

# **Trinity Baptist Church**

**News Sheet** 

# Sunday 4th July 2021

### Welcome to Trinity!

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

**10.30 am** Morning Service with David and Michele Mahon.

We look forward to hearing from David and Michelle as to how God has been using them in Peru over the last couple of years.

Click here to watch the service streamed live: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8vTabe</a> 7YO 2Ka7BtCdRUQ



#### **For Your Prayers**

- Praise God that we can resume GodZone and Creche sessions today and ask for God's blessing on the leaders and children.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to hear from David and Michele Mahon and ask for God's blessing on their time in the UK and when they return to their work in Peru.
- Pray for the Alpha group as they look at the subject of 'Does God Heal Today?' this evening.
- Pray for those who have recently been bereaved and those with ongoing health concerns.
- Prayer for wisdom for the government as they consider what restrictions should or shouldn't remain in place after 19th July.

	<b>Trinity Diary</b>	
Monday 5th July	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 7th July	8 pm	Zoom Prayers
Friday 9th July	10.30 am	Foodbank
Sunday 11th July	10.30 am	All-age Service
Sunday 18th July	10.30 am	<b>Morning Service</b>
	12.15 pm	Church Meeting

#### Pastor's Message

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory." 2 Timothy 2:8-10

We warmly welcome David, Michelle, Jonathan, Ruth and Phoebe Mahon among us today, who are currently on home assignment from their work with BMS World Mission, in Iquitos, Peru. Their presence among us is a reminder to me that, whilst taking every reasonable precaution against Covid, there is a higher call on all of us, which is the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ. For, this has remained their focus, as we shall no doubt hear today. Likewise, in Paul's day the risks were different to those we face, but they were certainly no less. Spreading the gospel, as in many parts of the world today, could easily lead to imprisonment or even death. Yet Paul concern was for the gospel above all else. Hence, he rejoiced that the gospel can never be chained, and he was willing to endure anything and everything to fulfil God's charge to him to preach this gospel.

The Mahon family's presence among us is also a reminder to me of the immense privileges we enjoy in the UK, resulting from the mass covid vaccination programme - privileges that are yet to be enjoyed fully in Peru or in the majority of the rest of the world. It is clear that the vaccination programme is significantly changing the covid landscape from a focus on the number of infections to a focus on the severity of infections, with far few covid cases leading to serious illness or hospitalisation. Such a landscape enables us to re-open GodZone and creche today with care, but with confidence. That confidence does depend upon us all continuing to observe the covid regulations and in particular not coming to face-toface meetings if we are, or could be, infectious (on that point, please note the growing evidence that the primary symptoms of the Delta Variant are different to those seen before, including headaches, sore throat and runny Nevertheless, it is a great delight to be able to offer this vital connection to our children who have suffered so much during It is another important step towards "normality" and another reminder that the gospel is not and cannot be chained by anything.

May you have a blessed and faith-filled week, Andy.







The next church Members Meeting will take place on Sunday 18th July at 12.15 via Zoom. Agenda to follow as soon as possible, but please encourage people to be praying especially about the possibility of employing a children's and families worker - discussion about this will form a significant part of the meeting.

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# **Booking Tickets for services in July**

Tickets for July's services can be booked here: https://www.trinitybexleyheath.org.uk/diary/

Please ensure you book yourself into the main service and your child/ren into the appropriate GodZone group or into YP 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.

## **Children's Worker Consultation**

A questionnaire has been sent to GodZone parents, leaders and helpers last week; if you haven't already done so, please respond TODAY. These responses will really help shape our understanding of the needs, and therefore of the priorities that a prospective children's worker might have and the hours that such a role might require to meet those priorities. This will enable us to draft a far more comprehensive proposal for the church meeting to consider in July. Ask Kerry if you need the link resent.