



The Two Disciples at the Tomb - Henry Osswa Tanner

St Anne's,
Sale with
St Francis,
Sale Moor

e-Spire

April
2025

Easter Services

Palm Sunday - 13 April

10 am We start outside the church hall, with Ricky the donkey, as we mark the way Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem for the final time; we walk to church for our celebration service of Holy Communion.



Holy Week (17-19 April)

Monday 14 April - 7 pm

Musical Meditation. Glasshouse Choir lead an hour of singing and bible reading to start Holy Week in church; all welcome.

Tuesday 15 April - 7 pm

Stations of the Cross. We walk and pray before the beautiful 'Stations of the Cross' in church to contemplate the journey Jesus took carrying his cross.

Wednesday 16 April - 7 pm

Tenebrae - A service of light with bible readings and reflection for one hour in church.

Maundy Thursday 17 April - The Last Supper

6.30 pm we share a meal together with Holy Communion included in the hall as we remember the meal Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room. Then, we walk across to the church for a short period of silence as we consider the time Jesus was arrested in the garden. (Please sign up at the back of the church to join us for this meal).

Good Friday 18 April

12 noon Meditation at the Cross: an hour's service to reflect on the cross, its cost and meaning.

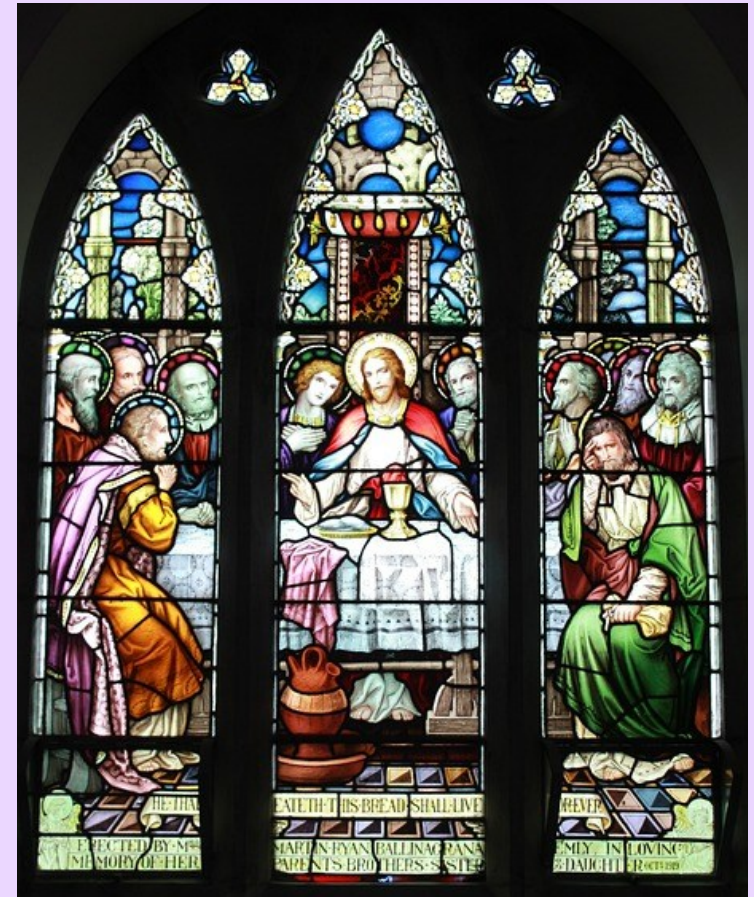
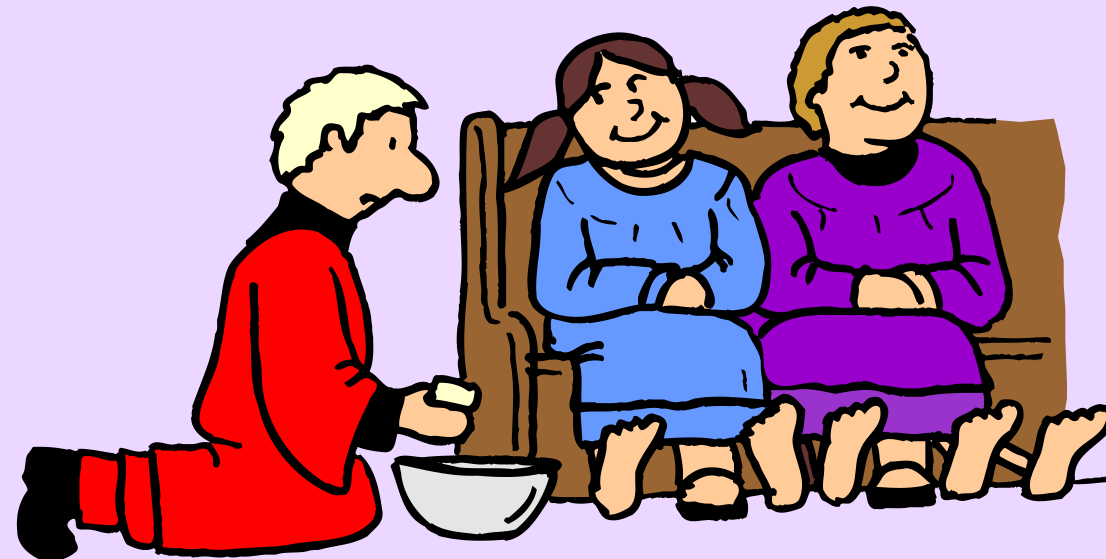
Easter Sunday 20 April

