



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 7th February 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

From 10am Zoom meeting led by David Linley; details in Kerry's email to you.
10.30 am Morning Service. Speaker Ron Jones. Reading: Hebrews 10: 19 - 36

'Don't Give Up!'

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



Pastor's Message

If there ever was an example of not giving up, surely Captain Tom Moore was it. His enthusiasm for life and his determination to make a positive difference captured the heart of the nation during these tough months of lockdown. I was particularly moved, when watching Sports Personality of the Year last year, by his meeting with Tobias Weller, a nine-year-old boy with Cerebral Palsy who was inspired by Captain Tom to increase his walking ability to the extent that he has now completed two marathons in a number of stages with the aid of his walking frame. Captain Tom is rightly celebrated.

But his story also highlights the human need for heroes – people who inspire us to greater heights. As Christians, we benefit from an even greater inspiration – Jesus Christ himself. Our verse for the year from Hebrews 12:1-2 encourages us to fix our eyes firmly on him, and the verse which follows explains why: "Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:3). The Christian race is tough at times, and many of us have struggled with motivation in one way or another during this last year. That is nothing to be ashamed of, but neither is it something we must accept as a fait accompli (something we cannot change). Rather, the Bible encourages us to actively look to Jesus, and particularly the suffering he endured for us, so as to gain inspiration to persevere in the path of faith before us.

One simple help is not to give up the habit of reading the Bible each day. Schedule 5-10 minutes into your daily routine, start with a Gospel if you don't know where else to start. Read a small section, and ask yourself three simple questions:

- 1) What does this tell me about God / Jesus?
- 2) How did God / Jesus interact with the people then and why?
- 3) What do I need to learn from this for my own life (which may or may not be the same as the people in the passage needed to learn)?

I promise if you do this consistently with perseverance, you will start to notice a difference in your motivation in the faith.

With love to you all. Andy.

For Your Prayers

- Give thanks that new Covid infection numbers are falling and this is now beginning to filter through to hospital admissions.
- Give thanks the vaccine rollout is on schedule
- Pray for the organisation of Alpha online, and pray about who you could invite.
- 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.

Funeral of David Osenton

David's funeral will be on Monday 15th February, 11:30am at Eltham Crematorium. Attendance is strictly by invitation only to safeguard adherence to Covid protocols however the service will be live streamed - email Kerry for details.

Annual Leave

Our Administrator, Kerry will be taking some annual leave over the next two weeks but will have periodic access to emails, so do contact her that way if you need her.

Trinity Diary

Monday 8th February	1 - 3.30 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 10th Feb	8 pm	Men's Zoom
Friday 12th February	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Foodbank

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Manse Garden/Logs Available

We are looking for some volunteers to tidy up the manse garden ready for rental; please contact Malcolm Grist by phone or email for more details. There are also well-dried logs in the manse garage, which we would like to clear? Anyone who would appreciate some of them should contact Malcolm Grist to arrange to collect them.