



# Trinity Baptist Church

## News Sheet

## Sunday 20th June 2021

### Welcome to Trinity!

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

**10.30 am** Communion Service. Preacher: Andy Banks. Reading: Mark 8:22-33

### 'Jesus, The Opener Of Blind Eyes'

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

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**'Jesus, The Opener Of Blind Eyes'**  
**Mark 8:22-33**  
**Andy Banks.**

In-person & streamed live on  **YouTube**



### Pastor's Message

"But what about *you*?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Mark 8:29

Jesus' question is intensely personal. He isolates off everyone else's conclusions and asks each of us to examine our own personal response: "Who is Jesus?" Mark unashamedly collated all the material in his Gospel was to lead to the conclusion Peter reached: "You are the Messiah," God's promised Saviour for the world.

But the fact that I believe that means nothing for your standing before God. If your family believes that, it means nothing for your standing before God. If you come to church regularly, it means nothing for your standing before God. Each of us literally lives or dies by our own personal answer to Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?" He claimed to be the promised Messiah King, the one who would free God's people into true worship of God. More than that, he claimed to be God himself in human flesh. Do you believe he is? To sit on the fence is ultimately to side with those who don't accept Jesus' claims about himself. We all must face up to this most important of questions, "Who do you say Jesus is?"

Furthermore, in today's passage, we discover that it is perfectly possible to believe that Jesus is God's promised Messiah and the Son of God, and yet fail to take in the implications of that, or what sort of Messiah he is. Jesus was not the leader of a revolution. Nor did he merely come to show and teach us a better way of life. He came to die. He came to take on himself God's punishment for our sin (our choices to live life our way and to ignore or rebel against God's way of life). God's punishment for sin is death and eternal separation from him. But Jesus came to die, so that we could be set free to really live with and for God. To accept Jesus as our personal Messiah, is to accept his judgement that we are naturally sinners, and to humbly say, "Thank you for taking what I deserved and for setting me free." And to accept Jesus is to decide from this moment on that we will live our lives his way, for him. This Father's Day, there is no greater joy we can bring to our Heavenly Father than to accept his beloved Son, Jesus. Who do you say he is?

With my love and prayers,

Andy.

### Restarting GodZone and Booking Tickets

We are planning to restart face-to-face GodZone and Creche fortnightly from 4th July, unless there is significant change in the Covid situation in the local area between now and then. We have put in place a plan which adheres to current regulations and reduces the Covid risk as much as possible, including social distancing where possible, regular sanitation and adequate ventilation. Children and adults over the age of 11 must also wear a face mask (when teaching, adults will wear a face shield instead, so their mouths can be seen); face masks for children aged 5-11 are optional. Attendance remains entirely a personal choice for both the leaders and families in GodZone.

Creche will meet in the back hall downstairs. Current group sizes make it more sensible to join Alpha and Beta together in the middle hall downstairs, and Gamma and Delta together in the main hall upstairs. Current regulations and the limitations of our building mean that it is not possible to run GodZone and Creche on the same weeks as YP, so YP will run on alternate weeks to the other groups until restrictions are lifted sufficiently to allow both to run concurrently. We plan to also run all-age services on some of the YP days. Children's materials will continue to be provided for other services.

Children should arrive with their families through the front doors and will go straight to their groups for the whole service. At the end of the service, parents should exit the church through the front doors and go to the blue side doors to collect their child(ren).

As with all activities, please do not bring your children if they or you have any covid symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss or change in sense of smell or taste), or if they or you have been asked to self isolate.

**Tickets for July's services can now be booked. Please ensure you book yourself into the main service and your child/ren into the appropriate GodZone group by selecting the correct ticket. Please note that if the ticket you require doesn't appear, it means it is full. Places are limited so book early via these links:**

4th July: <https://trinitybexleyheath.churchsuite.com/events/rn1ynxay>

18th July: <https://trinitybexleyheath.churchsuite.com/events/3bjzofsg>

### Children's Worker Consultation

A questionnaire was sent to GodZone parents, leaders and helpers this week; if possible, please could you respond to it today so that the Deacons can include opinions in their discussions at their meeting tomorrow night. Ask Kerry if you need the link resent.



# National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2021

Online

## Life Beyond Covid: A Renewed Hope

Friday 25 June · 8.00-8.45am

**Please join us for the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2021 *Online*, which will be livestreamed on Friday 25 June from 8:00-8:45am.**

The event will include prayers led by parliamentarians, hymns led by special guest singers and a keynote address by The Rt Revd Professor NT Wright.

As we start to think about life beyond the coronavirus pandemic, we want to bring together parliamentarians, church leaders and Christians from across the UK to pray for our country, parliament, government and politics, and reflect on the message of renewed hope that the Christian Faith brings to our society.

<https://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast/attend/>

### For Your Prayers

- Give thanks for the gift of fathers and father-figures this Father's Day. Pray for God's blessing and leading on them to love and nurture like He does. Pray too for those who have lost, never known or have a difficult relationship with their father; may they know God's comfort and revelation of the perfect father today.
- Give thanks for Saturday's Alpha day focussing on the Holy Spirit and pray for Sunday's session titled 'How can I make the most of the rest of my life?'
- Give thanks for Saturday's family picnic and pray for Debs Harmer as she prepares for the restart of GodZone on the 4th July.
- Pray for the Bexley Centre for the Unemployed Committee as they meet on Thursday to begin to discuss how and when they can safely re-open their services.
- 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).

### Trinity Diary

Monday 21st June	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 23rd June	8 pm	Zoom Prayers
Friday 25th June	10.30 am	Foodbank
Sunday 27th June	10.30 am	Morning Service
Sunday 4th July	10.30 am	Morning Service;
with visit from David and Michelle Mahon, plus GodZone resumes.		

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