



# Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 19th September 2021

## Welcome to Trinity!

**10.30 am** All-Age Service with Communion. Led by Andy Banks and Debs Harmer. Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

### 'What is the Church?'

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

### Communion

Today's service will include communion. Children are welcome to take communion if their parents believe they understand the significance of doing so.

### For Your Prayers

- Praise God for His faithfulness to us as a church and for the new people who have joined us recently.
- Pray for us as a body of believers - for unity and devotion to the spread of the Gospel, for God to work powerfully in and through us such that we see people (children and adults) coming to faith and growing in their discipleship.
- Pray for those going off to university, and their families who are letting them go.
- Pray for those with continuing health needs
- Pray for Wilma Cooper as she continues to recover from her hip and leg operation
- Pray for Joan, Kim, the Bradys and those who are grieving.
- 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).

### Pastor's Message

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47

Most of you will know by now that I believe this short summary of the early days of the first Church provide us with a wonderful insight into what the Church should strive to become. I have stated before that I see in this passage nine specific features of church life, namely:

- Solid biblical teaching
- Genuine fellowship
- Praise and worship, particularly focused around communion
- Prayer, especially corporate prayer
- Space and openness for the Holy Spirit to work
- Generous and sacrificial giving
- A good name amongst
- A clear missional and evangelistic focus
- Pastoral care for existing members

Today, I don't want to say any more about those features. I simply want to draw your attention again to the first words of this passage: "They devoted themselves to ..." To devote oneself to something is to give up oneself wholly to it. So, I want to suggest a couple of questions that I believe are good for each of us to ask ourselves: 1) "What does devotion to these priorities look like in the current situation?" and 2) "How has the covid pandemic either enhanced or lessened our devotion to these priorities?" If our devotion has waned in any way, now is a good time to act to rekindle it. The result of the first Christians' devotion to these things was that "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." What might God do among us, if we are similarly devoted?

My love to you all. Andy.

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### Church Members Meeting

The next church members meeting will be held on Sunday 26th September at 12.15 pm on Zoom. The agenda was emailed to Members on Thursday 16th September.

### Annual Leave

Our Pastoral Care Worker Janet Grist is on annual leave until the 24th September; any pastoral matters should be addressed to Andy during this time.

### London Marathon

Adam Harmer is finally running the London Marathon on 3rd October after it was cancelled due to Covid. He is training hard and doing brilliantly working towards his target time. He is running to raise money for AZAR, who build and support schools in Tanzania (you can find out more about their work on his fundraising page). If you feel able to sponsor him, he would really appreciate it. If you sponsored him before lockdown last year, then this still stands. Thank you!



<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=AdamHarmer&pageUrl=1>

### Coming to GodZone

Please remember that in order to minimise sharing of resources, when children come out to GodZone, we need them to bring a drink, snack (no nuts please) and a pencil case. Thank you.



### Children's & Youth Medical Details

A reminder to all parents that you have been emailed this week asking for updated medical details for your child/ren—please respond to Kerry, whether or not your child/ren has any medical concerns.

### Gathered Prayers This Wednesday

A warm welcome awaits you at the Prayer Gathering. This is the first meeting that will be face to face.

Same routines as for Sunday service, eg. recording names, hand sanitiser on entry, spaced sitting, etc. Masks desirable for the time being, bring your own drinks please, we will progress to refreshments when it's possible. We will be moving into smaller groups for the prayers on the suggested topics.

Ron will be playing live music for us to sing/worship.

Will you come and join us?

### Trinity Diary

Monday 20th Sept.	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 22nd Sept.	8pm	Gathered Prayers
Friday 24th September	10.30 am	Foodbank
Sunday 26th Sept.	10.30 am	Morning Service with GodZone
Sunday 26th Sept.	12.15 pm	Church Members Meeting

### Lift to Church

Gwen Smythe is keen to return to church but is no longer able to walk that far. Please could you consider whether you could pick her up for church regularly, perhaps on a rota basis? She lives in Pincott Road, Bexleyheath. Please let Kerry know if you can help.