



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 5th September 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

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

10.30 am Commissioning Service. Preacher: Andy Banks. Reading: Mark 10:13-16

'Jesus' Elevation of Children.'

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

Pastor's Message

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." Romans 12:4-8

Watching the Paralympics, it is amazing to see how well the human body can adapt and compensate for deficiencies in bodily function. This is especially brought home when formerly able-bodied people lose the function of one or more parts of their bodies. The feats they achieve are often remarkable, but the very existence of the Paralympics demonstrates that none of these athlete's bodies functions in the optimum way. Equally, the honesty of many athletes has helped us to understand the strain that is put on other parts of the body, including the mind, when they are forced to compensate for parts that do not function so well.

As we recommission our children's and youth leaders again today, it is a good opportunity to reflect upon what it means for the Church to be the *body* of Christ. Implied within that picture is mutual support of one another. But in Romans 12, Paul also offers a small sample list of different gifts that are given to members of the Church for the common good. Regardless of the specific gift, his main point is clear – gifts should be used for the service of the body. The body needs *all* its members to play their part if the body is to function at its optimum. Over the last eighteen months, for obvious reasons, this has not always been possible. The great consequent danger is that it is easy to get in to the habit of consuming church to our preference and out of the habit of *serving* within the church, with the inevitable consequence that other members of the body end up overstretched.

As we slowly take advantage of the good protection offered by the vaccine programme and so look to open back up our various ministries, there are a number of gaps within church life that we really could do with people stepping up to fill (and not always the same people). So, I encourage you, alongside Caz's challenge to commit to corporate prayer, to look at the list below, and prayerfully consider the question, "Is there something here that I could now contribute towards?" If you would like to know more, please ask me or the people named next to each opportunity for service.

My love to you all, Andy.

Opportunity for service	Who to speak to
Creche (another couple of helpers)	Sarah Mills
Godzone (emergency cover as leaders or helpers)	Debs Harmer
YP (significant need for both leaders and helpers)	Lorraine Sansom or Helen French
Livestreaming (we are down to just two people at present; reasonable computer skills needed, but full training given)	Leo Beaumont
Sound desk operatives (again full training given)	Leo Beaumont
Projectionists (full training given; if you can operate Microsoft Word, you can learn how to do this)	Jon French
Worship Band (instrumentalists and singers as we are losing some to university)	Jon French
Oasis coffeeshop (baking cakes or serving / washing up)	Elaine Camp or Janet Grist
Pastoral Care Team (we are looking to augment this team)	Janet Grist
Diaconate (others must nominate you, but we'd be happy to have a chat)	Any of the current deacons

Trinity Diary

Monday 6th Sept.	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 8th Sept.	8pm	Gathered Prayers on Zoom
Friday 8th September	10.30 am	Foodbank
Sunday 10th Sept.	10.30 am	Morning Service with GodZone

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Children's Worker

Today (5th Sept) is the final day to make an application for the role of Children's Worker. All the details can be found on the home page of the Trinity website.

Sunday Morning Zoom Meetings

After over 70 weeks of holding our Sunday Zoom Get Togethers before and after each of the morning services, we feel that the time has now come to bring them to a close. Our last get together will therefore be this Sunday 5th September. Thank you to everyone who has joined us. We have so appreciated your fellowship and look forward to seeing you face to face in church very very soon.

David and Anne Linley

For Your Prayers

- Praise God for the blessing of our children's and youth leaders and helpers and pray that this work is blessed and strengthened this year.
- Pray for our children and young people as they return to school or college
- Pray for those who are preparing to start or return to university.
- Pray for those who are housebound.
- Pray for Afghanistan; Pray for the people of Afghanistan – those in fear and not wanting more conflict; those living hand to mouth; those injured in crossfire; those grieving loved ones. Pray for those in authority – to work for peace. Pray for people evacuating – leaving the place they call home at short notice, worried about the effect on their children, worried about their friends and neighbours. Pray for the Taliban, that they would be filled with the Lord's compassion and show mercy and respect to the people of Afghanistan, especially to Afghan women and vulnerable people.
- As today is 'Climate Sunday' pray for governments to take seriously the need to act on the last month's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change assessment report and its recommendations.

A New Look For Zoom Prayers

Many of you will be aware of the Zoom prayers which started on a two weekly basis during lockdown. If you haven't managed to join in yet, they have been times of good fellowship and unity in intercessory prayer, covering the needs of Trinity people as well as the community and the world. The prayers are led by different people within the church and have been varied, individual and refreshing, as well as bringing us closer together. I extend a warm invitation for you to join in. We will be changing the pattern of prayer from September, to alternate between Zoom prayers and face to face prayers at church.

I am praying that the Lord will build up this group and we will see it as a powerhouse of Prayer, fellowship and unity. So I want to issue a challenge: Could you commit to join one of these prayer sessions (1 hour) each month to pray together as a fellowship? God will surely bless these times with His presence, and just imagine what fruit we could see if everyone in the fellowship committed to join together like this in prayer!

I know that many people are committed to all sorts of responsibilities, disciplines and activities; also I'm aware that many opportunities for prayer exist in various groups within the church. I am not seeking to divert you from what you feel is right for you, just to encourage you to be part of the whole fellowship in prayer. It will mean that we can know together an enhanced understanding of corporate vision. This will build us up and encourage us. We need courage to take us forward after such a difficult time coping with the Pandemic and all its consequences. I believe these Prayer times will give voice to our concerns and help to equip us.

Look out for the details of Gathered prayers in Kerry's communications or on the News sheet each week. Caz Kirby-Smith.