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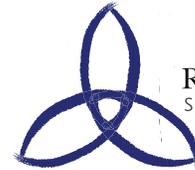
**Welcome to Trinity Rawdon!
On-Line: Lockdown 4**

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.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

We have a new 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:

Haydn Wilson
Neville Brooksbank
Karen Spence
Margaret Grange
Ruth Spode

Tea at 3 – I am experimenting with different ways of doing my pastoral work. So I am inviting folk to join me for a virtual catch up and a cuppa on Mondays at 3pm. We can use Zoom, Messenger, what's app or even the 'phone! Let me know if you would like to connect ! The kettle is on every Monday at 3pm

Connect with us:

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We have to be candles, burning between hope and despair, faith and doubt, life and death, all the opposites. That is the disquieting place where people must always find us. And if our life means anything, if what we are goes beyond the monastery walls and does some good, it is that somehow, by being here, at peace, we help the world cope with what it cannot understand.

William Brodrick

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?*

WE ARE THE TEAM THAT SERVE THIS CHURCH



Joan Haines
Spiritual support

During lockdown I have been working on the functions and structures of the church – the first phase is linking a member of The **MINISTRY TEAM** formerly known as the **TRUSTEES** to a role of service within the Church.



Steve Amos
Evangelism



Pete Lambert
Community Outreach



Rev Helen Lambert
Minister



Ken Spence
Worship Leader



Neville Brooksbank
Property



Ken Duckels
Treasurer



John Spode
Property & Finance

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

4 - 6 Prayer walking

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you... Pray to the Lord for it' (Jeremiah 29:7)

Following Sunday's service, I am inviting you to prayer walk in our local communities praying over the homes, businesses, shops and schools.

I am suggesting that we gather in groups of between 4-6 people and meet between 4 & 6pm on Sundays to pray for, take spiritual authority over, and speak blessings over, our local area. I have attached suggested groups organised by location, but please don't feel you have to stick to them.

So what does it look like to 'prayer walk'?

When you meet:

Be blessed – first receive God's blessing – ask the Holy Spirit to come and lead your prayers

Be protected – put on the full armour of God (Ephesians 6:11-18)

Be thankful – for the blessings that this place has given so many and for those who worked hard to provide services over the years

As you walk:

Be expectant – listen to the Holy Spirit as you walk

Be repentant – ask God to forgive us for anything that offends His perfect will and ask for things to change

Be a blessing – bless the buildings, businesses, staff and owners of the businesses, the council services and any other community hubs with healing and restoration.

Be creative – as led by the Holy Spirit, pray for new initiatives to be birthed, dying initiatives to be revived or remodelled within God's will

Be good news – take care of others by staying socially-distanced, be friendly and notice the people around you – might God be highlighting someone to you to pray for as you go along?

When you finish:

Be grateful – share together what you observed and what the Holy Spirit showed you, and share more widely to your church

Finish with the Lord's Prayer

The prayer walk can be the full two hours or twenty minutes - it is entirely up to you. Other folk who live further afield can still prayer walk in their immediate area. There are some people who are not in groups, because I am unsure of their situations regarding shielding, but the group members are also left up to you. It is not only a great opportunity to cover the community in prayer, but is also a great time to connect in fellowship. It is my prayer that you will join this important ministry, as we prepare for the end of lockdown later this year.



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 is for members to share stories of hope and encouragement, as well as issues of concern.

Alternatively, let Helen know 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