



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 5th December 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

9.30 am Morning Prayer in the lounge.

10.30 am Morning Service; Second Sunday in Advent. Preacher: Andy Banks with a new sermon series:
'The Incarnation: What Does It Mean?'

Reading: Hebrews 1:1 - 2:4 'God For God: The Exact Representation Of His Being.'

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

3 pm Hymns of Praise - A simple chance to sing some of the older hymns together.

Andy Banks

Andy has now returned to work. This is on reduced hours and responsibilities; namely preaching, staff meetings, essential emails and some pastoral visiting.

Wearing Masks at Trinity

The deacons have been considering our mask policy in Church in the light of the emergence of the new Omicron variant of Covid-19, and the precautionary change to rules in shops and on public transport. We note that in England mask-wearing has not been made a legal requirement for churches or for venues such as theatres or cinemas, though it has been strongly recommended and each venue is free to insist upon mask-wearing if they wish.

There is only limited data available at present from which to assess the potential impact of Omicron. Among scientific experts, there is certainly concern, but perhaps not the panic that some newspaper headlines might lead us to believe. Early indications are that Omicron may be more easily transmissible than Delta and could be more effective at evading the antibodies built up through vaccines or previous infections. However, any reduction in immunity may be counteracted by the increased immunity offered by the booster vaccine. There is no indication that Omicron is any more severe than Delta (it may be slightly less severe), and it is believed that the vaccines will still offer significant protection against serious infection.

In the light of the uncertainty, the deacons would strongly recommend wearing masks in church at least until better information is available. As an added precaution, we would also recommend that everyone takes a lateral flow test before coming to church if they are able to do so. But, at this stage, we do not believe that it is necessary to make mask-wearing mandatory again, and we recognise that there may be good reasons why people choose not to wear them. We will continue to closely monitor how this variant develops and will adjust our policy if the need arises – we have the ability to do this quickly if necessary. As ever, it is important that we exercise grace towards one another.

Yours in Christ, The Deacons.

For Your Prayers

- Give thanks for Janet Dallman's message to us last Sunday; pray for her and Peter as they make preparations to return to Japan early in January.
- Pray for Andy Banks as he returns to work.
- Pray for Debs Harmer and the GodZone team as they prepare for the nativity service.
- Pray for those known to us suffering with or recovering from covid and long-covid.
- Pray for those struggling with bereavement.
- Pray for those who are lonely.
- Pray for our members and friends who are in care homes.
- Pray for all NHS workers as they face a rise in admissions due to winter flu and new variants of Covid.
- Pray for those in our family suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's.
- Pray for wisdom for governments and scientists in understanding and dealing appropriately with the Omicron variant.
- Pray for the persecuted church - the Christmas period is often a time when attacks increase.

GodZone Nativity Rehearsal

Next Sunday, 12th December, after the morning service, we're asking that all GodZone children stay to rehearse for their nativity service taking place on the 19th December.

This allows those children who have not taken part in a Christmas service with us before to understand exactly what will be happening on the day and to practise being up on the stage. The children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day, which they will eat together in the back halls after the service, while we wait for the church to empty. The finish time and collection details will be circulated via email this week.

Christmas at Trinity

Children's Christmas Crafternoon
3 pm Saturday 4th December

Children's Nativity Service
10.30 am Sunday 19th December

Carols by Candlelight
5 pm Sunday 19th December

Christmas Day Family Service
10.00 am Saturday 25th December

Children's New Years Eve Party
4.30 pm Friday 31st December

Watchnight Service
11.15 pm Friday 31st December

There will be no services on Sunday 26th Dec.

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Charity Number 1130034.

Community Christmas Meal



26th December 2021

Anyone who is alone this Christmas is invited to join us at 17 Upland Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 3NR this Boxing Day for a Christmas meal, entirely free of charge.

For catering purposes, please book your place on www.bexleylife.eventbrite.com. If you need any support booking, or have any questions, please do **contact us** at info@bexleylife.co.uk

Oasis Coffee Shop

Due to post-op restrictions and post COVID recovery fatigue, Jan and Elaine have decided to close Oasis until the New Year. Oasis will re-open on 4th January 2022.

Refreshments

We would like to start serving tea and coffee after the morning service again, but we need to have volunteers to run each week and also to prepare the rota of teams and buy the tea and coffee. If you think you could help with any of these jobs, please Nikki Hall who would love to hear from you. As soon as we have the teams in place, and having done the appropriate risk assessments, we can start serving again. Many thanks.

Christmas Cards

Sadly, due to COVID restrictions we cannot facilitate the exchange of Christmas cards this year. Instead, why not complete this form, sending a message to all at Trinity that will be displayed on the website?

<https://www.trinitybexleyheath.org.uk/christmas/christmas-cards.php>

Perhaps with the money you save, you could consider making a donation to the Fellowship Fund.



Booking Now


You are warmly invited to...

Christmas with CRIBS

Friday 17th December 2021
Doors will open at 7pm for refreshments

Bexley Christian Life Centre
17 Upland Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4NR

Also streamed via CRIBS Charitable Trust YouTube channel from 7.30pm



All are welcome but places are limited
To book your seats or for more details
contact info@cribsonline.org Tel: 01322 330730

www.cribsonline.org Charity No. 1122295

Trinity Diary

Monday 6th December	1- 3.30 pm
Tuesday 7th December	-
Wednesday 8th December	8 pm
Thursday 9th December	9 - 2 pm
Friday 10th December	10.30 - 12.30 pm
	8 - 10 pm
	9 - 2 am
Sunday 12th December	9.30 am
	10.30 am
	Noon
Sunday 19th December	9.30 am
	10.30 am
	5 pm

Foodbank
No Oasis Coffee Shop
Zoom Prayers
BCU based at Trinity
Foodbank
YP
Street Pastors based at Trinity
Morning Prayers
Communion Service. Preacher: Andy Banks
GodZone Service Rehearsal
Morning Prayers
Morning Service. Led by the children of GodZone
Carols by candlelight