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Felixstowe Methodist Church Services – November 2026

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Date	Services
Sunday 1st	Rev David Rees @ Trinity 10am – including Holy Communion Mrs Liz Cope @ Trimley 10am
Sunday 8th	Rev Mike Cassidy & Mr Paul Moeke @ Seaton Road 10am. – Remembrance Sunday – includes a short Act of Remembrance. 'Time for You' @ Seaton Road 4pm
Sunday 15th	Rev Jo Jacobs @ Trinity 10am
Wednesday 18th	Healing & Wholeness Service 2pm @ Seaton Road Rev Jo Jacobs
Sunday 22nd	Rev Paulson Devasahayam @ Seaton Road 10am – including Holy Communion Mr Paul Walker @ Trimley 10am
Sunday 29th	Rev Paulson Devasahayam / Mr Alex Campbell @ QVSR (Seafarers' Centre) 10am.

Dear Felixstowe Methodist Church family and friends,

How well do we know each other?

After many funerals, I hear someone say, "I didn't know so many of the things mentioned in the tribute." These words make me think. We may not need to know everything about a person, but we can take time to listen, understand their journey and recognise what they may be carrying.

There is a story about a sparrow that came to two trees beside a river. With the rainy season approaching, it asked the first tree, "May I build a nest here and raise my family?" The tree replied, "No. Please find somewhere else." Disappointed, the sparrow approached the second tree, which welcomed it. Soon, the sparrow built a nest, laid its eggs and began caring for its young.

One day, a fierce storm came. The first tree could not withstand the wind and fell into the river. Seeing this, the sparrow called out, "That serves you right! You refused to give me a place."

But the tree replied, "I knew I was old and weak. I feared I would not survive the storm. I said no because I did not want you and your little ones to be harmed." Then it was swept away.

It is a simple story, but it asks us an important question: How often do we judge people before we understand them?

How easily we misjudge and misunderstand one another! Behind a refusal, a silence or a harsh word, there may be a story we have never heard. Getting to know people takes patience, and humility is part of it. Humility does not mean keeping silent. It means choosing kindness, listening before judging and making room for another person's story. Jesus modelled this throughout his ministry. Paul urges us to follow that example: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

As we prepare for another Advent season, let this be part of our preparation and our prayer: "Lord, help us to know one another more deeply, judge less quickly and love more generously."

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Advent season.

In Christ's love,

Paulson

	Information about activities and events
Mondays	**Hobbies Group @ Trinity** 12.30-3.00pm **Informal Chat & Support Group @ Trinity** 12.30-3.00pm **Brownies @ Seaton Road** 5.30-7.00pm
Tuesdays (2nd and 4th)	**'No Labels'** An opportunity to relax in a non-judgemental and safe space. 1.30 – 3.30, @ **Seaton Road**
Tuesdays	**Prayers @ Trimley** – 10.15 – 11.15am. **Mid-week Communion** on the first Tuesday of the month 10.15am **Coffee** from 11.15am
Tuesdays (2nd and 4th)	**Tea and Chat @ Trimley** – 2.00 – 4.00pm.
Tuesdays (1st in month)	**Muddy Church @ Seaton Road.** Arrival from 3.30pm, Muddy Church session from 4 – 5.15pm. For children and their parents/carers.
Wednesdays (term time)	**Open 4 U @ Trinity** – 9.15 – 11.15am. For children aged 0-4 with carers.
Wednesdays (1st and 3rd)	**Home Group** 7pm email: carolmoeke@hotmail.com for details
Thursdays	**Coffee morning @ Trinity** 10am-12 noon.
Thursdays	**'Well in the Week' @ Seaton Road** 10.30-11.00am – a time of music, prayer and a message, followed by coffee - No Well in the Week on the third Thursday in the month when it is Church Lunch – for details of this please email lunch@felixstowemc.org.uk
Thursdays	**Trinity Folk Cafe.** – 12th November 7.30-10pm. Come along and enjoy playing your instrument(s), singing, reciting a poem or just to listen and enjoy good fellowship. Free refreshments.
Saturday	**Trimley Red Devils** – community engagement **First Saturday** of the month - coffee morning **@ Trimley** 10.30 – 12 **Last Saturday** of the month – coffee morning **@ Kirton** Currently 'paused'

Churches Together in Felixstowe – Forum – the next forum Meeting takes place on Wednesday November 4th at 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm). This will be held at the QVSR Seafarers' Centre (park at the Centre or by "The tip" in Carr Road and walk across the railway line to the Centre. Everyone welcome!

Trinity Players present "Love from a stranger", a tense psychological thriller adapted from a short story by Agatha Christie by Frank Vosper. December 10th, 11th at 7.30pm; December 12th at 2,30pm. Tickets, £10 on the door or from Anne Clarke. All profits to the Lighthouse Women's Aid, Ipswich. **Note change of dates**.

The **funeral of Denise Mayes** takes place at 12noon on Wednesday 11th November at Seven Hills Crematorium. Refreshments after the service @ Seaton Road (in the Church).

Ipswich Methodist Circuit at the Movies – Monday 16th November 2pm at Cineworld, Ipswich. A private viewing of *Klara and the Sun*. Cost £8 (including 4 hours parking). Please email administrator@methodistic.org.uk to book a place.

Encounter - Advent Preparation Day – Saturday 21st November 10am – 1pm at the URC, Orwell Road (small hall). A time of reflection, prayer and worship led by Rev Paulson and Rev David Rees. You are invited to bring along a packed lunch if you would like to stay and eat together afterwards.

Lighting Up Day – Saturday 28th November @ Trinity. 10am – 4pm (with Lions Light Trail procession from Trinity to the Triangle at 4.30pm). Tea/Coffee/Cake – activities for all ages – hand-made crafts and gifts for sale. Proceeds to the Felixstowe Lions and to Church funds.

Harbour Hope – time of worship at QVSR (Seafarers' Centre in the Port). Sunday 29th November at 6pm. Praise and Worship, Prayer and Reflection, Fellowship and Hospitality. Everyone welcome.

Study - Paul and Carol Moeke and Mike Peck will be co leading a study entitled 'Ageing Gracefully'. The six session course will explore aspects of later life from a Christian perspective. The course will be based @ Trinity, starting on Thursday 7th January 2027, 2.30 to 4.00pm. further sessions will be on 14th, 21st and 28th of January and 4th and 11th of February. Please contact Mike (michaelpeck238@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the group (so that they can arrange to have enough materials available).

Please note: If you have any items for the December monthly notices please let Robin have these via email at notices@felixstowemc.org.uk by **November 15th** - Many thanks.