



Trinity Church Mill Hill

(United Reformed and Methodist)

Revd. David Newton (Interim Minister)

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Sunday 5 May 2024

Order of Service

Worship this morning is led by Tony Alderman

Pianist: Sharon Brandelli

The Congregation stands to receive the Bible.

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship

Hymn, StF409, Let us build a house where love can dwell

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Introduction to the Theme: “Journey”

Hymn, StF249 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

*Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbours are rich folk and poor,
neighbours are black folk and white,
neighbours are nearby and far away.

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All these are neighbours to us and you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

*North Ghanaian song adapted by Tom Colvin (1925–2000).
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Bible Readings:

Psalm 98

Acts 10: 44-48

Peter at Cornelius' House

Hymn, StF18, Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord who saves and heals.
I am the Lord who saves and heals.
I am the Lord who saves and heals.

In you, O Lord, I put my trust.
In you, O Lord, I put my trust.
In you, O Lord, I put my trust.

*Anonymous
Based on Psalm 46:10-11*

Sermon: "Surprised by God"

Music for Reflection

Hymn, StF531, What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge —
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield you,
you will find a solace there.
Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819–1886)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offertory and Dedication

Hymn, StF503, Love divine, all loves excelling,

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Sung Amen, R&S 20(b).



Notices

Services in May

May 12th Revd. David Newton
May 19th Anne Walton
May 26th Revd. David Newton

Services will be both in church and available via Zoom, unless noted otherwise. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served at the end of the Service. Do stay if you can.

Sat 4 - Tues 7 May. Annual Art Exhibition of Milldon Art Society at The Broadway.

Tues 7 May 11am. Midweek Communion Service at Eversfield.

Wed 8 May. Elders Meeting.

Thurs 9 May. 2-4pm at Eversfield. Open House Fundraising afternoon for Christian Aid with Bring and Buy stall and Cream tea. Speaker: Kate Ormerod, Christian Aid Church Engagement and Fundraising Manager.

Entrance £2.50. This meeting is open to all. Do come and bring your neighbours and friends.

Sun 12 May. Morning Worship led by Revd. David Newton followed by Annual Church Meeting which will include Receipt of

Trustees' Report and Statement of Financial Activity, Annual Reports, Elders'/Trustees' election. Please do your best to attend and bring your copy of Trinity Lamp 2024 to the meeting. Trinity Lamp is available for you to collect if you have not already done so.

Refreshments after Morning Worship

We need more helpers to serve coffee and tea after our Sunday morning Services. Could you help, say once a month? For further information and to offer help with this, have a word with the Minister or an Elder.

Birthday List

We would like to celebrate all church member birthdays by giving the flower display after each Sunday service, to the celebrant(s). The floral gift is yours to keep at home or give away. To make this happen we are putting together our church birthday diary. Please send your birth month to Alex Priddy at abedurc@gmail.com. Please note, you are also welcome to share your birthdate, if you wish to be remembered on your special day. Thank you.



Do go on bringing contributions for the Foodbank. They are always greatly appreciated, and the need does not go down. Thank you to all who have been supporting this outreach to those in need in our local community.

Offerings Paid by Cash

Due to changes made by banks, it has become increasingly difficult for us to bank offerings received in cash, whether in envelopes or placed on the offering plate. You are therefore asked,

if possible, to make your offerings using an alternative method in future. There are a number of alternatives:

- by cheque, payable to Trinity Church Mill Hill
- by bank transfer to the church bank account, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account No: 00008484
- by Standing Order. A form to do this can be obtained from myself or from Zoe Kattah.

If you do not already do so, please consider Gift Aiding your offering, if you pay income tax, thereby increasing the amount by 25%. A Gift Aid Declaration form can be obtained from Zoe or myself. Gift aided donations require you to use of an offering envelope. Thank you for your help in this matter. David Horrex. Freewill Offering and Gift Aid Secretary.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MILL HILL '70 by 7' Walk for Christian Aid 2024

Christian Aid Week - 12th May to 18th May 2024

This year, Christian Aid have set the 70K challenge, to walk 70 km in May to raise funds.

To take Matthew 18:22 out of context: *'No! Jesus replied seventy times seven.'* So.... can Mill Hill Churches together as a community walk 70K x7 (i.e. 490 km or approx 304 miles) in May?

Depending on the number of churches participating it will be around 100 km per church, which spread over many congregants is not that much.

Let's together do our bit to fight poverty and make it 70x7!
Also getting fit(ter) in the process.

We really hope as many people as possible will take part across our Mill Hill Churches whether they can walk long distances, a few steps or anything in between. Whether you decide to walk or not, please donate so we can raise as much as is possible; Thank you.

This how to get involved:

- Please drop an email to Alex at caidmay2024@gmail.com with the name of your Church and confirming your intention to take part.
- As a Church please organise someone to keep a record of who will walk and how far they walk throughout the month of May- this enables a total to be shared at the end of the month. Please convert your walking distance into kilometers and only share the final total with Alex at the email address at the end of May.
- As a guide, 1 Km = 0.62 miles = approx 1,400 steps
- So that we can keep track of how much we raise, please donate money via this [link which is the site set up for this challenge](#). The money donated will go straight to Christian Aid.
- If you have off-line donations, some Churches will have Christian Aid envelopes which can be used. Please complete the Gift Aid declaration, if eligible, and make the cheques payable to Christian Aid. For those who administer these envelopes or simply collate the offline donations, please send your total at

the end of the month to caidmay2024@gmail.com and process in the usual way by sending the money straight to Christian Aid or to Trinity Church Mill Hill who will forward to Christian Aid.

- We look forward to sharing our grand total of money raised and distance walked in early June.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY

You may also be interested to know that there is a Christian Aid London Freedom Walk on Saturday 11th May from 11.30am. Here is a [link](#) with all the information you will need. Last year this was a really uplifting and enjoyable day out, visiting some of our very beautiful and historic London Churches

In the event that the emergency alarm sounds, leave the building calmly and immediately by the nearest escape route and assemble outside Pizza Express. Do not wait for instructions, do not use the lift.

Able-bodied be prepared to help those with impaired mobility if asked. Please note that the fire wardens in an emergency are the elders on duty each Sunday. The elder's duty rota is available on the notice board.