



# Trinity Baptist Church

## News Sheet

## Sunday 21st 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 Andy Banks. Reading: Mark 4:21-25

### 'Jesus' Parables: The Shining Light and the Measure'

 **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

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?"

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Psalm 121:1-2

We thank God that numbers of new Covid infections continue to fall (now less than a tenth of the numbers in mid-January at less than one in every thousand people in Bexley Borough). Accordingly, the numbers of Covid patients in local hospitals are dropping (less than half of the peak in January) and the death rate has also begun to fall. Meanwhile the vaccine roll-out continues apace, with many within Trinity having already benefitted from this.

Yet, encouraging as these signs are, and important as the medical science is, this Psalm lifts our eyes to an even greater help on whom we can rely – "the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." God himself watches over us by day and by night, as the Psalm goes on to say, for he neither slumbers nor sleeps.

The Psalm concludes: "The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore." We need to be careful not to misinterpret such words as a declaration that Christians can never get ill or suffer. But neither are these meaningless platitudes. God truly does protect his people from much that would otherwise cause them harm when we look to him. I believe we have seen this protection throughout this Covid crisis, even for those who have suffered from catching it, and I encourage you to pause and give thanks to God for that protection. Then let us continue to look to him for our help, and to pray for that help for those whom we know and meet too. For, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

With my love to you all. Andy.

### For Your Prayers

- Give thanks that we have received firm offers to rent the manse.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for full healing from Covid for those amongst us and known to us.

### ChurchSuite

Kerry has been working on migrating our old church database to an online system, called ChurchSuite. ChurchSuite will act as our address book, replacing the old directory. Through ChurchSuite we will also manage the church diary and in time, we can use it for booking into events, managing our children's work, rotas, small groups, teams and much more. We have satisfied ourselves ChurchSuite meets GDPR regulations and all data is stored securely.

Check for an email sent on Wednesday (17th) that invited you to securely log in to ChurchSuite (online or through their app) where you can review the details we hold about you and edit them. Where appropriate you can also check your children's details, it would be especially helpful if you could check the medical details we hold about them. You will also be able to 'search for others' which is the alternative to the paper directory.

Try it out and let me know if you have any problems. Once we have got to grips with the address book and calendar modules, we'll move onto using the other tools. Those with no access to the internet will be provided with a paper copy. Kerry O'Sullivan, Administrator.

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### Trinity Diary

Monday 22nd February	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 24th Feb	8 pm	Men's Zoom
Friday 26th February	10.30 am	Foodbank