



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 3rd October 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

10.30 am

Morning Service including separate YP Service.

Preacher: Andy Banks. Reading: Mark 10:46-52

'Jesus, the Son of David'

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

For Your Prayers

- Praise God for the appointment of Debs Harmer as our Children's Worker.
- Pray for those with continuing health needs.
- Pray for Andy and the Deacons, and for the deacons election.
- Pray for Adam Harmer and Sean Brady who are running the marathon today.
- Pray that the need for volunteers within our ministries are met, as detailed below.

Pastor's Message

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:47b

Bartimaeus' request recognised Jesus' greatness as God's promised Messiah King. It also recognised his own great need, which he knew he must bring to Jesus because he alone could meet that need. In his case, his great need was to see, and thereby to be able to work and earn a living, rather than having to beg for his food and water, relying on others' generosity to meet his needs.

But the same words are also found in a parable Jesus told about a Pharisee and a tax collector (Luke 18:9-14). The Pharisee looked at himself and saw only his own self-declared righteousness. He was unwilling to look at his own shortcomings and address them, and therefore he was blind to them. The tax collector, on the other hand, knew his shortcomings only too well – his eyes could see the truth – and he knew that his only hope was to throw himself on God's mercy. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Jesus stated that God's response to that prayer was exactly the same as his response to Bartimaeus' prayer: he granted his request. The Christian life is a continual call to examine ourselves, our shortcomings and our needs, before God and to come to him humbly with the prayer, "God, have mercy on me!" The joy, when we do that, is that we find the freedom of living within his forgiveness. May God grant us all the courage to examine ourselves and find that joy in repentance.

In his love.

Andy.

Opportunity for service	Who to speak to
Parent/ Toddler Group	Debs Harmer
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)	Leo Beaumont
Sound desk operatives (again full training given)	Leo Beaumont
Projectionists (full training given; if you can operate Microsoft Word, you can)	Jon French
Worship Band (instrumentalists and singers as we are losing some to)	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

Children's Worker

We are delighted to announce that Debs Harmer will be our new Children's Worker and are excited about the developments she can bring to our outreach and discipleship of children (and their families). A start date will be set in due course, once we have finalised the legalities such as signing of contracts. Praise God for all that Debs has contributed thus far in running Godzone, and please pray for her as she begins to plan the first priorities of her role, and for encouragements as she begins. One priority will be to seek to re-establish our parent and toddler group, for which we will need a team. If you are interested, please contact either Debs or Andy.

Deacons Election

The Deacons election will take place at the church members meeting on the 21st November. Andrew Evans comes to the end of his term and is willing to stand for election again. The Pastors and Deacons would welcome others to the Diaconate who have a heart to serve the whole fellowship and a sense that God is calling them.

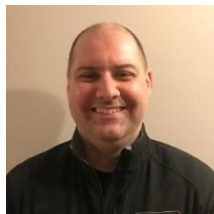
The election will be held at the Church Meeting on 21 November 2021. Up to three additional Deacons may be elected, which may include those eligible for re-election, but there is no requirement to fill all the vacancies. We have made changes to the nomination process to allow for COVID restrictions. There is an online form to complete here:

<https://forms.gle/EW7puBUypABf9pEm9>

Once complete, Kerry will follow up with the candidate and nominees to gain formal consent. The nominations must be complete by the 31st October.

London Marathon

Adam Harmer is finally running the London Marathon today after it was cancelled due to Covid. He has trained hard and is doing brilliantly 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>

Can You Help?

James Martin has a homeless friend in need of a large camping rucksack—if you could help with this please contact James. Thank you.

COVID Update

Mask-wearing in church is now optional, but please consider other people's wellbeing and your proximity to others in your decision whether or not to wear a mask, especially when walking around the building. We ask the church to act in grace towards one another concerning this emotive decision.

Reopening Oasis

We are planning to reopen Oasis on Tuesday 12th 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.

Hymns of Praise

We're trialling a new service! It will be called 'Hymns of Praise' and the first meeting will be on Sunday 17th Oct, 3-4pm. A simple chance to sing some of the older hymns together.

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.

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Trinity Diary

Monday 4th October	1—3.30 pm	Foodbank
Friday 8th October	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Foodbank
	8 pm	YP
Sunday 10th October	10.30 am	Morning Service with Creche & GodZone
Sunday 17th October	10.30 am	Communion Service with YP Service
Sunday 24th October	10.30 am	Morning Service with Creche & GodZone
Sunday 31st October	10.30 am	All-age Service