



Sunday 30th May
Trinity Sunday

Connecting church family within the
Market Drayton Circuit; Market
Drayton, Ashley and Hinstock, during
the restrictions of Covid-19

Market Drayton Methodist Circuit

Newsletter

Notices

MDC NEWSLETTER: This is the last edition of the circuit newsletter in this form. Both Ashley and MDMC are resuming the production of their weekly notice sheets that will be available as printed sheets in church on Sunday mornings and will still be emailed to those on the mailing list. If you receive the newsletter by post, and are not able to regularly attend church, please let Al Savill know that you would like to continue receiving it. Any items for the church sheets to be sent to either Al Savill for MDMC or Margaret Maxwell for Ashley. The circuit messenger will resume production on a quarterly basis, and any contributions to that will be gratefully received. Thanks you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter.

ONLINE SERVICES. From 30th May, our in-person service at MDMC will be Live-streamed on our YouTube channel, for our church/circuit members only (for safeguarding reasons), to enable you to continue to join in worship at home. A link to the service will be available on our circuit facebook group and via the weekly email with the notice sheet. An edited version of the streamed service will be available for the general public on YouTube a few days after each service. We would strongly encourage all to return to in-person worship over the coming weeks if you can, and we hope it will not be too many weeks before congregational singing will again be allowed.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP???

As 'church' becomes more physically active again, there will be a number of roles coming up that desperately need filling. We are very good at letting other people volunteer, but perhaps you could seriously think about whether setting aside a little time in the service of God in

our church and town is something you can do. Immediate roles at MDMC that need help are as follows;

Communion: Could you offer to set up communion at MDMC occasionally? You would be on a rota but only about 4 times per year, and would be setting up the bread and wine before the service and clearing it up afterwards. Speak to Colin Barthorpe (654954).

Flowers: Margaret Baker has started to provide flowers for church each week and is taking them out the following week to people in the community. She would love some assistance with this, whether it is once in a while or on a regular basis. Please contact her for more information.

Readers: If you can offer to read the bible reading in the morning service at MDMC, please speak to Al Savill, or add your name to the list on the church noticeboard.

FOODBANK

List of urgent foods required in order of urgency

- COOKING/PASTA SAUCES (PASTA NOT NEEDED) - LOW STOCK
- LONG LIFE CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE - LOW STOCK
- UHT MILK - LOW STOCK
- SPONGE PUDDINGS/SLAB CAKE - LOW STOCK
- EGGS - NO STOCK
- TOILET ROLLS - LOW STOCK
- PACKETS OF PASTA IN SAUCE/ FLAVOURED RICE - LOW STOCK
- SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER, SHOWER GEL, TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES
- CHILDREN'S BATH BUBBLES, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES
- WASHING UP LIQUID & CLEANING PRODUCTS
- LAUNDRY POWDER/LIQUID/TABS

Drop of places are still at the town supermarkets, Savers, in the town centre and at the Parish rooms, Tues & Fridays 9-11am.

EVENTS

MDMC 'in church' services

10.30am every Sunday

Please book in by the Friday:

[Internet: mdmc.org.uk/calendar](https://www.mdmc.org.uk/calendar) or

[Phone: 01630 655957](tel:01630655957) and leave a message with your name and a contact number and the names of those in your group/bubble who will also attend.

Ashley 'in church' service

10.30am 1st & 3rd Sundays, then every week from June.

Explosion (5yrs -y3)

Mondays, 6-7.15pm
MDMC Church Hall

Fireworks (y7+)

Mondays, 7.30-8.45pm
MDMC Church Hall

Fusion (y4-6)

Thursdays, 6-7.15pm
MDMC Church Hall

Weekly Zoom Prayer

Thursdays, 7-7.30pm
Meeting ID: 763 9561 7984
Passcode: RW0aCG

Youth Fellowship (y8+)

1st & 3rd Sunday,
7-8.30pm
MDMC Church Lounge

Junior Fellowship (y4-7)

3rd Sunday, 4.30-6pm
MDMC Church Hall

Dancing with God

Matthew 28: 16-20

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber



TRINITY SUNDAY

This Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday and the Gospel reading set for today is Matthew 28: 16-20. In these verses, Jesus sends his disciples out in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...a form of words which we use to describe the Trinity... to describe God who is One in Three. And if you find the

idea of the Trinity a hard one to grasp, just how can God be One and Three at the same time, don't worry. It took the early church over 300 years to work it out in what we know as The Nicene Creed, which states that Jesus is "of one Being with the Father" and the Spirit "proceeds from the Father and the Son." One in Three. That's the difficult bit for today.

What I'd like to share with you now is one way of looking at the Trinity, which works for me. And it's based on the work of the theologian, Paul Fiddes. So, I'd like you to picture three separate people. These people are now going to hold hands and form a circle. It's difficult to tell where a circle begins and ends. As you look at the circle, it's not easy to tell

where one person begins and ends in the circle. Three separate people become one in the circle. And the circle dances. So it is with the Trinity. God who is Father...God who is Son...God who is Holy Spirit...they hold hands together and they become one. One in Three. And, they, too, dance. The Trinity dances together. As someone who loves dancing, I love that image. The Trinity dances together. But, that's not all. This is not an exclusive dance for the Trinity alone. As followers of God who comes to us in Jesus, we are caught up in the dance and we become part of it. We become part of the life of God, as he lives in us. And that's where our reading from Matthew comes in.

When Jesus sends his disciples out, he sends them out in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He sends them out to be a part of the life and purpose of God...to be part of the divine dance. How wonderful and awesome is that? The doctrine of the Trinity isn't easy to explain and we can't do it full justice in fewer than 500 words. But, don't forget, the Trinity isn't just a difficult idea...it's also the place where we dance with God. Amen.

#niteblessings

When you are swamped by sorrow may God's comfort remind you that The Father's Feet always touch the bottom. When every heartbeat feels like a hammer blow, may Christ remind you that He took the blows for you. When life leaves you feeling like you cannot catch your breath, may The Spirit of Life fill your lungs with hope and give your courage. You are held in the grip of the Holy Trinity

Malcolm Duncan

Prayer

We wonder about our world, thanking you for the vaccines and medical help received by so many, and praying for any who are still frightened or disadvantaged.

We wonder about those who lead us, and ask you to speak into hearts and minds, to guide them in your ways of mercy and justice.

We wonder about those who are hurting, and ask you to be close to them on our behalf; to enfold them in love, to comfort them with your peace, and to offer to them moments of joy and happiness even as they travel through their valleys of shadow.

We hold before you the thoughts which come into our minds as we wait on you; as we listen, trying to hear, and look, trying to see.

"Lord, grant the courage to change the things which can be changed; the serenity to accept the things which can't, but simply are; and the wisdom to know the difference." Amen.

Weekly Circuit Preachers

30th May	Ashley MDMC Online	No service Jo Cox-Darling Jo Cox-Darling
6th June	Ashley MDMC Online	Ian White Roy Ellis MDMC streamed



Meeting ID: 834 1052 3806,
Password: 277175

Circuit Contacts

During Ruth's Sabbatical (Apr-Jun)

- ◆ Please contact your church leadership team.
- ◆ For pastoral issues, contact;
 - * Ashley—Jill Harrison
 - * MDMC—Vanessa Savill
 - * Hinstock—Edna Perry