



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Palm Sunday

Sunday 5th April 2020

Welcome to 'Trinity!'

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are currently not able to physically meet together. All Sunday services, courses, small groups and activities have had to be cancelled or postponed, although Foodbank is continuing. With this News Sheet is a transcript of Andy's sermon for today on Jeremiah 29: 1—14. You can click onto our YouTube channel to see the sermon video along with some worship. The videos will go live at 10.30 am on Sunday. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabE_7Y0_2Ka7BtCdRUQ

For Your Prayers

- Praise God that it seems that we have exceeded 2019/20 budgeted income by approximately £5.2k! This provides us a welcome cushion to potentially offset against the unknown effect of COVID-19 on our church finances.
- Continue to pray for all those have been, and are continuing to be, affected by COVID-19. We pray for those who are particularly fearful and lonely at moment. We pray for the most vulnerable and isolated in our neighbourhoods. We pray for the medical staff on the front line of care and we pray for the government and all those leading the response to COVID-19 across the world.
- Pray for those whose work or income is affected or under threat by coronavirus and pray for Evergreen who are struggling to maintain their work supporting the elderly in our borough, despite it being more needed than ever.
- Pray for Christians and their communities throughout India during their lockdown. There has been remarkable growth in new churches in rural India over the last couple of decades but there has also been an increase in hostility from militant Hindus towards churches and Christians. Pray for their protection, provision and the opportunity to witness and serve during this crisis.

Church Finances

In the light of the fact that we are unable to meet, and given the financial constraints outlined in the budget, we would ask those who normally give to the church through the weekly offering (either through the envelope scheme or in cash), to seriously consider giving by bank transfer instead. The church's bank account details are available from Kerry. If you normally give via cheques / envelopes, please ensure that your name or GF number is recorded with your gifts, so we can continue to claim gift aid. If you wish your offering to remain anonymous, you can do so by instructing your bank accordingly, perhaps with a simple reference like 'offering' or 'tithe'. Please speak to Yohan Keerthiratna if you need further information.

Staffing Update

Since Baby & Co. is closed and Alexa is unable to fulfil her duties, she has been placed on furlough, probably for three months. This will not affect the wage Alexa receives but enables Trinity to claim back 80% of her wage from the government. Alexa should not be contacted about work; all enquiries to Kerry please.

Bring Back Letter Writing!

There are people within Trinity who are not on email and may be feeling more isolated than some. Why not write a letter or two to those people (found in the directory)?

Prayer Support

The prayer ministry team (a group of about 10 people) are still very happy to pray for you. You can fill in a confidential prayer request on the Trinity website. Alternatively, you can ask Scilla Stirling to email the prayer chain via priscillastirling@yahoo.co.uk

Trinity Diary

Monday 6th April	1 pm: Foodbank
Friday 10th April	Good Friday, no Foodbank

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