10 am - Celebrate the joy of the resurrection and the freedom it offers us today; Holy Communion. And an Easter Egg hunt for children!

Maundy Thursday



On Maundy Thursday we remember particularly the Last Supper in an “upper room” in Jerusalem when Jesus set the tone by washing his disciples’ feet before having the meal which has been the foundation stone of the Christian Eucharist for nearly 2,000 years. Here at St Anne’s, we share a meal, with Holy Communion included, as we remember that occasion. It is of course the inspiration for a vast range of artworks of which da Vinci’s Last Supper is merely the best known. Here are some more, from the reverential to the light hearted.



"Looking out of the window"

The arrival of spring has brought wonderful colour to the garden. The snowdrops and crocus, which were a delight two months ago, are now resting again rebuilding their strength for next year. The daffodils, large and small, are rampant at the time of writing.

Purple grape hyacinths and the larger blue, pink, and white varieties are in splendid array. The camelia bush is covered in colourful large pink flowers, and on the first

official day of spring I was astonished to find two pink tulips opening up in a sheltered sunny corner.

The sheer amount of energy being used to grow these plants emphasises the wonder of nature around us.

The pear tree is in full bud now although the small apple tree looks as though it has had a bad winter. Hydrangeas are leafing up after being dead headed but, dare I say it, could do with some rain!

So what of our feathered friends? The birds are singing, and pairs of great tits and blue tits dash in and out to grab bits of peanuts. Mr and Mrs Robin are looking splendidly cheery and must be feeding some little ones nearby in what appears to be a full time job. Watching magpies trying to feed on peanut feeders is entertaining, with lots of wing flapping, and the pigeons vie for feeding space. The grass under the nuts has been walked on by so many large footed birds that it developed



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Sale Beer & Gin Festival 2025

The Big Beer Festival by Manchester Round Table is back in 2025 but we have had a rebrand! We are now **Sale Beer & Gin Festival**

More info will appear on this site as we gear up to the event but for now save the dates below!

-where -
St. Anne's Church Hall
Trinity Road, Sale, M33 3GD

-when -
Friday 9th May 2025
17:00 - 23:00
Saturday 10th May 2025
12:00 - 23:00

a "bald patch" in the wet weather, but is now recovering as the growing season takes over.

One event worthy of report, on the day of the Spring Equinox, concerns a pigeon sitting in the bird bath. It was having an intensive preening session. Every feather was getting attention, and as the bird finished one area of plumage it turned a few degrees to the right to get a new area in direct sunshine. This happened three or four times and it lasted for fifteen

minutes! It took me a long time to get the washing up done that lunchtime as I watched, fascinated by the thoroughness of the proceedings, and there were four feathers left in the water to prove it.

