

# LIFE @ TRINITY

6<sup>th</sup> May 2018



## Welcome!

A warm welcome to worship at Trinity today.

We hope you enjoy meeting with us as we worship God together.

If you are here for the first time, why not fill in a

Welcome Card and continue to keep in touch with all that goes on at Trinity. Just speak to a Steward and they will help you.

We hope you will join us for tea and coffee in the Café after the Service.

8.45am Peter Holwell  
Communion

10.30am Julia Reid

6.00pm Peter Holwell

## Children @ Trinity

All children are welcome to take part in YOUNG CHURCH during main church Service. We have a supervised crèche for children aged 3 yrs and under in the Breamish room.

We have **Explorers** for 3-6yrs in the **Coquet room** (next door to crèche).

We have **Enquirers** for 7-11yrs in the **Derwent room** (opposite the crèche).

We have **Elevate** for 11+ upstairs in the **Allen Room**.

**Children attending for the first time need a responsible adult to accompany them to sign the necessary safeguarding forms before returning to the Main Service.**

***'Meet God, Meet Friends, Live Life Better'***

*Flower person for the month*

*Anne Morton*

*Today*

*Alison Manwell*

**Women's Fellowship**

**Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 2.15pm**

**'Hobbies & Collections'**

*All ladies welcome*

## **NOTICES**

**Church Family: Doreen Spooner.** There will be a cremation at West Road Crematorium at 2pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Trinity at 2.45pm.

**The decision has now been taken to continue to review the Thursday Lunches** and thus there will be **no lunches during May.** Letters informing those who attend have recently been issued. The volunteers have been, and will continue to be, part of the process. Thank you to all for your continued support and prayers. *Mary Bellshaw.*

**First Aid & Fire Marshal Training.** In June there will be one day first aid training at Trinity and a 2 hour slot at Brunswick for fire marshal training. We would encourage our Trinity volunteers to sign up for the one day first aid training, particularly if you spend a few hours on the reception desk or support our groups. No doubt there will be members of our stewarding team who will hopefully sign up for the Brunswick session. Dates are likely to be (at Trinity – first aid) either 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> June and (at Brunswick – fire marshal) 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. Please let Lindsay or Linda know if interested.

**'Talking of God'** – a new resource which encourages and equips Christians to speak comfortably about their experience of God and the Christian life. More information to follow.

**Can you help? How are your powers of persuasion and selling techniques?** Do they need some practice? Then read on. We have an abundance of books and bric-a-brac which are creating a storage problem. We intend having a table-top sale out on the square and would welcome assistance from anyone who would like to join in. **The date is Wednesday 9th May, from 10am – 1pm (or until all sold!) and is weather dependant.** If you feel like practising your selling skills, please contact me soonest on 284 8608. No embarrassing interviews will be conducted! Many thanks. *Jane Waugh.*

**Door Stewards wanted!** We are looking for downstairs door steward/s for the 10.30am Service. If you would like to help, please let me know. Many thanks. *Alister Wood.*

**May Coffee Morning - Saturday 12th May** - (please note it is the second Saturday of the month) and will be hosted by Young Church. There will be the usual stalls - cakes, raffle, chocolate, tombola, books and our infamous penny table. We will be grateful for contributions of cakes, chocolate and raffle prizes, for your spare change and most of all for your presence. Looking forward to seeing you. *Hazel Nelson.*

**Poppies!** – we need hundreds of poppies, knitted or crocheted, for our Armistice Centenary Commemoration in November. Can you help? as you did with the angels last Christmas. Patterns and samples are available at the back of the church, at reception or from Joan Kirk. Many, many thanks.

## EVENTS AT TRINITY

**Bank Holiday Monday – 7th May – Trinity Trekkers** - you are welcome to join us for an invigorating 6½ mile walk centred on Blanchland. The route takes advantage of defined paths but there is some rougher moorland and there may be some muddy areas after rain. Bring a picnic lunch, and your walking boots. As usual meet at Coxlodge Methodist Church car park at 9.15am, leaving at 9.30. Further details from Dennis (2845364) or Colin (01661 825187).

**Community History Group Tuesday 8th May at 10.45 am.** There will be short talks about local historian Richard Welford and Gosforth's changing High Street. All welcome.

