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NEWSLETTER

June 2024

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear siblings in Christ,

Embracing the Mystery of the Trinity

As we journey together in faith, we often encounter profound mysteries that deepen our understanding of God's love and presence in our lives. One such mystery is the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This central tenet of our faith invites us into a relationship with God that is rich, complex, and deeply personal. We marked Trinity Sunday on May 26th, but I invite you to consider it beyond worship ...

The Trinity can be challenging to grasp, yet it is fundamental to our Christian belief. It reveals to us that God is one in essence but three in person. This concept is not about mathematics but about relationship and identity. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are distinct, yet they are one, coexisting in perfect unity and harmony. You may have heard preachers try and use visual illustrations to help grasp the concept of the trinity. The egg (shell, white, yolk) or water (ice, water, steam) or even an apple (skin, flesh, core) are all examples of this. They can be helpful ways in, but perhaps left there we can be in danger of possessing a faith which has not had the opportunity to mature. Let's consider the Trinity a little further ...

God the Father: The Creator and Sustainer In the Trinity, God the Parent* (often referred to as Father) is the source of all creation. He is the loving and sovereign Creator who spoke the universe into existence. Her parental love is evident throughout the Scriptures, where we see their desire for a relationship with His creation. As our parent, He sustains us, providing for our needs and guiding us with Her wisdom and grace.

* I purposely use different pronouns to refer to God the Creator as I seek to grapple with the nature of God as beyond our understanding, but a parent, nonetheless.

God the Son: The Redeemer and Friend God the Son, Jesus Christ, embodies the Father's love through His incarnation, life, death, and resurrection. Jesus is our Redeemer, the one who bridges the gap between humanity and God. He walked among us, experienced our struggles, and offered Himself as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Through Jesus, we are reconciled to the Father, and we are called His friends and co-heirs with

Christ. His life is a model of perfect love and obedience, inspiring us to live out our faith with compassion and humility.

God the Holy Spirit: The Comforter and Guide The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is God's presence within us. In Hebrew, God's Spirit is used with the feminine word 'ruach', and I always refer to the Spirit in this way. She is the Comforter, who brings peace and assurance in times of trouble. The Holy Spirit empowers and equips us to live as faithful disciples of Christ, guiding us into all truth and reminding us of Jesus' teachings. Through the Spirit, we experience God's love and grace in a tangible way, and we are transformed into the likeness of Christ.

Living in the Light of the Trinity Understanding the Trinity enriches our worship and deepens our spiritual life. It reminds us that our relationship with God is dynamic and multifaceted. As we worship the Creator, follow the Son, and listen to the Spirit, we participate in the divine dance of the Trinity, experiencing God's love in its fullness.

In our church community, let us embrace the mystery of the Trinity with awe and gratitude. Let it inspire our worship, our fellowship, and our mission. As we gather for worship, may we feel the Parent's love, the Son's grace, and the Spirit's presence. In our daily lives, let us reflect the unity and love of the Trinity in our interactions with one another.

Closing Thoughts As we reflect on the Trinity, let us remember that it is not merely a doctrine to be understood but a reality to be lived. The Trinity calls us into a deeper relationship with God and with each other. It challenges us to love more fully, serve more faithfully, and live more authentically.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Yours in Christ's service

Jason



SERVICES FOR JUNE

AWSWORTH

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each Sunday at 10.30am in The Youth Wing, The Lane NG16 2RQ

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| 2 nd | 10.45am | Mrs Susan Johnson |
| 9 th | 10.30am | Rev Jason McMahon-Riley (Holy Communion / United Service) |
| 16 th | 10.30am | Mrs Jane Lews |
| 23 rd | | Mr Marc Williamson |
| | 10.30am | |
| 30 th | 10.45am | Service at Nuthall |

ASPLEY

Unless otherwise indicated services are held each **Tuesday** at 2.30pm in St. Teresa's Catholic Church Hall, Kingsbury Drive NG8 3EP

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| 4 th | Mrs Susan Johnson |
| 11 th | Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley – Holy Communion |
| 18 th | Deacon Helen Snowball |
| 25 th | Rev. Peter Powers |
| 2 nd July | Mr Marc Williamson |

NUTHALL

Services are held each Sunday at 10.45 am and 6.00 pm.