It has otherwise been a quiet month when looking out of the window, with an occasional bumble bee cruising round enjoying some lovely sunny days.

Bridget

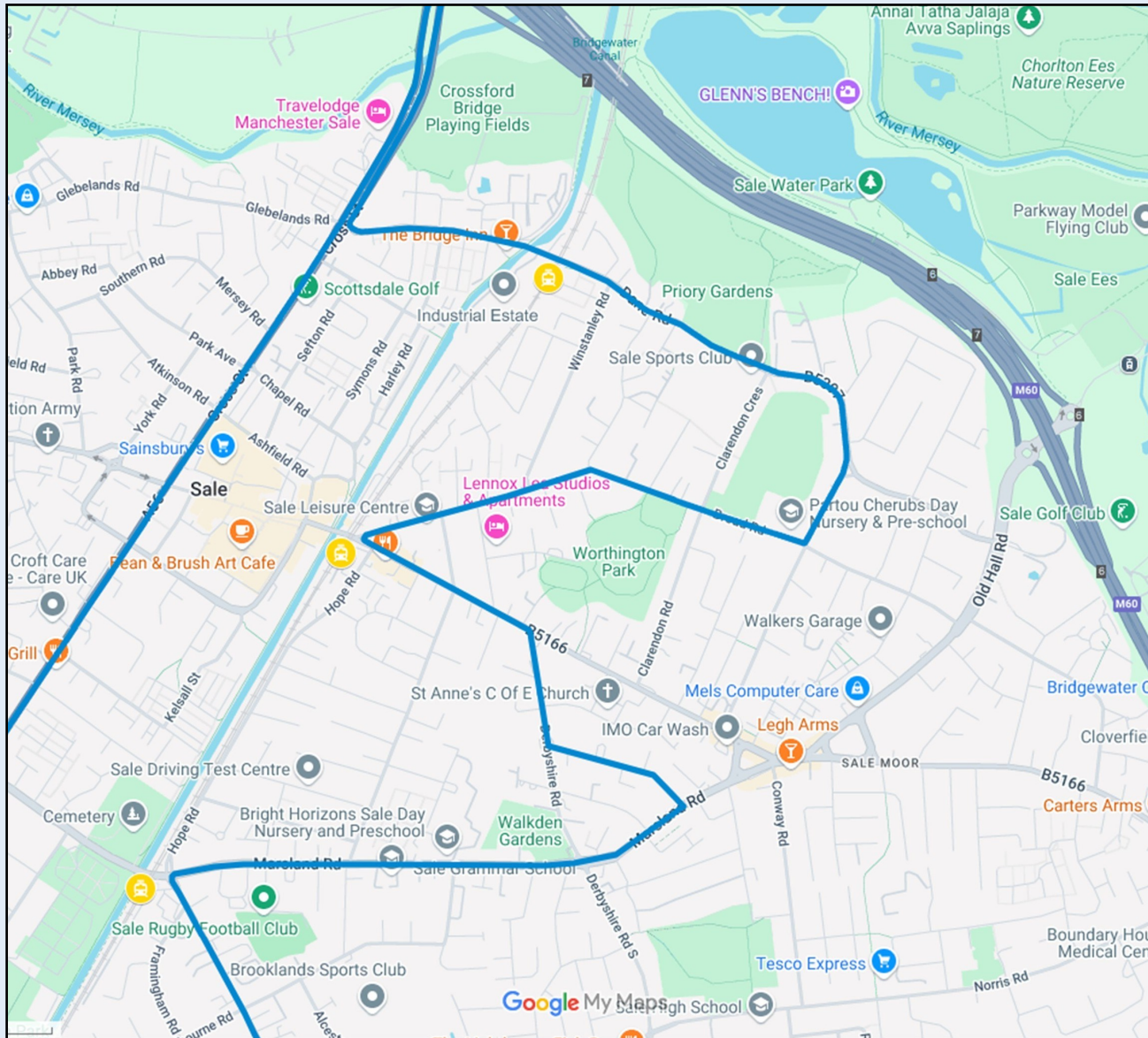
It's Marathon time again!