**The May men's breakfast is fast approaching - Saturday 12th May at 8am.** Our guest speaker is **Andy Lie**, Ecumenical Officer for the URC Northern Synod. I hope you can come along to hear what Andy has to say to us. You may know that Ruairi McGuinness, the operator of our cafe and mastermind of our breakfasts, has moved on to pursue other business interests leaving us without a cafe for the moment. It will be up and running again as soon as possible, but for now - fear not! David Lowry and Jeremy Nelson are excellent at the catering game and have stepped up to the plate(s) to prepare breakfast for us this month. A plea! In this scenario, it will help us enormously if you can let me know by Wednesday next week (9th) whether or not you will be joining us. May I please urge you to do that? Thanks, chaps. *Peter Waugh.*

**Kathleen Mackintosh Memorial Concert at Trinity Church at 7pm on Saturday 12 May 2018.** The Concert will feature The Ravenswood Singers (under the direction of Joan Trainor), Bede Chorus and Trinity Church Choir plus Bede Wind Band (under the direction of Ernest Young). **Your programme will be your ticket costing £10 per person** and they are available **now** from reception – **please make sure you make payment at the time of taking your tickets.** Many thanks. Ray Mackintosh.

**Women's Breakfast - Saturday 19th May at 8am in the Coquet Room.** We meet for continental breakfast, followed this month by a "do it yourself" session. Any ladies who wish are invited to speak for a few minutes on a subject of their choice - this is always a very enjoyable morning. Breakfast is £5 and all ladies are welcome. I would be grateful if you would let me know if you are coming to help with catering (0191 2362466 or [hazel.nelson56@btinternet.com](mailto:hazel.nelson56@btinternet.com)).

*Hazel Nelson.*

**Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm – Flower Arranging demonstration** by Irene Parker (of National & International fame). Everyone welcome. Tickets £5, to cover the cost of flowers, tea/coffee and 'posh' biscuits.

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.30pm – Strawberry Tea** – tickets £5.

Any proceeds from these two events will go to buy flowers for our Armistice Commemoration. Thank you. *Joan Kirk.*

## EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 'Worship in the City'** – 7pm – 9pm at The Castlegate, Melbourne Street, NE1 2JQ. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> evening of churches gathering together to worship. Led by Ken Riley. For further information see the i folder at reception. To book tickets: <https://witc.eventbrite.co.uk>.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 10am – 4pm – 'Finding Our Voice'** – A Day with John Bell of the Iona Community at Jesmond United Reformed Church. Registration and refreshments from 9.30am. £8 per person, payable on the day. See flyers on the table in Church foyer.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am – 12 noon – ‘Creating Safe Space,’ Foundation Module at Brunswick Methodist Church, NE1 7BJ.** Safeguarding training session for presbyters, deacons, workers with children & young people, stewards, local preachers, worship leaders and pastoral visitors. To book a place, please contact Peter Michell on 01661 871885 or David Stabler on 0191 232 1693. Please let me know if you will be attending. Many thanks. *Helen Pickard.*

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*Dear Friends,*

**Some of you will have heard me talk vaguely about a sabbatical.** Well from May 21<sup>st</sup> I will be starting mine. A sabbatical is a gift from the Church to their ministers and, in Methodism, is taken in the tenth and every subsequent seventh year of ministry. It is for three months and enables a total stepping back from normal ministry and the connection with the church / circuit that we are part of.

During that time we are asked to submit a plan of how we will spend the time and I have chosen to look at Roots, as well as generally recharging my batteries. Over the years, with moving around the country and not having weekends off, I have lost touch with friends and some family, so I will be trying to rekindle those relationships. Roots are really important in the Bible and I will also be researching how much influence they have been through the generations on different people.

What this means for Trinity is that the ministry team will be down one member of staff and I thank all those who have offered to help during this time. Peter Short will be the “go to” person and Alison Wilkinson, one of my Circuit colleagues, will also be on hand to provide an external contact minister.

Paul Cleever-Thorpe is covering my responsibilities as Superintendent in the Circuit, with Sue Walker’s able support.

What it means for me is that from May 21<sup>st</sup> until August 20<sup>th</sup> I am not involved with Trinity or the Circuit.

Please pray for Trinity and all those who are affected by this sabbatical that it might be a positive time for Trinity and the Centre as well as for me.

On my return I look forward to sharing some of my experiences, and also our journey forward together.

*Peter.*

**Sundays @ Trinity**  
**Meet God :: Meet Friends :: Live Life Better**

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**10.30am  
6.00pm**

**Peter Holwell  
Peter Holwell  
Communion**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**10.30am  
6.00pm**

**Peter Holwell  
Connect**



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