Junior (ages 7-11) and Primary (ages 3-7) Sunday School meet at 10.45am (except on Family Service Sunday). Late Risers (11+) meet at 6.00pm.

2 nd	10.45am	Rev. Jason McMahon-Riley- Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Mr John Wiseman
9 th	10.45am	Becca Byass (All We Can Service)
	6.00pm	Mr Marc Williamson – Youth Service
16 th	10.45am	Mr David Blount All Age Worship & Primary Praise
	6:00pm	Rev. Peter Powers
23 rd	10.45am	Jane Edwards
	6.00pm	Rev Richard Byass
30 th	10.45am	Tom Surgay
	6.00pm	Mr Marc Williamson – Camp Service



General Church Meeting Monday 10th June 7.30 pm

Our annual general church meeting will be held on Monday 10th June at 7.30 pm. A fish and chip supper is arranged for 6.30 pm, please let me know your order on the notice in the coffee lounge or email pat.corah@ntlworld.com. Church Council will be held after the general meeting.



STEWARDS REPORT

Saturday 18th May was our Christian Aid coffee morning. It was great to see so many people enjoying bacon butties, cakes, and importantly spending money on the tombola, books, cakes, raffle bric a brac so many ways to give money to our charity event. Thank you to everyone who organised it or helped on the day.

On Sunday the 19th we had a wonderful morning service where we saw Jac being baptised, then he, Matthew and Libby being welcomed into membership of our church family.

This was followed by a circuit service at Gedling Road church at 3pm, where we looked at 3 bible passages and were challenged to consider "what do you notice?" "how does it make you feel?" and "what might we need to learn?". Some insightful points were raised . We then enjoyed the hospitality of Gedling Road church family with tea and cake. A perfect Sunday afternoon.

We now look forward to June and our shared church meal on the 2nd (details/tickets from Wendy) .On Monday 10th we are holding our annual church meeting. This will be preceded by the usual fish & chip supper. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule with you choices. After the meeting we will go straight into our church council so be sure to order large portions!!

Looking further ahead on the 21st July (NB not June as printed in the last newsletter) we will be resuming holding a 9am communion before the Family service, for those who like a more reflective worship time. Initially this will be just once on each plan ie. every 3 months.

We also look forward to our first 'Pride' service in July. Rev Jason says "Join us for a special celebration of love, equality, and inclusion! Our 'Pride Praise' service follows on from Notts Pride on Sat. the 27th July and aims to be an inclusive service of worship and fellowship for all. It will be a wonderful opportunity to embrace diversity and celebrate the beautiful tapestry of God's creation, and focus on how the church has for too long marginalised LGBTQ+ people, their lives and their families. Join us for a meaningful and inclusive worship experience that honours every life. All are welcome!

As always, thank you all for your support for the stewarding team.

Christian Aid

Many thanks to everyone who donated, helped and supported the Christian Aid coffee morning. Almost £1200 was raised on that day and during the year.

Thank You Friends for prayers flowers and cards on my brother John's illness and my fall.

**God Bless
Joyce**

BPFA- Indoor Car Boot – 15th June 2024 1-4pm

Everyone Welcome. Join us for £1 entrance fee or have your own table for £10



TIME FOR A CUPPA



Please come along to the "Time for a cuppa" coffee morning at Church on Saturday 22nd June between 10 and 12.

Lots of homemade cakes to buy and all the money we raise will go to support families facing dementia.

MORE DATES AVAILABLE FOR EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP RELEASED BY REV'D JASON!

Would you like to be a member of Nuthall Methodist Church?

Wednesdays in July: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th at 10:30-11:30am in church.

There are many ways of belonging to the church including by attending worship and other activities in the building. Wonderfully, the Methodist Church also offers you the chance to show another step of commitment by being 'confirmed' and 'received into membership'. This means that there is a service in which you make promises - these are the same promises that are made when someone is baptised. If you have already been confirmed in another denomination, you can be received as a Methodist member by a simple act of welcome.

