



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

August 2021

Welcome to Trinity!

Sunday 1st August	10.30 am	Morning Service. Preacher: Andy Banks.
Sunday 8th August	10.30 am	Communion Service. Preacher: Ron Jones. Communion led by Caroline Kirby-Smith.
Sunday 15th August	10.30 am	All-Age Service. Led by Debs Harmer and Kerry O'Sullivan.
Sunday 22nd August	10.30 am	Morning Service. Preacher: Andy Banks.
Sunday 29th August	10.30 am	Morning Service. Preacher: Andy Banks.

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



We will gather on the beach from 10am to enjoy some fun together as a church family - just look out for others you know. Please bring with you activities you like to do on the beach and/or on the greensward above. Reserve day Monday 30th August, if the weather is not suitable on the Saturday.

For Your Prayers

- Praise God that numbers of Covid infections have begun to fall in the last week, and pray that that trend will continue.
- Pray for good rest / holidays over the summer months.
- Pray for those recovering from or expecting surgery this month and those who have long-term health issues.
- Pray for those who are suffering with their mental health.
- 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).

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Pastor's Message

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'" Mark 6:31

Rest is not always celebrated in our culture. We may go away on holiday, but many of us will take our mobile phones or our laptops with us and check in with work emails during our holiday. But rest – full, proper rest – is central to the biblical view of life. From the beginning of creation, God established the principle of a Sabbath rest from work each week, since he rested from his work of creation on the seventh day. Equally, as the Israelites' covenant relationship with God developed, there were built into their years prolonged periods of rest and celebration, such as the week-long Feast of Unleavened Bread (which included the Passover), and the Festival of Tabernacles.

Further, there were times when God called individuals to rest when they had faced particularly stressful situations or were worn out. Elijah was a case in point in 1 Kings 19. Likewise, in the passage above, Jesus called his disciples away with him to rest. But in every case, the rest God envisages is a rest with him. It is to recharge our batteries in communion with him. After the huge strains of the last year, I believe we all need something of this proper rest (I know I do!). So, I pray that you will each, in your own way, be able to take some rest with God over the summer months, such that we can all be refreshed for God's service again in the Autumn.

My love to you all. Andy.

Staff Annual Leave

Andy will be on annual leave between the 4th and 20th August and Kerry from the 7th to 21st August. Jan will be available during this time. For anything that requires diaconate attention or a message to be communicated to the church, please contact Ron Jones.

Bexley Festival in Danson Park, Sat 21st - Sun 22nd August

See <https://www.bexleyfestival.co.uk/festival> for more details. Matt Carpenter is involved in organising the event. Lots of live music and stalls. On the Sunday there is a planned Transform Bexley Borough church service in the park. The whole event is ticketed, adults £10, children aged 6-17, £5 (or currently £1 with a paying adult), under 6's free. Tickets last for the whole weekend, but tickets are required even if only attending the Sunday service.

Trinity Diary

All activities will stop during August aside from Foodbank which will open each Monday and Friday aside from the 30th August.