Sunday 27 April sees another Manchester Marathon making its way through Sale. If you're likely to be affected where you live, you should

have had a leaflet through the door telling you about the route and the restrictions on traffic. The middle of Sale and the streets around Wardle Road

and Brooklands Road are cut off but St Anne's and Sale Moor are accessible. Slip roads at Junction 7 on the M60 are closed but junctions 6 (the Water Park junction) and 8 (for Carrington Spur) are open so you can get from Ashton to Sale Moor easily.

Full details of the marathon can be found at www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/home/



SALE BRICK SHOW

We're pleased to tell you that St Anne's will again be hosting the Brick Show. It's fascinating what you can do with Lego so some along on **Saturday 5 July** to enjoy the creative talents of the team. (and the comradeship and the refreshments of course). More details nearer the time, or speak to Tom Newby.

When we are out of sympathy with the young,
then I think our work in this world is over.

George MacDonald

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age
comes alone. Anon

Mothers Union

Having safely arrived back from New Zealand the day after the March meeting I can definitely confirm that the first week back home, the weather here was decidedly chilly. I had spent three weeks in temperatures of between 24 and 26 degrees and came back to about 4 degrees and cold winds. It certainly warmed up the following week.

I had a wonderful time over there and really enjoyed myself. I stayed just outside Auckland for the first week and then moved down to Tauranga for the next two weeks. Whilst there we went away for a few days to an area called The Coromandels which is absolutely stunning but talk about twisting turning roads. You come up to signs saying bends for next 6K and they are certainly not gentle bends.

I believe that the March meeting was really interesting when Rev Becky Mathew spoke about her trip to Sri Lanka. Unfortunately a number of our members were unable to attend through sickness or hospital operations so I hope that all are on their way to recovery, especially Olwen after her knee replacement.

Our April meeting falls on the Monday of Holy Week (14 April) and as The Glasshouse Choir are performing at St Anne's that evening, we think it will be nice to attend their musical meditation at 7pm instead of our meeting and then join everyone for a cuppa after the performance.

We have also been invited to a fundraising Cream Tea at Holy Cross (Timperley) on Wednesday 23 April between 2pm and 4pm. The price of the ticket is £4. Unfortunately neither Carol or I can make it as Carol is away and I am in St. Anne's school that afternoon. Easter is certainly a lot later this year as most schools will have their two weeks holiday before Easter and return on the Tuesday after Easter Monday. I can't believe that two

weeks later my eldest grandson will finish school to then start his GCSE's. Good luck to all those taking exams this summer.

Hopefully from May onwards we will be back into decent weather, lighter evenings and can enjoy daylight and sunshine for our meetings.

Take care and love and prayers,

Jackie and Carol

Moira Garnett Prize 2025 supported by St Anne's Mothers' Union Year 5 - St Anne's School Researching and Creating

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Projects around the world, in Chester Diocese and at St Anne's....
As we remember
The life of Moira Garnett- a VIP of this parish....
(28th June 1925- 6th June 2013)

The history of the Mothers' Union- founded in 1876

The life of Mary Sumner
31 December 1828—11 August 1921

Mothers' UNION

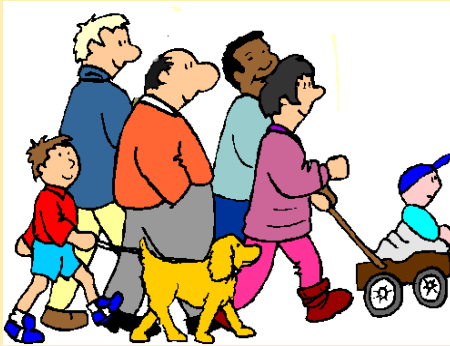
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**Speak to Carol/Jackie/
Rev Alison or any MU Member**

Carol Thomas (daughter of Moira Garnett) presented the prize and thanked the children from Year 5 for sharing their research and having the confidence to stand up in front of strangers. Public Speaking was something Moira was very keen on promoting.

