



# Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sundays 14th and 21st March 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

## Sunday 14th March - Mothering Sunday

**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 5:1 - 20

### 'Jesus' Authority Over Unclean Spirits.'



Click here to watch the service streamed live: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe\\_7Y0\\_2Ka7BtCdRUQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe_7Y0_2Ka7BtCdRUQ)

## Sunday 21st March

**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 5:21-43

### 'Jesus' Authority Over Sickness And Death.'



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## Pastor's Message

Today (14<sup>th</sup> March) is Mothering Sunday, which last year was our first lockdown service. More than ever, after the year we've had, we should thank God for mothers and those who fulfil the role of mothers. They have borne the brunt of juggling home schooling and work commitments (generally, not universally). Many mothers, especially those with grown-up children, have been separated from their children, who might well long for their mother's embrace. Other mothers, tragically, have lost their children this year, while others have lost their mothers. It's been a tough year. Perhaps, therefore, more than ever, this is a year to appreciate God's motherly characteristics. King David wrote in worship to God:

*"My heart is not proud, LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have calmed and quietened myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content."*

Psalm 131:1-2

What a wonderful picture of trust and comfort this is! This isn't the picture of a screaming baby in need of its mother's milk – a weaned child does not seek their mother out of an instinctive need to survive. This is the picture of a toddler cuddling up to their mother, just because they feel safe and secure there, just because they like to be with her. Her fragrance is gently sweet, her face is beautiful to them, her hands feel reassuringly warm. There is no danger here. The world is put right and made sense of in this moment. That is how David pictures his approach to God in worship; God, whose fragrant love is likewise sweet, whose face is awe-strikingly beautiful, whose nail-pierced hands assure us of a warm welcome, in whose arms there can be no danger. In those moments when we embrace him in worship, the world is put to rights and made sense of. May we learn to worship God with this same sense of peace and security.

With my love to you all. Andy.

## For Your Prayers

- Thank God for mothers and those who are a mother to us. Pray for those who find Mother's Day particularly hard, especially for those who are grieving.
- Pray about who you could invite to an online Alpha course.
- For our Russian friends at Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Tula.
- For all those serving the Lord in the UK and on the mission field.

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# Easter at Trinity

## Maundy Thursday Communion

8 pm Thursday 1st April

## Good Friday Service of Reflection

11 am Friday 2nd April

## Easter Sunday Family Service

10.30 am Sunday 4th April

Book your tickets via [www.trinitybexleyheth.org.uk/diary](http://www.trinitybexleyheth.org.uk/diary)



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At this stage, please book for just one service over the Easter weekend.

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### Church Members Meeting

The next Church Members Meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday 28th March at 12.15 pm. The agenda, proposed budget and explanatory letter have been emailed to Church Members.

### Annual Leave

Kerry is now on annual leave until Tuesday 23rd March. Please direct any admin enquiries to Andy until then.

### Trinity Diary

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| Monday 15th March    | 1 pm     | Foodbank     |
| Wednesday 17th March | 8 pm     | Zoom Prayers |
| Friday 19th March    | 10.30 am | Foodbank     |
| Monday 22nd March    | 1 pm     | Foodbank     |
| Wednesday 24th March | 8 pm     | Men's Zoom   |
| Friday 26th March    | 10.30 am | Foodbank     |

## The Alpha Course

Alpha

We have set a provisional start date of Sunday 25th April, 8pm for the Online Alpha Course. We would appreciate someone with experience of running Zoom meetings, including showing videos and dividing into breakout groups, who could take responsibility for the technical side of running the course. Promotional material to come. Please pray about who you could invite.

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