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SHARING GOD'S LOVE
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
SHAPING DISCIPLES



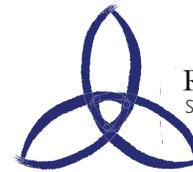
**Welcome to Trinity Rawdon!
On-Line: Lockdown 2**

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



RINITY CHURCH
SHARING GOD'S LOVE

**Minister
Rev Helen Lambert**

*Let us not love with words or
speech, but with actions and in
truth.*

1 John 3 – 18

Our ministry at Trinity Rawdon is motivated by our love of God and by the heartbeat of Jesus within us. Central to it is our servant's heart. We strive to live by these words of John, as we seek to be Gospel People.

Our vision is to be known as a hospitable church that welcomes all, cares for all and serves all those we encounter, with the heart of Jesus. We aim to be His hands and feet, for we know that feet go and hands serve and we welcome opportunities to do that in our daily

walks within our local community and in the wider world.

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.

We take the model of Jesus seriously and it is our prayer that through our relationships and the sharing of stories of our Christian walks that others will also seek to join with us as we follow him.

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 connect with you as you make your journey.

KEEPING US SAFE

Frank and Amanda Lyden are our new Safeguarding Officers. Please contact them with any Safeguarding matters. We have also set up a Pastoral Team who will work with Helen to serve those members who are not yet being cared for and supported in a Life Group.

The team are;
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A prayer for such a time as this
 The world is now too dangerous
 And too beautiful for anything but love
 May your eyes be so blessed, that you see God in everyone
 Your ears so that you hear the cry of the poor
 May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament
 Your lips so you speak nothing but the truth with love
 May your feet be so blessed they run to those who need you
 and may your heart be so opened so set on fire, that your love, your
 love, changes everything, amen

Whilst we are unable to gather together physically, for those that can there is a live service using the service sheet below every Sunday at 10.30 on the Church Facebook page Trinity Rawdon - Our Church

GATHERING PRAYER

ALL: Create a clean heart within me, O God, so that it may become your chosen shelter and the resting place of the Holy Spirit.
 I make the cross of Christ upon my breast, over the tablet of my heart, and I beseech the living God of the universe, may the Light of lights come to my dark heart so that I may live in the power of your love. Amen

**WORDS OF SCRIPTURE
 PRAYERS FOR OTHERS FOLLOWED BY
 THE LORD'S PRAYER
 REFLECTION**

ALL: Lord I come to You
 Let my heart be changed, renewed flowing from the grace that I've found in You
 Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the power of Your love
 Hold me close let Your love surround me
 Bring me near draw me to Your side
 And as I wait. I'll rise up like the eagle
 And I will soar with You, your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face
 The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
 Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
 In living every day in the power of Your love

SENDING PRAYER

ALL: Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 And where there is sadness, joy.
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

In the week ahead consider these questions in the light of this passage;

- What did you like?*
- What challenged you?*
- What does it teach you about God?*
- What does it say to you?*

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Since the lockdown, I have changed my working hours to – Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.30am – 1.30pm

In the afternoons I have been taking funeral services, free of charge and in my own time, outside the crematorium in Rawdon as a service to our community. This is an additional ministry at this distressing time when people cannot gather to say goodbye to their loved ones in the normal way.

However, they are proving very tiring and in the evenings I need to rest so I would appreciate it if folk didn't ring us after 9pm, unless it's urgent

I hope you will understand, that the Lamberts are starting to flag now and I feel it is important that we look after ourselves and take rest when we can.

Blessings
Helen



As you all know Pete has resigned from his position of administrator to pursue a new calling. The administrator's role has been re- defined as a role which does not require membership of the Ministry/Trustees Team. If you feel this is something which you could do to support the Church, please get back to me.
Blessings Helen

SHARING GOD'S LOVE ...

Whilst we are unable to meet together physically, please consider making a 'phone call every now and then to those members of the Church who may be feeling lonely at the moment. There are other ways too in which we can stay connected. Please see below.

TRINITY PRAYER WARRIORS

We have created a new Facebook page, for Trinity members only! Please put your prayers (and stories of prayers answered) on this page to encourage and stand with your brothers and sisters in prayer.

TRINITY RAWDON OUR CHURCH is another new Facebook group where you can access sermons, news and updates

WHATSAPP GROUP We have also set up a WhatsApp group for members to share stories of hope and encouragement, as well as issues of concern.

Alternatively, let Helen know either by text or email if you would like one of your loved ones on our prayer chain... Irrespective of the way you choose to do it, prayer is powerful!

LIFE GROUP LEADERS

How about setting up zoom gatherings using the three thirds model below to discuss the scripture used in the Sunday service?

Pray

Read the passage

*What did you like?
What challenged you?*

Read the passage again

*What does it teach you about God?
What does it say to you?*

Pray, listen to God – how is this understanding going to impact on your week