



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Easter Sunday

Sunday 12th April 2020

Welcome to Trinity!

Although we cannot be physically together today, we can still join together to praise God for the wonderful truth that He is risen!

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 Terry's sermon for today on 1 Corinthians 15:1—11. You can click onto our YouTube channel to see the sermon video along with some worship. The first video will go live at 10.30 am on Sunday, and then at 15 minute intervals. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe_7Y0_2Ka7BtCdRUQ There will also be chance to join in a video call via Zoom, details are in Kerry's email to you with this News Sheet.

For Your Prayers

- Praise God for the glorious truth that Jesus is alive!
- Praise God for the Radio 4 news item on the Today program on Good Friday morning where Hugh Palmer, Rector of All Souls Langham Place was interviewed, and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster spoke about the cross of Christ in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pray for Christians in China that they will be wise and courageous as the country comes out of lockdown.
- 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.

Spring Harvest at Home

Spring Harvest is not running in the usual manner this year but they are putting lots of free material out via YouTube from the 13th - 17th April. More details can be found here:

<https://springharvest.org/spring-harvest-home/>



Annual Leave

Andy will be on annual leave this week; 13 - 19 April. Any pastoral concerns should be raised with Terry or Jan.

On the following page you will find an update we have received from Transform Bexley Borough about ways in which you can help with the Coronavirus pandemic and some updates from local organisations.

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

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| Monday 13th April | Easter Monday, no foodbank |
| Friday 17th April | 10.30 - 12.30 Foodbank |

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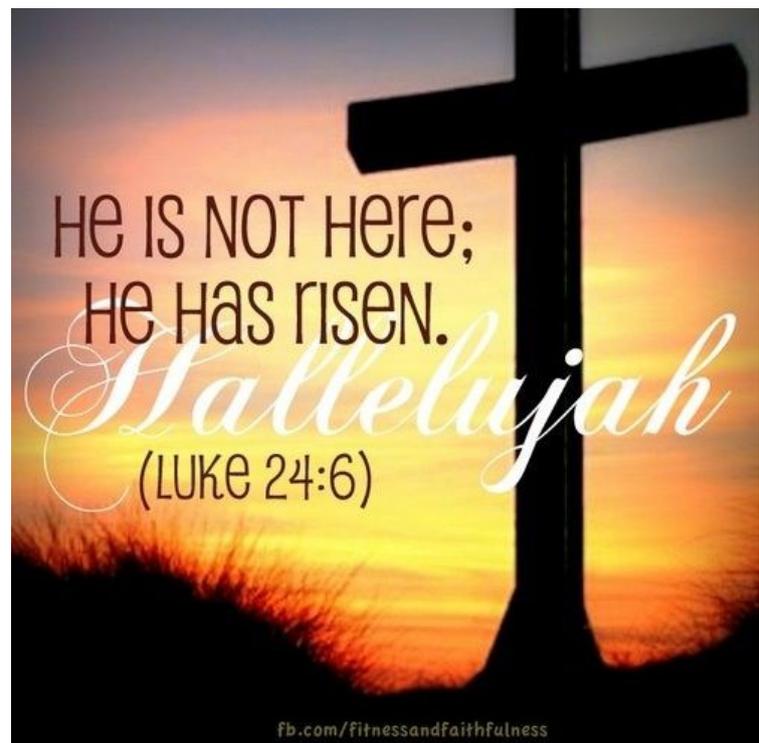
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Volunteer to help others during the Coronavirus pandemic

The Council and Bexley Voluntary Service Council (BVSC) are working together to support Bexley residents who are able to give their time to support vulnerable people during the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you are a local resident who would like to help, please take a look at Bexley's Volunteer Hub - BVSC's volunteering scheme - which will match you with local charities, community groups and local people who need help.

Register at the Volunteer Hub at <https://bvsc.co.uk/covid-19> / 0300 302 0056

No matter what skills you have to offer, where you're based in Bexley or how much - or little - time you have to spare, if you've volunteered before, or even if you have self-isolated, there are charities and community groups who will welcome your help.

"The pandemic is creating extra challenges for many vulnerable people, so I urge anyone who has the time and is able to help to share your details with the Volunteer Hub in ways that suit your own skills and interests" said Council Leader Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE.

"We are very pleased to be working with BVSC on this scheme, because they are a well-established organisation working closely with Bexley's fantastic voluntary community groups. They can direct you to the people and places that need your help most." BVSC will do its best to help local charities and community groups who need extra volunteers. Full details are available at a way of volunteering to help others. If your organisation NEEDS volunteers to continue, please also contact BVSC in this way. <https://bvsc.co.uk/covid-19>

To keep up-to-date if you are online please sign up for the Council's Bexley Magazine Extra email newsletter. Please share the information you pick up from reliable sources like this with your family, friends and neighbours, and especially with anyone you know who cannot access it. https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBEXLEY/subscriber/new?qsp=UKBEXLEY_1&utm_source=primer&utm_medium=button

A Bexley Coronavirus Helpline has now been launched: <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/news/bexley-coronavirus-helpline-020-3045-5398>

From Sophie Leedham, Acting Head of Community Partnerships LB Bexley:

We are also keen to build up our understanding of what community support is already being mobilised locally and how we can help. If you would like to catch up on this, please do get in touch. We are looking to share the wonderful displays of community spirit on our twitter and facebook page @BexleyTogether so please do share with us what is happening near you and find us on there if you haven't already (also contact at CommunityPartnerships@bexley.gov.uk).

Other updates:

1. **Bexley Foodbank** continues to welcome extra volunteers at this time when many regular volunteers are needing to self-isolate (contact the manager Gill Bates at info@bexley.foodbank.org.uk / 07932 431350)
2. **Bexley Winter Shelter** (BWS) 2020 closed a week early because the Mayor of London has secured temporary accommodation and other support for all the remaining guests as part of a London-wide programme to serve and protect rough sleepers, who are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus and other threats to health. This year in Bexley the BWS managed to secure stable housing for 8 or 9 of the guests, a great outcome. Please consider praying for them.
3. **Evergreen Care Bexley**: "To help us get through the next few months, we have opened a GoFundMePage for Evergreen. Please can you pass this information on as able? We are trying to put together a telephone befriending service to support our older community but need to have all our office staff working to deal with the many issues that will arise. It is good to see the community coming together and supporting each other. Together, we will get through this. Together we will make a difference." Pete & Diane Kot info@evergreencarebexley.org
https://www.gofundme.com/f/evergreen-crisis-fund?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet
4. The **London City Mission** event "Evening out with the LCM" on Thurs 28th May at Sidcup Baptist Church has sadly been cancelled. George Hider
5. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has postponed the **Graham Tour** that was taking place in Autumn 2020. David Linley