



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 28th 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 4:26 - 34

'Jesus' Parables: The Power of the Seed'

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



Pastor's Message

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

I preached on this verse on the first Sunday of lockdown and I want to return to it here. We often quote it as a promise for individuals – and by extension it is reasonable to do so. But, in its original context, it is a corporate promise to the collective people of God. At the time, God's people were in exile from their homeland and crucially from the place which they most expected to meet with God – the Temple. In their case, this was a punishment for their nation's sin, yet God still reached out to his people to reassure them that his plans for them remained good. He would look after them through their exile and bring them home to their land and their Temple. We have seen God's incredible provision and protection over us during this last year, not least in many answers to prayer and in his abundantly generous provision of finances, as well as in the skills and willing service of those who have enabled our online services, our pastoral care of those in need and the renovation and imminent letting of our manse. We thank God that we can, once more, begin to permit face-to-face meeting for those who wish it, albeit with a careful observance of the necessary restrictions. Further, with Boris Johnson's "roadmap" announcement this week and with the continued success of the vaccine programme, the day when we can once again meet as a whole church seems that little bit closer on the horizon. We pray that there will be no further setbacks on the path towards Covid-19 being brought under control. We are not there yet, and we must continue to love one another enough to follow the regulations in place. But we can do so with renewed hope that we might soon see the realisation of God's good future for us.

Andy.

For Your Prayers

- Praise God that the Covid vaccines appear to be even more effective than at first thought in preventing serious illness and give thanks that care home residents are now allowed a visitor and human touch, after so many months of isolation.
- Praise God that we can resume face to face services next Sunday.
- Pray for children and school staff returning to school next week

Reopening Face to Face Meetings

We are pleased to say our face to face services will resume next Sunday. Sign up through the website (click on the date you want to attend) or if you don't have access to the internet, ring Kerry to book you in. <https://www.trinitybexleyheath.org.uk/diary/> Please only book for one in-person service a month. Online services will continue.

Thank You

Alan Abernethy was overwhelmed with all the greetings he received on his 90th birthday and thanks everyone for their kindness.

ChurchSuite

We have now migrated our church database to ChurchSuite which members and friends can access online to review their own details and view others. If you have not received an email invitation to ChurchSuite, please contact Kerry. Members and Friends not on email will be provided with a paper copy ASAP.

Thank you

Thank you to Malcolm Grist for his considerable work in setting the standard for the manse garden for tenants to maintain, with help from Graham Beswick, Rob Kemp, Andrew Altman, and the Banks family.

Alpha

Anyone who is interested in hosting or helping with an online Alpha small group to please let Andy know (even if it is only a tentative interest). We will be looking to soon begin training for all involved, and need to know who to invite.

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Trinity Diary

Monday 1st March	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 3rd March	8 pm	Zoom Prayers
Friday 5th March	10.30 am	Foodbank
Friday 5th March	4.30 pm	GodZone Zoom