



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 24th January 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

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

10.30 am Morning Service. Speaker David Linley. Reading: Psalm 42: 1 - 5

'The God Of Hope'

 **YouTube** Click here to watch the service streamed live: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe_7Y0_2Ka7BtCdRUQ



Pastor's Message

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Paul's conclusion to his famous passage in 1 Corinthians 13 is that, while much that we experience in this world is temporary, the qualities of faith, hope and love last, not just for all of this life, but for all eternity. In the midst of continuing tough circumstances, I suggest we need to cultivate these qualities more and more. Yet they do not happen by chance; rather they are wilfully cultivated through countless conscious small choices day by day.

Faith is defined in Hebrews 11:1, as "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." It is the settled decision to trust God's word, especially when we have not yet seen it yet come to fruition. Hope, Paul tells us, is waiting patiently for what we do not yet have (Romans 8:25), and it is born out of the understanding that God is good. David Linley will be speaking more about this subject today. Finally, Paul described love earlier in 1 Corinthians 13 as a series of choices, attitudes and actions, which better the lives of those around us. I commend it to you to read again slowly to refresh your minds and to reflect upon your own practices. For Paul says of these three great and enduring qualities, love is truly the crowning glory. Let's strive, during this lockdown to actively cultivate the qualities of faith, hope and love.

With my love to you all. Andy.

For Your Prayers

- Give thanks that new Covid infection numbers are falling. Pray that the trend continues and that this translates into less pressure on our hospitals.
- 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. Thank God for the funding they have received to put people up in B&B's and give thanks that Trinity will be used to cook for the guests once a week.
- Pray for Evergreen, especially as they are seeking a new Chief Operating Officer.
- Pray for Christians in India, hundreds of whom are facing discrimination and targeted violence.

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, Quizzes, 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.

Trinity Diary

Monday 25th January	1 - 3.30 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 27th January	8 pm	Men's Zoom
Friday 29th January	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Foodbank
Sunday 31st January	Noon	Morning Service
		Church Meeting
Wednesday 3rd Feb	8pm	Zoom Prayers

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