



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 7th March 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 Louise Brady. Reading: Mark 4: 35 - 41

'Jesus Calms The Storm'

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



Pastor's Message

"A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?'" Mark 4:37-38

This week Louise will be preaching on Jesus' calming the storm. One feature of this story that has always fascinated me is how Jesus could possibly sleep through such a raging storm, with the boat being tossed about and nearly overwhelmed! Yet sleep he did, until the disciples woke him up. I believe he could only do that because he was utterly certain that God was in control. There is definitely something we can learn from Jesus' example. We can so easily take onto ourselves worries about things that are God's to solve. If we can but learn to give them over to God, we will find ourselves better able to rest and to sleep.

Of course, Jesus' slumber had the opposite effect on the disciples, increasing rather than decreasing their desperation. It can sometimes feel when we pray and seem to receive no answer that Jesus is slumbering still. So, there is something we can learn also from the disciples' desperation to wake Jesus up. Why do they do that? Is it not because somewhere inside them is the belief that Jesus can do something about this terrible situation? As, indeed, he could, and did.

I'm reminded of Jesus' parable of the man who calls on his friend at midnight to ask for a loaf of bread (Luke 11:5-8). He wakes him up and keeps on bothering him until he gets from his friend what he needs to meet the needs of the one who has come to him for help. Jesus' conclusion is that that is exactly how we should be in prayer to God. If it feels like Jesus is sleeping, keep on "waking him up," for he promises, "ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).

With my love to you all, Andy.

Easter Services

We'd like to run a Maundy Thursday communion service (at 8pm) and a Good Friday service (at 11am) but we need enough stewards to run these services. If you can help, please contact Kerry ASAP.

Japanese Tea Time with the Dallmans.

We will be sharing our Japanese Tea Time event with the Bexleyheath home group on Tuesday 16th March from 7.30pm, but we have a few extra spaces, so would like to invite you to join us on Zoom. This event includes time to chat, some sharing about Japan and our ministry, and a question and prayer time. Places are limited, so please get in touch by email to book your place and to get the information you need to join in! Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom! Love, Janet & Pete (dallmanjp@omfmail.com)

It's A Man Thing

It's a Man Thing continues on Zoom this week for chat, prayer, fellowship and a Bible focus. All men are welcome to join us; the Zoom details are: Meeting ID 920 0852 4510 Passcode IAMT.

Face to Face Meetings

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/> Online services will continue.

Annual Leave/News Sheet

Kerry will be on annual leave from the 15th to 21st March so will publish details of Sundays 14th and 21st this Friday. Please submit any contributions by midday on Friday.

For Your Prayers

- Praise God that we have resumed face to face services.
- Give thanks that the children of GodZone met over Zoom on Friday; pray our children and young people, and their teachers as they return to school this week.
- Pray for university students too, some of whom do not yet know when they will be returning.
- Continue to pray for full healing from Covid for those known to us.
- Pray for Evergreen, as they continue to minister to the needs of the frail and elderly and for the new management team.
- Pray about who you could invite to an online Alpha course.
- Pray for swift letting of the manse, after our potential tenants pulled out this week. One of the others who initially expressed an interest is still keen.

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Trinity Diary

Monday 8th March	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 10th March	8 pm	Men's Zoom
Friday 12th March	10.30 am	Foodbank