



# Trinity Baptist Church

## News Sheet

## Sunday 14th February 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 4: 1 - 20

### 'Jesus' Parables: the Sower, the Seed and the Soils.'

 **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

"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times ... Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." Mark 4:8-9

The parable in today's reading is all about how we hear God's word. Are we "hardened soil" (closed to God's Word), "shallow soil" (only allowing God's Word to penetrate the surface of our lives), "busy soil" (focussing more on the worries of life, the creation of wealth, or the desire for other things) or fertile soil (allowing God's Word to penetrate deep into our lives and transform us)? For, only fertile soil will enable the fruitful harvest that God desires from our lives.

In Hebrew, the verb "to hear," especially when referring to God's Word or voice, also means "to obey," and this concept pervades all that the Bible says about how we hear God. We only truly hear God's Word if we put it into practice in our daily lives. But, when we do, we automatically cause others around us to take notice of God's Word, too. Who knows? We may just be ploughing the "hardened ground" or helping to clear away the "weeds" so that others might become more receptive to God's Word, themselves. One final thing to note: the farmer continues to sow the seed, regardless of the soil into which it falls. For, some will fall into fertile soil and produce a harvest. In these uncertain times, this is one constant on which we can rely, and in which the investment of time continues to bring rich reward. May we continue to welcome and heed God's Word.

With my love to you all. Andy.

### For Your Prayers

- Praise God that Covid numbers in the community and in hospital continue to fall. Pray that we will soon be able to open our doors again to meet in person and pray for those who are struggling with the sense of isolation.
- For our Russian friends at Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Tula.
- For all those serving the Lord in the UK and on the mission field: Peter and Janet Dallman (OMF), Jeff Hall, Louise Brady (OMF: UK), Andrew and Sara Harwood (OM UK Birmingham), Andrew and Faye Osenton (Wearside YFC), Mark and Jo Penny (WBT: New Zealand), David & Michele Mahon (BMS, Peru), For the CRiBS, Cornerstone & Azar Teams, Martin and Jose Seymour (Littlehampton B.C.), The School & Street Pastors teams, including Kim McColl, Jamie King (Rock UK), Jackie Lyon (Christians Against Poverty), Ruth Martin (Evergreen Care Bexley).

### Funeral of David Osenton

David's funeral is tomorrow 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 - contact Kerry for details.

### Annual Leave

Kerry's plans for annual leave have changed and she will be working as normal this week (Tuesday - Friday).

### Trinity Diary

Monday 15th February	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 17th Feb	8 pm	Zoom Prayers
Friday 19th February	10.30 am	Foodbank



### Trinity Baptist Church Staff

**Pastor:** Revd Andy Banks  
 020 8301 2890 [andy@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk](mailto:andy@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk)  
**Pastoral Care Assistant:** Janet Grist  
 020 8308 1446 [janet@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk](mailto:janet@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk)  
**Community Worker:** Alexa Moody - on furlough  
**Administrator:** Kerry O'Sullivan  
 07801 627031 [kerry@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk](mailto:kerry@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk)  
 Registered Charity Number: 1130034