Becoming a 'member' is a way of saying that you belong to and support Nuthall Methodist Church and that you want to do this. Being a member of the Methodist Church means that you can hold certain responsibilities within the life of the church (e.g., steward, pastoral visitor, local preacher, member of the church council). If you are interested in exploring a little more of what membership means, then you are invited to a series of 4 sessions that Rev Jason will be leading during the regular Tea, Toast and Talk slot on a Wednesday morning. These sessions will be informal and will be held in the church. These sessions will be informal and will be held in the church. There is no obligation to become a member if you attend these sessions, but you are welcome to come and explore membership in the Methodist Church. The four sessions are as follows:

THEME	CONTENT
A STEP ON THE JOURNEY	Exploring our understanding of God and some of the landmarks on our spiritual journey.
THE CHURCH: LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE METHODISM: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD	Looking at what the church is and how the church exists on different levels and the roots of Methodism.
A METHODIST WAY OF LIFE, OUR CALLING – WORSHIP, BAPTISM, BREAD, AND WINE	Finding out about the distinctiveness of Methodism and what we are called to alongside why we worship and some of the special occasions we celebrate in worship.
CALLED TO BE A MEMBER?	What does it really mean to be a member? What does the membership service involve? Is it for me?

Seven Trent Water Update

STW have this week confirmed that there are no changes to the plan previously published and below:

Obviously we will be affected by the one-way system that will be in operation during June, but we will be more directly affected from Monday 03rd June to Friday 07th June. During these five days they will be installing the pipe across the bottom of our driveway, and therefore there will be no vehicular access to church. We will be okay to use the driveway for worship on Sunday 02nd June and it is anticipated, but not 100% guaranteed that we will be okay to use the driveway again on Sunday 09th June, and hopefully for coffee morning on Saturday 08th June. STW will keep us informed of progress during the week and notify us if they don't anticipate the work to be finished as planned, and if this is the case we will try to spread the word as far we can using social media and email.

Groups can continue to use the building during the week, but must understand there is no vehicular access for any vehicle including blue badge holders, and anyone wishing to attend will have to walk to their meeting. We would recommend that you consider suspending your meeting during this period, or arrange to meet elsewhere for this week. We can confirm that we will be compensated for any loss of outside rental the church suffers during this time.

We have also negotiated with STW to allow the residents of Spring Terrace to park on our front grassed area whilst work takes place along their road. This is anticipated at the beginning of June for two or three weeks. Again we are being compensated for this, but as there will be a formal licence in place (to legally protect everybody and meet Methodist Charity Law) we will not be permitted to use the grass during this time. Signage will be in place for this time.

Again, if there are any changes we will provide further information as soon as possible.

Please ensure that no-one else contacts STW or their contractor, Above, on behalf of Nuthall Methodist Church, as this may lead to confusion and undo the good relationships we have developed.

We hope this is all self-explanatory, but should you require clarification then please don't hesitate to speak to David Blount.

Many Thanks - The Property Committee

Children and Families Update

Youth choir is still running after the half term holidays (and the roadwork drive closure) from 10th June. 4-5pm every Monday during term time. We'd love for more singers to come and join us as we have great fun and make a great sound. Suitable for all Primary aged children (and those in Secondary too) with an interest in singing.
Volunteers welcome.

I'm still thinking ahead to the summer holiday I will be running some Stay and Play sessions and a Teddy Bears picnic for our families and local community. To do this effectively and safely I will need help. Whether that's making sure we have enough adults to supervise children or serve drinks and help set up or clear up. I have made a form to find out when people are available. At present all of the proposed sessions are on Wednesdays in the Toddlers slot (although we will meet slightly earlier for a picnic) as Church is free. Please follow this link (or use the qr code) to let me know when you could volunteer for one of these fun sessions.

<https://form.jotform.com/232672175655058>



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Please email any items for the July/August newsletter
to cathym.milne@gmail.com
or deliver to Church **by Sunday 23rd June 2024**

ECO-CHURCH NEWS

On **Saturday June 15th 10am-12noon** the EcoChurch group will be carrying out our annual walk around the grounds to look what we can see and note how this fits in with our Land Management Plan and what work is required moving forward. This also links in with the national “Churches Count on Nature” week which is from 8th to 16th June run by the organisations Caring for God’s Acre and A Rocha, so we plan to also try to log the plants and other wildlife we can find on our land on this date. Everyone is welcome of all ages if you would like to join in with us.

