

Woodhouse Trinity Methodist Church

Situated in Woodhouse in the East of Sheffield, Trinity is at the heart of the community; on the main thoroughfare and opposite the CO-OP supermarket and stops for several bus routes, it is ideally placed to serve not just its core membership of about 40 but also the large numbers who pass its doors every day.

The premises have recently benefited from an extensive refurbishment and now offer excellent facilities for the many groups that utilise the rooms. The premises have 2 storeys; whilst most regular activities take place downstairs, there are 2 rooms upstairs, one large, with a stage, ideal for vigorous activities or formal meetings, the other, smaller, and the home of the snooker club.

At the heart is the new Worship Room, with seating for 40 on comfortable chairs, where worship services are held each Sunday at 10:30 in the mornings. The new central heating is easily programmable and provides a warm, welcoming and controllable ambiance.

The other 'heart' of the building is the kitchen which is fully equipped to provide the needs of all the activities that take place on the premises:

A recent venture each Monday is the lunch club going by the name **Trinity Lunch Club**, TLC, serving simple meals of soup'n'roll, sandwiches and various sweets, plus tea or coffee. Numbers are not large yet, but with the onset of the poorer weather, things will change.

Another new initiative is the Film Club, which aims to show a range of films, from ones aimed at children, through light entertainment and musicals to more thought-provoking ones, at different times of the month.

Each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday there is the Coffee morning from 10 to 12, serving a good number of regulars but also anyone who is around and wants to drop in. Among the regulars is a group of handicapped coming from 'Autism plus' in Sheffield: they're a valued addition to those catered for.

The 2nd Thursday in the month, during Autumn and Winter, sees the 'Pilgrim Group' gather to share fellowship and listen to a wide variety of speakers.

On Wednesday afternoons the Art Group, originally U3A, meet...to do art; mainly painting or drawing on a variety of subjects. While some of the artists are part of the church fellowship others are drawn (!) from the wider community.

Tuesday and Friday afternoons sees our Snooker Club convene in one of the upstairs rooms. Again, some are members of Trinity but others are just interested in snooker and a (mainly) time of male bonding. Each autumn in recent years there has been a knockout snooker tournament, watched by the players' supporters and culminating in the winning of a small prize.

Beyond the groups from within Trinity, there are several groups hiring our rooms on a regular basis: Tuesday afternoons sees a Martial Arts club, in the large upstairs room; Wednesday mornings and evenings has Weightwatchers in the main downstairs room; Thursday evenings another Keep Fit group meets upstairs; while Friday mornings has a Breast Feeding Awareness session combined with Mums & Toddlers in the main downstairs room. Add to these monthly meetings of the local Labour group, and children's parties arranged as and when requested.

One of the real assets on Trinity's site is its garden: situated to the rear of the building, it is accessible either by a gate from the side, or by way of French doors directly from the worship room. Despite being so near to the traffic on the main road, it is an oasis of calm, and ideally suited to use by folk for contemplation and enjoyment of the trees and flowers away from the rush and bustle of everyday life. The garden is a registered Quiet Garden, and it is intended to develop a programme of activities around the idea of Quiet & Peacefulness as a part of the Gospel. In the past there have been Taizé style services, open air Worship, as well as barbecues and children's parties. Each Easter morning the Churches Together in Woodhouse gather there to welcome the Resurrection with a short, shared service. The garden is open whenever there is a Coffee Morning; it is intended that it

become a community asset for anyone who wishes to drop in, but it will lend itself to more formal use- church Quiet Days, for example.

Trinity is a long-standing part of the Woodhouse community. There are many who aren't active members who class it as 'their' church. The aim, through all our activities and through the offering of the building for the use of local groups, is to maintain and increase the links that already exist, and to be Christ to our neighbours, whoever they are.

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The Worship Room



The Coffee Room



The Quiet Garden