St Anne's Prayer Walk

Would you like to join Bip and myself (Brian Durham) for a short prayer walk from church into Sale returning to church for a shared lunch - bring your butties! This will be on **Palm Sunday, 13 April**, at 11.45.

Prayer walking is an opportunity to pray blessing over our community, welcome the presence of Jesus into those places and listen and observe to what is going on and what God might be saying to us. Prayer walking gets us out of our church buildings, forces us to resist the temptation to stay inward-focused and engage with our community.



We will walk through Worthington Park where we can pray for nature and the environment, past the Metro station where we can pray for transport and communication and into Sale for prayers for commerce and business, returning to church for a shared lunch and thoughts.

All are welcome and it's not a race so the pace will be as slow as needs be, with plenty of opportunities for resting along the way. If you can't make this walk you can still participate on your walks to the shops, or with the dog or wherever you go by simply taking God with you and listening to what He says.

See you there

Brian and Bip



"I'm really not sure about this trend for clergy dressing down, dear."



Earth Day Litterpick

Tuesday 22 April 2025

5.30pm-6.30pm, meet at church

Join the Eco Group, help keep Sale and Sale Moor clean. Meeting at St Annes Church and covering surrounding areas. Working together in groups. Bags and litterpickers provided. Please bring your own gloves and extra litter pickers if you have one, the more the merrier. Everyone welcome, all children to be accompanied by an adult.



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ECO CLUB

Growth, and more growth – what for?

“Growth” is the driving priority of our present government, and also maybe for the Church of England with its investment in programs to create large numbers of new worshipping communities. But what do we want to grow and what is it for?

The government (and it’s not unique to the current government) sees growth as the only way to generate the resources needed to fund our ailing and underfunded public sector. The alternatives of higher taxation and redistribution are seen as beyond the pale.

But if this growth is just about us – some of us anyway – having lots more “stuff”, if it means continuing to plunder the environment and if the proceeds are simply to be pocketed by the already rich, should we want it?

Just as I was contemplating writing on the subject, Rowan Williams (last Archbishop of Canterbury but one) wrote a brilliant piece on this for the

Guardian so I’ll substitute some of what he said for my own ramblings, he says it so much better.

He began by speaking of the Covid epidemic and amid the challenges, loss and bewilderment, when normal activity was on hold we experienced, “Clearer skies, silent roads, time, a sense of what mattered and who mattered, to us as individuals and to the whole of society.”

But “our capacity for not learning from crisis is impressively well developed. We are back where we were, our fingers firmly in our ears, with the supercharged language of “growth” as the all sufficient goal of national life.... We are fed a narrative in which growth is something that needs no justification.” What do we want? Simply... “More!”

What makes for a stable, successful, confident society? “Secure work and fulfilling leisure... dependable public services and affordable housing, a durable trustworthy

environment.... breathing space. Growth should mean growing the capacity to sustain all this. But isolate growth from public good and you are simply planning for breakdown.”

“The uncomfortable truth is that in our present global context, growth frequently means the opposite of shared responsibility.” Can we find signs of hope? Can we show that the characteristics of a healthy society are not a Utopian fantasy? Do read Archbishop Rowan’s article if you can find it online.

And what might this say to us about the Church’s pursuit of growth? Some of the recent activity is very much focused on numerical and financial growth (and yes we certainly need it) but is that how we measure growth and not also in faith, in commitment and service?

We often risk a current priority becoming a dogma. Don’t be afraid to challenge this sort of thing!

Howard Mason

The most generous givers?