With (hopefully) some pleasant summer weather at the moment, it is a good time of year to think if you are able to walk or cycle to church instead of driving. It also seems timely when the nearby roadworks might mean it is quicker to travel to church activities a different way than by car! If you are cycling we have the cycle racks at the back of church so you can park up safely. Walking to church can be sociable, can improve your physical and mental health and help you take time to notice the beautiful world around us. We know it is not possible for everyone to avoid driving, but each car journey we avoid can help reduce air pollution and the emissions which contribute to climate change. If you need to use your car, is it possible to share lifts with a friend? Or you could think about how you drive: avoiding using the air conditioning and avoiding having the engine idling when stopped also helps to reduce fuel consumption. If you have an electric car, remember you can also charge this at church when you will be using the energy from the solar panels on our roof!

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**PRIDE
PRAISE**

JULY 28TH  **AT 6 PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Nuthall Methodist Church
Nottingham Road, NG16 1DP



A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE WORSHIP SPACE FOR ALL



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

4 th	10.30am	Creative Corner
10 th	4.00pm	Children's Choir
10 th	7.30pm	Church General meeting & AGM (fish & chip supper at 6:30pm)
11 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship AGM
12 th	10.00am	Pause for Prayer
15 th	10.00am	Eco-Church Walk about the grounds
15 th	1.00pm	Indoor Car Boot
17 th	4.00pm	Children's choir
20 th	2.00pm	Take Time Together
24 th	4.00pm	Children's Choir
25 th	10.30am	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning
26 th	10.30am	Pause for Prayer

DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR JUNE

CHURCH FLOWERS

June	2 nd	Val Morgan	9 th	J Jousley
	16 th		23 rd	Sandra Langford
	30 th	D Unwin		

COFFEE CORNER

June	1 st	Janet Wilson	8 th	
	15 th		22 nd	Dementia time for a Cuppa
	29 th	Sylvia & David		

TODDLERS DRINKS ROTA

June	5 th	Wendy Green & Gill Maloney
	12 th	Janet Lander & Janice Matthews
	19 th	Beryl Harris & Sue Perrett
	26 th	Mick & Margaret Sendall

SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR JUNE

Date		Duty Steward	Readers	Pianist
2nd	10.45am	J Dent	Val Morgan Diana Nicholls	Lorna Page
	6.00pm	P Corah	Jo Lievesley	Janet Wilson
9th	10:45am	S Langford	Ken Twist Mary Laughton	John Wakefield
	6.00pm	A Reeves		Youth Band
16th	10.45am	G Heffernan	Esther Horsley Linda Phillips	Janet Wilson
	6:00pm	S Chambrelan	David Blount	Pauline
23rd	10.45am	J Dent	Russell Foley Kathryn Blount	Janet Wilson
	6.00pm	R Jackson	Anne Speed	Janet Wilson
30th	10.45am	I Lishman	Paul Kirk Barbara Hardy	John Wakefield
	6.00pm	R Jackson	Beverley Coleman	Youth Band

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Sunday School (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 rd Sunday of the month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 nd Sunday of the month) 'Late Risers' (ages 11+)
	7.00pm	Templars Youth Fellowship
Tuesday	10:30am	Creative Corner (1 st Tues. of the month)
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 nd Tues. of the month)
	7.45pm	Table Tennis Club
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 rd Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall for meeting point details)
	10.00am	Tea, Toast and Talk
	10.00am	Pause for Prayer (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month)
	1.30pm	Toddlers' Group
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)
Thursday	1.30pm	Art Group
	2.00pm	Take Time Together (3 rd Thurs. of the month)
Friday	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)
	7.10pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section – age 11+)
Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends

SOCIAL MEDIA

If there is anything you'd like putting on our Facebook/X page regarding events or groups please let the communications team know on:

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