

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH Markfield



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Service Details for October

4th October

Stewards — Hazel Brewer, Roderick Lay, Zoe Tur-Ribas, Rosie Woodland

10:30am Morning Worship – Mrs Sandra Andrews

6:00pm Circuit Zoom Service – Mrs Paulette Furborough

11th October

Stewards — Linda & William Walmsley, Ann Lay, Jenny Marsay

10:30am Morning Communion – Rev Judith Lincoln

6:00pm Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Joy Langford

18th October

Stewards – TBC

10:30am Morning Worship – Local Arrangement

6:00pm Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Helen Bell

25th October

Stewards – Ian Lay, Iris Bown, Kerry Sharpe, Ann Holloway

10:30am Private Prayer/Local Arrangement

6:00pm Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Judith Lincoln

1st November

Stewards – Hazel Brewer, Roderick Lay, Ian Lay, Rosie Woodland

10:30am Taize Worship

6:00pm Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Joy Langford

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING
4TH OCTOBER	Linda Walmsley	Jenny Marsay Roderick Lay
11TH OCTOBER	Jenny Marsay & Lucy Crossley	
18TH OCTOBER	Rosie Barrs	Ann & Ian Lay Iris Bown
25TH OCTOBER	Vacant	
1ST NOVEMBER	Sandra Andrews	Hilda & David Poole Janet Forrester

No Organists or Worship Leaders currently.

Please remember your Face Covering for during the services.

Ministers Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we have enjoyed the “last blast of summer” this week, with warm, sunny days. And yet, at the same time, there is a nip in the air first and last thing, the oak trees are beginning to drop acorns, there are blackberries, rosehips, hawthorn and rowan berries, and some of the trees are beginning to change colour. It’s beginning to feel like autumn, and like Harvest. In a rural area like this, Harvest is an important part of the Church’s calendar as we give thanks for the gifts of God’s Creation.

At the same time, we probably all feel some pain at not being able to celebrate Harvest the normal way. So much this year has been spoiled by Covid-19 and the need to socially distance, and there’s no easy way round that. But having to plan Harvest services differently has also made me think more about what this festival means.

At Harvest we celebrate not just the food “gathered in” to eat, but the whole of God’s gift of Creation. David Attenborough’s recent documentary on “Extinction- the Facts” presented us with some shocking truths about how much “biodiversity” (variety of plant and animal life) the world has lost in recent decades. We’re reminded how delicate the balance of life is on this planet, how different species need each other. We can’t all be David Attenborough (he’s a one off after all), but we are all called to care for our environment, and other species that share it with us, by living as sustainably as we can. And before you ask...I’m aware that I’m nowhere near perfect either!

We celebrate also the “Harvest” that God has given us in our different gifts, skills and personalities. Sometimes we don’t think our gifts are very special, or maybe we find it hard to understand others who have very different gifts from us. But I pray that this Harvest, we may have courage to offer what God has given us, to gratefully receive from one another, and work together for the Kingdom. Amen.

With love in Christ, *Judith*

CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm.

At the moment we have no Church Council secretary, but we have arranged a meeting. It will be held in the church to allow social distancing. However, as things keep changing it might have to be cancelled. But, we will go ahead if it is possible.

If you have an item that you wish to be discussed at the meeting please let me know so that it can be included on the agenda. Also, can secretaries or representatives of church activities please let me have any reports that you wish to offer, although for some, it might be difficult due to the COVID-19 situation. I hope you can all make the meeting. We have so much to think about and plan in the wake of this epidemic so it is important that the whole church is represented and united as we face the future.

God bless, *Ian*

THANK YOU

Kate had decided to stand down as Church Secretary, we wish to thank her for the work she has done over the many years doing the job and keeping the Church Council minutes.

Anyone willing to take on this important job please talk to Ian Lay.

Markfield Methodist Church | Recitals

Here are the events planned to date. Each begins at 7.00pm.

~~Fri 27 November 2020 — Renata Konyicska (piano) from Hungary~~

Fri 5 March 2021 Domonkos Csabay (piano) from Hungary

Fri 7 May 2021 Alistair Parnell (saxophone) from Nottingham

Fri 10 September 2021 John Parson (cello) & Beate Toyka (piano) from Derbyshire

What is it about Markfield and attracting fantastic Hungarian pianists?! **Renata's** visit on 27 November will be her 4th; we are used to her amazing abilities and artistry. **Domonkos Csabay** looks like following in Renata's shoes: he has made his BBC Radio 3 debut playing Beethoven and is due to release his first CD on Naxos. In May we look forward to **Alistair Parnell's** return with his incredibly engaging programme, and in September we will welcome the wonderful cello and piano duo from Derbyshire — **John Parsons** and **Beate Troyka**.

Tickets will be available nearer to each date when further information can be found on our website:

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NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Items for the Next Newsletter are required before Sunday 18th October.

Many Thanks.

Sandra Andrews