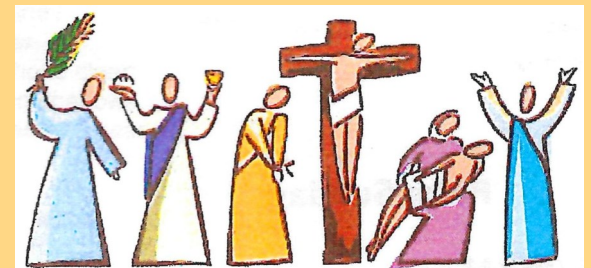
Stewardship, in its 2025 Generosity Report says that those who attend church and read their Bible at least once a week are the most generous givers.. Stewardship manages charitable donations from church, charities and individuals, and has found that not only do ‘committed Christians’ give away almost five times the UK monthly average, but they experience “the most joy” from doing so.

Stewardship’s recent survey found that ‘Committed Christians’ give an average of 11.6 per cent of monthly income, ‘Practising Christians’ give 7.99 per cent, ‘Churchgoing Christians’ give 5.30 percent, and ‘Cultural Christians’ give 0.84 per cent.

Lent Lunch - Thank You

Thank you to everybody who supported the Lent Lunch in March and gave to the USPG appeal ‘Bring care in crisis’ to families in Gaza and the West Bank. We are expecting to send at least £300 to USPG. This will support the critical work of the hospitals in Gaza in the diocese of Jerusalem. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Overseas Group



Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting ("Annual Parochial Church Meeting", APCM for short) takes place on Sunday 6 April at 11.30 am in the church hall. All those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend and vote.

At this meeting, we receive the Annual Report on the activities of 2024 and the Financial Report on 2024. We also vote in a new Church Council (Parochial Church Council, PCC). This meets eight times a year and is the main governance of St Anne's so if you care about how this church is managed, please consider joining the PCC. Those voted on will service for one year (until the Annual Meeting next year). Speak to PCC secretary Ann Hunt or Church warden Andrew Egarr to learn more.

We have had to create a new electoral roll this year - this happens every few years - so if you haven't enrolled yet, see Ann Hunt or download the form from the tab on our website.

Sale Debt Centre (CAP)

St Anne's is one of six Sale churches working together and in partnership with national charity Christians Against Poverty to run a debt advice service locally. We have just said farewell and thank you to Debbie Walters, our manager, and look forward to meeting her replacement, Funa Joseph, who will take up the post in May.

St Anne's rep on the project is Janice Mason; do speak to her if you would like to know more.



The **e-Spire** is our replacement for a hard-copy parish magazine. It is to supplement what appears on our website and in the weekly pastoral letter and newsheets from our clergy. If you don't receive these by email, please send your email address to Alison: alisoncox19@hotmail.com

For comments on e-Spire and to contribute to a future issue, mail the **editors**, Howard & Janice Mason at howard.mason1@btopenworld.com

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Overseas Group:	Chair - Janice Mason	0161 969 8570
Church Fellowship:	Monthly coffee mornings, Church Hall	0161 962 8946
Mothers' Union:	2nd Monday, 8pm, St Anne's Church Hall	0161 283 0563
Mums & Tots:	Fridays 9.15 - 11am, contact Janet Plumb	0161 905 3895

Guiding

Rainbows

- 1st Sale Moor : Mondays 5 - 6 pm in the Church Hall
email 1stsalemoorrainbows@gmail.com
- 2nd Sale Moor : Mondays 6.15 - 7.15 pm in the Church Hall
email 2ndsalemoorrainbows@gmail.com

Brownies

- 1st Sale Moor: Weds 6.30 - 8 pm, Clarendon Rd Scout Hut 973 3894
- 2nd Sale Moor: Weds 6.30 - 8 pm in the Church Hall 0161 976 5972
- 3rd Sale Moor: Tues 6 pm at Moorlands School
- 7th Sale Moor: Tues 6 pm in the Church Hall 0161 973 2108

Guides

- 2nd Sale Moor: Mondays 7.30 - 9pm in the Church Hall 0161 286 1623
- 7th Sale Moor: Tuesdays 7 pm at Sale Moor Methodist Church

Rangers

- Sale Moor Unit: Thursday evenings at Trinity Methodist Church