



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 16th May 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

From 10am Zoom meeting led by David Linley; details in Kerry's email to you.

10.30 am Communion Service. Led by Andy Banks. Reading: Mark 6:30-44

'Jesus the Provider of Life's Essentials.'

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

Maureen Hubbard's Funeral

Maureen Hubbard's funeral will take place on the 28th May at 2pm by invite only. Details of the live-stream of the service are as follows:
Website <https://www.obitus.com/>

Username qibi7891

Password 465257

BMS Birthday Scheme

Thank you to all those people who sent me money for the BMS Birthday Scheme. In the past year I have been able to send £1,525 to BMS, helping to care for newborn babies at a hospital in Chad. If you would like to join the scheme just give me a call.

Annual General Meeting

The next church members meeting, including the annual general meeting will take place at 12.15 pm next Sunday 23rd May on Zoom. The agenda, joining instructions and AGM report has been sent out this week to church members.

For Your Prayers

- Pray for the guests and leaders of the Alpha course as they explore the topic 'How can I have faith?' this evening.
- Pray for an end to the unrest between the Israel and Palestine.
- For our Russian friends at Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Tula.
- For all those serving the Lord in the UK and on the mission field: Peter and Janet Dallman (OMF), Jeff Hall, Louise Brady (OMF: UK), Andrew and Sara Harwood (OM UK Birmingham), Andrew and Faye Osenton (Wearside YFC), Mark and Jo Penny (WBT: New Zealand), David & Michele Mahon (BMS, Peru), For the CRIBS, Cornerstone & Azar Teams, Martin and Jose Seymour (Littlehampton B.C.), The School & Street Pastors teams, including Kim McColl, Jamie King (Rock UK), Jackie Lyon (Christians Against Poverty), Ruth Martin (Evergreen Care Bexley).

Pastor's Message

"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" (John 6:9).

Today are exploring the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000+ people. One feature of that story which Mark does not include is that the five loaves and two fish which Jesus used to perform that miracle belonged to a small boy.

This was a central feature in the sermon that was preached at my graduation from Spurgeon's College by one of my tutors, John Colwell. He imagined a question from Jesus to the small boy, "May I have your lunch?" He spoke of the insufficiency of the small boy's offering in and of itself, but of how, in the hands of Jesus it became more than sufficient. He spoke of the small boy's sacrifice of his own wants and needs for the good of all. And he spoke of the trust that the small boy placed in Jesus; that by giving up, not an added extra, but what he needed to stave off his own hunger, he trusted that Jesus would not leave him hungry. All of this enabled the famous miracle, and the boy's trust was met with more than enough provision not only for him, but for everyone else.

The lessons were, of course, applied to our forthcoming ministries. But the same applies to all of us, and to the collective church. If we are operating where God wants us to operate, our offering should always be insufficient for the task – if it isn't then what need have we of God? Likewise, our offering for the spread of Jesus' Kingdom will always involve sacrifice and trust – sacrifice of time, money, skills, and emotional energy (especially expended in prayer), in trust that God will bring a harvest from our efforts and will give us all we need, too. It is not that the blessing of God is proportional to the sacrifice we are willing to make (how can it ever be so restricted?), but it is that God tends to respond to sacrifice and passionate prayer and will often wait to move until it is given and persisted in.

Jesus stands before each of us and asks, "May I have your lunch? Will you entrust into my hands what you have to offer?" And if we are willing to give it, he will do immeasurably more with it than we could ask or imagine. As we continue to experience the blessings arising from the increased covid-vaccinations, I believe the time is now right for each of us to look afresh at what we are offering to Jesus to benefit the spread of his kingdom on earth. Will you let Jesus have your lunch?

My love to you all.

Andy.

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Trinity Diary

Monday 17th May	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 19th May	8 pm	Men's Zoom
	Meeting ID: 956 4934 3610	
Friday 21st May	10.30 am	Foodbank
Sunday 23rd May	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sunday 23rd May	12.15 pm	Annual General-Meeting on Zoom