firstly about a local thegn loyal to Harold in the run-up to the battles of Stamford Bridge and Hastings and then the less well-known story about the Battle of Leeds (my name for it in the end it was little more than a skirmish, due to the opposition having fled before the fun could start!) What sends a tingle down my spine in all this is the thought that the Parliamentarian ("Roundhead" General, Thomas Fairfax, on that bitter day 23rd January 1643, led his army of 3000 men across (the old) Apperley Bridge, up Apperley Lane, under Buckstone Rock, onto Over Lane via West Lane (now Rawdon Drive), down Town Street and right under the nose of Sir Francis Layton, keeper of the Crown Jewels and of course a staunch Royalist. Presumably he did not stop to give Layton, regarded by the locals as something of a tyrant anyway, a bloody nose, because he had bigger fish to fry a few miles down river. As it happened, the Royalist forces under William Savile had pretty much done a runner before they got to Leeds Bridge, or rather they had crossed the river Aire in whatever way they could as the bridge had apparently been put out of use. Most of the 40 or so that died that day, were drowned attempting to cross. Thus the Battle of Leeds was averted. Bigger battles were on the horizon, however, and Charles I days were numbered.

What these Parliamentarians did was truly extraordinary and outrageous. As we all know, they toppled the monarch and finally had him tried and executed for treason. Once again, I ask "on whose authority?" This whole episode had massive ramifications for the future of the whole of the country and led in a way to the establishment of the constitutional monarchy we have today, a marriage of political power vested in parliament, with the monarch in a symbolic role as Head of State.

The question of supreme authority has always baffled me and particularly when serious armed conflicts arise. For it is the authority of God that we should aim to discern in all we do. Let's not pray, as Abraham Lincoln's colleagues did (and which we heard from the pulpit recently) that God is on our side, but rather as the President would have it, that we are on His!

As we contemplate big changes in the way we exercise stewardship over our buildings, let us do what God would have us do in the interests of all those who use them now and will do in the future. I can think of no better scripture than the Lord's Prayer to explain my meaning:

Thy Kingdom come

Thy will be done

On earth, as it is in heaven

Worship in July



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

Neville, Ruth, Sarah and all the family
Marion
June
Doreen
Frances

- Sunday 1st July 9.30 Holy Communion with Helen Lambert**
10.30 Worship with Helen Lambert
Sunday 8th July 10.30 Worship with Helen Lambert
6.00 Buckstone Rock Service with
Helen Lambert and Micky Munroe
Sunday 15th July 10.30 Worship and Holy Communion
with Lesley Taylor
Sunday 22nd July 10.30 Worship with Gaynor Hammond,
followed by Congregational Meeting
Sunday 29th July 10.30 Worship with Mick Dewhirst

Connect with us this month:

Congregational Meeting Sunday 22nd July after the service

Trustees' Meeting Thursday 19th July at The New Manse (32 Micklefield Lane) 7.30pm

Ps and Qs (Pie Night) Next occasion will be Thursday 26th July – see Tristan for details

Trinity Pub Quiz at the Princess every 4th Thursday see Linda for details !

We will be continuing our sermon series this month, looking at the book of Esther – if you have time, please read it - it's a wonderful **story!**

Thank you for connecting with community events in June:

Rawdon Fun Day, The Great Get-together Saturday 30th June Rawdon Village Fair – we had a Trinity Church presence at all of them through Messy Church. Thanks for all who helped, in whatever way you did.



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.

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.

We now have a third **LIFE GROUP** which is led by Linda and meets alternate Wednesdays at the Haigs' and Karen's Thursday group will be starting up again soon at Kath Lawson's house – (please see Karen for more details!)

Ruth and Gordon Carr would like to host a fifth Life Group on Tuesday afternoons 2 – 4pm but need a leader and some members who might prefer to meet during the day. If you feel God is calling you to lead a **LIFE GROUP** at Ruth and Gordon's or would like to join one of the current **LIFE GROUPS** please see Helen. We would love to see five groups running by the end of 2018 as they provide valuable pastoral support and fellowship – ask some of the folk how much they value the groups they are in!

Connect with our community

Trustees' Group We need two new Trustees to take over from Amanda and Frank Lyden from September. The intention was for Amanda, Frank and Linda to continue as Trustees for a limited period whilst the new regime established itself. Now they wish to focus more on their leadership role and so there are opportunities for "new blood" to serve God in our Trinity Church Community. Please consider carefully if you might be able to fulfil this role and feel free to have a word with any current Trustee or Helen.

PLAYSTATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sadly we have lost some of our volunteers at Playstation and in September we will be running on a minimum team. This work with young people is valuable outreach as we serve 25 children (and their families) every week! If you feel you could help out and would like to know what we do at Playstation, please see Helen