



# Trinity Baptist Church

## News Sheet


## Sunday 17th January 2021

### Welcome to Trinity!

**From 10am** Zoom meeting led by David Linley; details in Kerry's email to you.

**10.30 am** Communion Service. Speaker Andy Banks. Reading: Mark 3:7-19

### 'Jesus' Strategy for Kingdom Growth'

 **YouTube** Click here to watch the service streamed live: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe\\_7Y0\\_2Ka7BtCdRUQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe_7Y0_2Ka7BtCdRUQ)



### Pastor's Message

This week we will be thinking about Jesus' strategy for growing his kingdom, which centred around his calling of Twelve Apostles. They were called to be with him (to spend time with him in community together) and to be sent out to preach and demonstrate the coming of his Kingdom. In other words, they were called to invest themselves totally in becoming Jesus' disciples, who made disciples, who would in their turn make disciples. I believe Jesus' call remains the same, regardless of the circumstances around us, which leads me to ask a couple of questions:

- 1) With whom do you regularly gather in small community (albeit remotely at present) so that your own faith can be nurtured and grown? If the answer is "no-one," why not join one of our Small groups meeting on Zoom, the Zoom prayer meeting, and / or the after church Zoom meeting?
- 2) In whom are you investing so that they can grow in their discipleship? Could you lead a new small group via Zoom? Could you invest your time to help our children and young people grow in their faith? Could you lead or assist with an Online Alpha small group?

Let us strive in 2021 to fix our eyes on Jesus and to follow his example.

With my love to you all, Andy

*\*\*\*Please note that Andy will be on annual leave this Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday\*\*\**

### For Your Prayers

- Pray for all those who have been bereaved recently.
- Pray for a peaceful transition of power in the US Presidency this week.
- Continue to pray for all those have been, and are continuing to be, affected by COVID-19 and all those working to help others during the ongoing crisis.
- Pray for the Bexley Winter Shelter; update overleaf.
- For our Russian friends at Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Tula.
- For all those serving the Lord in the UK and on the mission field.

### GodZone Social

We are very conscious that our Godzone children continue to be unable to see one another, and that this is likely to continue for some time. Therefore we would like to begin a monthly Zoom social for them (like the Friday YP Zoom). The idea is that this will include organised, leader-led games, like Scattergories, Quizes, Charades, etc., and probably last for 30-45 mins. We would need at least 2 DBS-checked leaders for each meeting. If you could help with running this on a rota basis, please speak to Andy or Debs (we can set up the meeting). Also, we would value feedback from Godzone parents as to when in the week this would work

### Alpha Course

We are considering running an online (Zoom) Alpha. The recommendation from Alpha is that this is run in small groups of approximately 6 guests. Please contact Andy if you are interested in being involved in this.

### Zoom Prayers

This Wednesday evening will be held our fortnightly Zoom Prayer meeting. Beryl and Irene will be leading the session with a focus on our missionaries. It will be great to see you!

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 8140 0097 Passcode: 238745



This Wednesday @ 8pm, via Zoom.  
Email [kerry@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk](mailto:kerry@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk) for details.

### Trinity Diary

Monday 18th January	1 - 3.30 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 20th January	8 pm	Zoom Prayers
Friday 22nd January	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Foodbank
Sunday 31st January	Noon	Church Meeting

## Bexley Winter Shelter 2021 Update

Good News - Praise the Lord for answers to prayer.

The trustees of the Bexley Winter Shelter applied to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government– administered by the Homeless Link Grant team - for a grant to run our night shelter. This would be to cover accommodation in B & B / Hotels, employ a part-time case worker, provide food and protective clothing etc.

The good news is that we have been successful and have been granted a large sum of money that will enable us to do just this. So let's all please thank the Lord for his blessing on this situation and project.

We have already secured some B & B accommodation, employed the part-time case worker and have recruited volunteer cooks and kitchens to prepared an evening main meal. This will not be a face-to-face dining room situation, but will be delivered to the guests.

A small ad-hoc working party has been formed, including a very well qualified safe guarding adviser to progress a start on the 18th January.

So please pray that this will run smoothly

- that we can find/locate rough sleepers
- that a satisfactory assessment can be made and places therefore offered
- that guests will understand and put into practice all the safeguards that are so very important at this time and will not drift into inappropriate social mixing or any antisocial behaviour that could jeopardise their place
- for our case worker as it will be a hard learning curve for her and we are relying on her for much

It is prayer that we most need.

Thank you for your continued support and concern.

Melvyn French

<https://www.bexleywintershelter.org.uk/>