



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 18th 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. Preacher: Andy Banks. Reading: Mark 8:???

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

12.15 pm Church Members Meeting, held on Zoom. Agenda and joining instructions were emailed out on 8th July.



Spot Dave on Songs of Praise!

Today's episode of Songs of Praise (BBC1, 13.15 pm, or on iPlayer) features the work of Wheels for the World—you might even get a glimpse of Dave Camp!

For Your Prayers

- Give thanks for the completion of the Alpha Course and for the significant steps that each of our guests made on their journey of faith. Please pray that God will continue to lead them on their journey to know him."
- Pray for the church members meeting today and for a sense of God's leading about the issues discussed.
- Pray for those anticipating or recovering from recent surgery, including a number of people awaiting cataract operations.
- Pray for those who are suffering with poor mental health.
- Pray that as restrictions are eased, people will hear the messages around personal responsibility. Pray that the vaccine will continue to ensure low numbers of hospital admissions. Pray, too, for protection from angry resistance for those who have to enforce the rules of individual companies and organisations.
- Pray for children, young people and teachers as they finish school this week. Pray for good rest over the summer break.

Pastor's Message

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself' ... So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh ... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:13-14, 16, 22-23a

With freedom comes responsibility. Distressingly, we've seen yet again this week how some people believe they can say what they like on social media ("It's my right to have freedom of speech"), without any thought to the damage that their words can do. The result is devastating to others, and that is before we even talk about the physical violence we've seen! With freedom comes responsibility.

As Christians we are called to "serve one another in love." That means we need to talk, and especially to *listen*, to one another regarding how we exercise the freedoms we have been granted in law from covid restrictions from tomorrow. This is why we have not yet announced our response to these freedoms – we believe it is important to listen to the Church Members' Meeting first, before finalising our plans, as we have been listening to the experts in the field over the last few weeks. Some of us may have very strong feelings one way or another about this issue in particular. But, if the fruit of the Spirit includes patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control, then that should be evident in the way that we talk about these questions, too, as with all our discussions in Church Members' Meetings. So let us prayerfully seek God together for wisdom, let us continue to be responsible in our actions to serve one another in love, and let us continue to pray for God's protection over his flock as we begin to enjoy the greater measure of freedom afforded by the vaccine programme.

My love to you all. Andy.

GodZone during August

Kerry sent an email to all GodZone parents this week asking about availability in August; please reply today if you haven't already so we can make appropriate plans. Thank you.

Trinity Diary

Monday 19th July	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 21st July	8 pm	Zoom Prayers
Friday 23rd July	10.30 am	Foodbank
Sunday 25th July	10.30 am	Communion Service

Coming in the Autumn - a baptism enquirers course; look out for more details soon.