



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 11th July 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

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

10.30 am All-Age Service. Led by Andy Banks and Debs Harmer. Reading: Mark 8:31 - 9:1

'Jesus' Call: Take Up Your Cross.'


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



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Bexleyheath

SUNDAY 11TH JULY
10.30 AM

All-Age Service

In-person & streamed live on  YouTube

Church Members Meeting

The next church Members Meeting will take place next Sunday 18th July at 12.15 via Zoom. The agenda was emailed to church members on Thursday.

For Your Prayers

- Give thanks for the opportunity to hear from David and Michele Mahon last week.
- Praise God that we could reopen GodZone sessions last week.
- Pray for the Alpha group as they look at the subject of 'Why and how should I tell others?' and the course concludes at 5 pm this evening.
- Pray for those who have recently been bereaved and those with ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for wisdom for the government, as they make decisions about when and how to further ease restrictions, and for wisdom for ourselves and the general population in response to announcements.

Pastor's Message

"It's Coming Home!" apparently – or at least there is a chance that it still might. My apologies to those of you who hate football, but for many this could be an extremely significant day, for some even the most significant day they have yet had. Sport has tremendous power either for good or evil, but at its best it has the potential to unite, to provide moments of overwhelming euphoria, and even to heal wounds and pain to a degree. I'm sure England getting to the final would have produced the sorts of scenes we've seen anyway, but perhaps it means that much more following the trauma we have all suffered over the last year.

However, there are limits to the benefits that sport can give us. The moments of elation may last as a memory, but they do not give our lives lasting meaning or significance or provide peace in the ongoing challenges of life. The achievements of people we don't actually know can never be a substitute for real relationships, and especially not for the relationship we all need with God through Jesus Christ. Jesus puts it like this in today's passage:

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul [life, being]? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" Mark 8:36-37

It seems to me that if we really took in the glorious victory that Jesus has won for us and the enormity of its significance for us, the emotion we feel should far outstrip the emotion we should feel when a goal goes in! This tournament began with a player, Christian Eriksen "dying" on the pitch and needing to be revived, and there is a sense in which the Denmark team have been playing for him. By Jesus did die voluntarily and completely so we could be set free forever. How should that affect our worship? How should that affect how we "play" our lives? Let's enjoy the achievements of the England football team over the last couple of weeks (win or lose today), but let's not give those achievements more weight than they deserve. Let us rather, reserve the best of our celebrations and our worship for Jesus, the greatest champion of all!

My love to you all. Andy.

Trinity Diary

Monday 12th July	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 14th July	8 pm	Men's Zoom
	Meeting ID: 956 4934 3610	
Friday 16th July	10.30 am	Foodbank
Sunday 18th July	10.30 am	Morning Service
	12.15 pm	Church Meeting