

Church Members Meeting

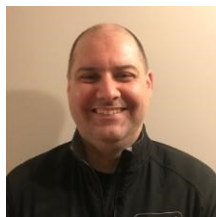
A church members meeting will be held today at 12.15 pm on Zoom. The agenda was emailed to Members on Thursday 16th September.

It's A Man Thing

It's A Man Thing meets by Zoom on Wednesday 29 September at 8pm, for conversation, prayer and study. Meeting ID 874 2600 6830. Passcode 843673. Plus, at long last, we are planning a curry at the Aligor on Wednesday 20 October at 7.30pm. Please speak to Andrew Altman.

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>

Classical Music with Bryn

Bryn Roach is thinking of inviting interested folk to occasional afternoon meetings to listen to classical music in his home. Anyone interested please contact Bryn for further information. There would be maximum capacity of 8 to begin with, but this could increase later.

Trinity Diary

Monday 27th Sept.	1 pm	Foodbank
Wednesday 29th Sept.	8pm	It's A Man Thing (Zoom)
Friday 1st October	10.30 am	Foodbank
Sunday 3rd October	10.30 am	Morning Service with YP

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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.

Reopening Oasis

We are planning to reopen Oasis on Tuesday 5th October providing we have sufficient help. The help needed is as follows: bakers (roughly once every 6 weeks), people to wash up and serve on the day (roughly once a month), people to help set up after church on Sundays and to help put the chairs back for Sunday sometime between Tuesday afternoon and Saturday afternoon. Please contact Elaine Camp or Jan Grist. Thank you.

An Update from Evergreen Care UK

As we start to come out of lockdown, the effect the pandemic has had on older peoples confidence and mental health is becoming very apparent which has resulted in a large increase in referrals for our support. It has also shone a spotlight on the desperate need for more quality services to support our older community and show them the love, dignity and respect that they deserve.

The last 18 months have been a challenge for us here at Evergreen, but we have faced those challenges face on and have been determined to continue supporting our community and be a place where people can find help and support in their time of need.

But this has also meant a lot of investment into our Organisation and IT infrastructure so our staff could work from home and continue to provide that much needed support. As you can imagine, the result of this investment has had an impact on our finances.

"WE NEED YOUR HELP"

That is why we are launching our first campaign called 'The 500'. We are looking for 500 people from across our community to donate minimum of £10 a month to the ongoing work of Evergreen. Along with this we are looking for 100 people to donate a one-off gift of £250 and 20 people to donate a one-off gift of £1000.

If you would like to help us to help our community please follow this link to our crowdfunding page

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/evergreen-care-uk-500-campaign>



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 26th September 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

10.30 am

Morning Service including Creche and GodZone provision.

Preacher: Andy Banks. Reading: Mark 10:32-45

'Jesus' and his disciples' cup and baptism'

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

12.15 pm

Church Members Meeting on Zoom

For Your Prayers

- Praise God for his abundant provision for the church.
- Pray for today's church meeting.
- Pray for those going off to university, and their families who are letting them go.
- Pray for those with continuing health needs.
- Pray for those who can't get out as much as they'd like.
- Pray for the work of Evergreen and for sufficient funds for the work.
- Pray for CRiBS, back in some schools, but still with quite empty diaries. Pray for openings and opportunities.
- Pray for real game-changing progress at the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, starting 1st Nov.
- Pray for Adam Harmer as he prepares to run the London Marathon next Sunday.

Pastor's Message

"Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?" Mark 10:38

The "cup" and "baptism" in Jesus' question are an example of what is technically called "synonymous parallelism," meaning that they are two different metaphors portraying the same reality. They both depict the intense suffering Jesus was about to undergo in his flogging and crucifixion, and two pictures are given to emphasise just how great that suffering would be! By extension, given Jesus' subsequent prediction, they also depict the suffering and persecution that the disciples would experience as his followers.

Across the world, Jesus' question will likely have far more resonance than it does in the UK. For much of the Christian Church experiences intense persecution for their faith, often even the threat of death. That Christians are still so willing to suffer and die rather than keep their faith quiet is both humbling and challenging. And it is instructive that the Church is growing fastest in countries where there is persecution. Church growth is hard to measure exactly, but the most recent estimates report that the fastest growing Churches in the world are in Iran followed by Afghanistan, which rank 8th and 2nd respectively in Open Doors' list of the most severely persecuted Churches. Admittedly, those growth figures are prior to the Taliban regaining control of Afghanistan, but I have also seen information from Catalytic Ministries (who work with the underground church) to suggest that at least one underground network ballooned from 320 to approximately 2,500 members in the fortnight after the Taliban seized power.

What is the secret of this growth? Obviously, God's sovereign hand determines when and how his Church grows, but surely he also responds to the commitment of church members and their willingness to drink the cup that Jesus drank. In Iran, for instance, they sing songs about wanting to be martyrs for Christ, and the overwhelming mantra of many of the leaders is, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the gospel." They have but one priority: the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am challenged by their single-minded commitment to consider my own priorities and our own priorities as a church. The Jesus portrayed in the Gospels issues a radical challenge to his disciples: not just can you, but are you willing to, drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with? How do we respond to that challenge?

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
Diaconate (others must nominate you, but we'd be happy to have a chat)	Any of the current deacons