

**Gift Day Letter 2021 (Bricknell Avenue, Clowes Memorial, and Trinity Methodist Church)**

Dear friends,

I hope that you are having a joyful Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year you may be aware that the churches have been under considerable financial pressures due to the closure of premises, resulting in the loss of rental income from external groups. The ministry of the church does, however, continue and we rely on the generous giving from members of the church community for it to be sustained.

As Christians we are encouraged to see all that we have as a gift held in trust. In the parable of the talents, Jesus showed that we are stewards, not owners, of all the good things God has granted to us for good purposes (Matthew 25:14-30). Our giving comes from a place of thankfulness, conscious of all that God has given us that we have not earned, including our creation in the image of God and our renewal in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Clowes Memorial Methodist Church will be holding its regular gift day to raise money for the general church fund. Similarly, Bricknell Avenue and Trinity Methodist churches are also holding fundraising appeals.

Enclosed with this letter is an envelope to deposit your gift, with details of where to send it. If you have not already done so we encourage you to please complete a gift aid declaration that will enable the church to claim back money from HMRC. We are confident that if everyone associated with our churches found themselves able to respond joyfully and thankfully, then that would help to ensure the continuing missional work of the church in difficult times.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to a Zoom service for all three churches on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30 am in which we will celebrate God's generosity to us. The details for joining this service are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85612918657?pwd=NTh6ajNXd01TZ1A1UEZxeiJCNDBMz09>

Meeting ID: 856 1291 8657 Passcode: 883744

Please do give generously and thank you for your contribution.

Yours faithfully,

*David Speirs*

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**Gospel Reflection**  
(Matthew 25:14-30)

How much wealth  
has the master given  
to my trust?  
Where best  
can it be put to work  
at a profit  
as faith must?

How many gifts  
are now employed  
for his gain?  
Where best  
to use each aptitude  
though it may bring  
cost and pain?

How much time  
have I to spend  
sharing love?  
Before  
the master comes again  
with expectation  
on his face?

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