



# Trinity Baptist Church

## News Sheet

## Easter Weekend and 11th April 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

### Easter Weekend

**Maundy Thursday 1st April @ 8pm**

Communion Service. Led by Andy Banks. Luke 22:39-53, 'Yet not my will, but yours be done'

**Good Friday 2nd April @ 11 am**

Service of Reflection led by Andy Banks. Luke 23:26-46, 'Today you will be with me in paradise'

**Easter Sunday 4th April @ 10.30 am**

Family Service. Led by Andy Banks. Romans 8:16-22; 'Resurrection after resurrection'

### Sunday 11th April

**10.30 am** Communion Service. Speaker David Linley. Reading: Isaiah 40:31

**'Waiting On God'**

Click here to watch any of the services streamed live on  **YouTube**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe\\_7Y0\\_2Ka7BtCdRUQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe_7Y0_2Ka7BtCdRUQ)

### Pastor's Message

Happy Easter to you all!

There is no message that the world needs at this time as much as the good news of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. This has, of course, always been the case. But, having been forced to confront the realities of sickness and death so starkly this past year, it is all the more relevant. Medical science can prolong life, certainly, and we are grateful for it. But, however long we prolong life, we still cannot avoid the reality of sickness and death. It is the way of the world, and the world is that way because of human sin (our decision to live life apart from God and in rebellion against his rule). Paul wrote: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23a). We all have sinned, one way or another. So we all will die.

So far, that is not good news! But Paul continues: "... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23b). God has overcome the enemy of death, not by prolonging life forever – that would merely perpetuate the sinful, painful life we experience now. Rather, he has created life after death, by comprehensibly dealing with the root cause of death, which is sin. How has he done this? By the Son of God himself becoming a human in the person of Jesus Christ, living a perfect, sin-free life as a full human being, and then offering himself as a sacrifice on behalf of all humanity. Jesus took on himself the punishment of death and separation from God the Father that we deserved, so that we can be set free from having to face that punishment. Then Jesus blasted through the wall of death itself when he was resurrected back to eternal life – the first fruits of resurrection for all who will put their trust in him, and for the whole of creation eventually.

This is the true Christian hope: not the elongation of life as it is now, but the resurrection after death to a new and better, sin-free life to come. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:19-24: *"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power."*

There is no better news than this! For those of us who are privileged to have come to know the truth of this good news, let us allow it to shape our thinking and decision-making through what remains of this pandemic and beyond. For those who are still questioning and searching, let me encourage you to come along to our online Alpha, starting Sunday 25th April, and really give the time to explore Jesus' claims for yourself.

May you know peace and joy and abundant life this Easter. Andy.



You are invited to  
**Alpha Online**  
**A relaxed space to connect, ask questions, and explore Jesus' claims**

Taster Session  
Sunday 25th April, 8.00-9.15pm

Full 10 week course starts  
Sunday 2nd May, 8.00-9.15pm

Zoom details will be sent nearer the time, please contact [andy@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk](mailto:andy@trinitybexleyheath.org.uk) or 020 8301 2890 to register or ask for more details.



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Andy Banks.

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David Linley.

In-person & streamed live on  YouTube



## YP Meetings Resuming

YP plans to start back with face-to-face meetings on 18th April, sign up here:

<https://trinitybexleyheath.churchsuite.com/events/e4xvnbhu>

The next all-age service will be in May.

## Spring Harvest @ Home

Spring Harvest is not running in the usual manner this year but they are running events online from 4th—8th April.

More details can be found here:

<https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>

## For Your Prayers

- Praise God for the glorious truth that Jesus is alive! .
- Pray about who you could invite to the online Alpha course.
- Pray for those who are grieving loved ones.
- Pray for good rest for teachers and pupils over these Easter holidays.
- Pray that people will be sensible to continue to follow the rules as the country opens up, so that cases do not spike again.
- Pray for the persecuted Church who are often targeted especially over Easter.

## Study/Annual Leave

Andy will be on study leave between the 5th and 11th April. Kerry is now on annual leave until Tuesday 13th April. Jan will be on annual leave from Fri 16th - Fri 23rd April.

## Japanese Tea Time @ It's A Man Thing

Peter & Janet's "Japanese Tea Time" will be coming to It's A Man Thing this Wednesday 7th April. Advance booking needed to get your goody bag! Please contact Peter & Janet ([dallmanjp@omfmail.com](mailto:dallmanjp@omfmail.com))

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## Trinity Diary

Wednesday 7th April	8 pm	Men's Zoom
Friday 9th April	10.30 am	Foodbank
Saturday 10th April	4.30 pm	GodZone Zoom
Monday 12th April	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 14th April	8 pm	Zoom Prayers
Friday 16th April	10.30 am	Foodbank