

Welcome to Trinity!

We give a warm welcome to regulars and visitors alike. If you are new among us do make yourself known to us and ask for a copy of our Welcome Pack.

The morning services will last around an hour and a quarter and are services where we stay together; do not worry if your children make a little noise, we are pleased to have you here with us. However, if young children become restless, crèche facilities are available in the back hall, but you will need to stay with your children. During the sermon on the 29th December, there will be activities provided to occupy the children.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Middle Hall after the morning service – everyone is welcome to stay for fellowship. An audio loop system is installed downstairs, for anyone wearing a suitable hearing aid.

An offering will be collected during the service. Visitors, please do not feel obliged to contribute, this is for regular friends and members to give to the ministry and outreach of the church.

Cornerstone @ The Point is our evening service which starts at 7 pm and will last around an hour and a half. It is a more informally styled service.

If you would like someone to pray with you after either service, this is available in the chapel – look for the sign at the back near the stairs, or look for people with prayer ministry team badges.

Several small groups meet during the week on various days and in various locations. There is a list of all small groups on the notice board in the welcome area, or speak to Andy Banks.

Christmas Cards/ Christmas Day Offering

There are trays in the Chapel where you can leave Christmas Cards to be collected by people in the fellowship.

Our Christmas Day Offering will be split between Evergreen Bexley who work with the elderly locally and The Barnabas Fund who support the persecuted church.

Children's New Year's Eve Party

Children up to and including Gamma Zone and their parents are invited to come and celebrate the new year with a party on Tuesday 31st December from 4.30 - 6.30 pm. Please email Kerry by the 27th December if you would like to come and join in the fun!

Oasis

Oasis Coffee Shop will next be open on the 7th January.

Bexley Winter Shelter

Bexley Winter Shelter starts on the 2nd January and each Thursday evening will be held at Trinity. It is important to note that aside from the Thursday evening prayer meeting, we are discouraged from being on the premises when the shelter is in operation, unless here as a shelter volunteer. It is also a strictly over 18s activity so no children can be on-site.

Courses

Andy plans to run a **Baptism Enquirer's** course in the new year. If you would like to explore what it would mean to take this next step in your faith journey, please talk to Andy (including if you have previously done the course and would like to do it again).

We are also planning another **Freedom in Christ** course starting on Sunday January 19th. If you would like to know more, or to sign up, speak to Eileen Jones or Helen French.

Future of Trinity's Pastorate

Following discussions at the last church members' meeting, please continue to pray about planning for the pastorate after Terry's retirement and Andy's role amongst us. The deacons have now set aside a number of meetings for us to pray about the pastorate and to enable further discussion. The details of these meetings that makes use of our Through The Year in Prayer meetings in January are set below. More information will be given during services over the coming weeks.

Wednesday 8th January @ 8pm: Prayer Meeting

Sunday 12th January @ Noon: An Audience with Andy and Fiona Banks

Wednesday 15th January @ 8pm: Discussion and Prayer with the Deacons about the Pastorate

Wednesday 22nd January @ 8pm: Prayer Meeting

It is the plan for there to be a Special Church Members Meeting on Sunday 26th January @ Noon to vote on the proposal outlined in the Deacons' recent letter to members.

Still With God

You are warmly invited to start the new year with an hour of worship and prayer in 'Still With God. Thursday 2nd January at 8 pm in the Chapel.

Thank You

I would like to thank my Church Family for all your love and kindness to me since my accident six weeks ago. So many of you have prayed, sent messages and helped in so many ways, I am truly moved. I thank God for my healing and for all of you! I had the casts removed, have a wrist support and will have physio. All good! Thank you, love Pat Garrett.

Trinity Diary

Monday 23rd December

1 pm: Foodbank

Wednesday 25th December

10 am: Christmas Day Family Service

Friday 27th December

10.30 am: Foodbank

9 pm: Street Pastors based at Trinity

Monday 30th December

1 pm: Foodbank

Tuesday 31st December

4.30 pm: Children's New Year's Eve Party

11.15 pm: Watchnight Service

Thursday 2nd January

From 6 pm: Bexley Winter Shelter

Friday 3rd January

10.30 am: Foodbank

9 pm - 1 am: Street Pastors based at Trinity

Saturday 4th January

9 pm - 1 am: Street Pastors based at Trinity

Sunday 5th January

10.30 am: Morning Service

Preacher: Terry Griffith

7 pm: Cornerstone @ The Point with Communion



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 22nd December 2019

4th Sunday in Advent

9.45 am **Morning Prayer**

10.30 am **Nativity Service**

Led by the children of GodZone

5 pm **Carols by Candlelight**

Led by Andy Banks

Sunday 29th December 2019

9.45 am **Morning Prayer**

10.30 am **Morning Service**

Led by Terry Griffith

Preacher: David Linley

Prayer

The prayer ministry team would be happy to pray with you after the service; at the back under the stairs. Alternatively, you can ask Scilla Stirling to email the prayer chain via priscillastirling@yahoo.co.uk.

Staff availability over Christmas

Terry: Annual Leave 23-24 December.

terry@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk

Andy will return from annual leave on the 3rd January.

Jan: Is available for Pastoral Care over the Christmas period. (jan@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk/020 8308 1446)

Alexa: Back in the office on the 7th January, available on email about the Bexley Winter Shelter.

(alexa@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk)

Kerry: Back in the office on the 2nd January, available on email. (kerry@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk)

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