



Trinity Baptist Church

News Sheet

Sunday 30th January 2022

Welcome to Trinity!

9.30 am Morning Prayer in the lounge.

10.30 am All-Age Service. Led by Nikki Hall and Andrew Altman.

'I am The Way, The Truth And The Life.'

Click here to watch the service streamed live: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TrinityBexleyheath>

Covid Regulation Change

As you will be aware, the government guidance about covid regulations changed on Thursday 27th January, including the fact that masks will no longer be compulsory. The deacons have considered this and are making the following changes:

- Masks will revert to being optional in the middle block of seating in the chapel and in the balcony. We remind members of the importance of continuing to act with grace towards one another in the decisions we make.
- The two side blocks of seating will be designated seating for those who prefer to wear masks and feel more comfortable if those around them are also wearing masks, so masks will remain mandatory in these sections.
- Please sit in the section which reflects your preferences.
- Children's rules will revert to pre-Omicron rules, with masks being optional. Leaders continue to be encouraged to wear visors.

All our other covid measures remain in place. Namely...

- Please lateral flow test if you can before coming, whether or not you have symptoms;
- Please don't come if you or anyone in your household tests positive for covid or if you are awaiting PCR results;
- Please don't come if you have cold-like symptoms, unless you have at least a negative lateral flow test on the Sunday before you come.

Budget 2022/23 and Surplus

As you may know, we are currently in the very blessed position of holding a surplus of reserves, thanks to the generous (above budget) giving of Trinity members and friends, and the provision of a £20,000 legacy in 2020. In the latest cash flow information, this was listed in two separate funds: a £25k "Building Fighting Fund" and £53k of "surplus." This provides us with wonderful possibilities, with the accompanying duty as a fellowship to seek to discern the purpose(s) for which God has given us this blessing.

Therefore, at the Church Member's meeting on Sunday 23rd January, members agreed to hold an additional church members meeting in February in order to give ourselves sufficient time to discern together our priorities in spending this money and in setting the budget for 2022/23 (the decisions we make regarding the surplus have implications for the forthcoming budget and vice versa). The date for this meeting is **Sunday 27th February 2022** at Noon in the chapel.

Members are invited to prayerfully consider how we might spend the surplus and our budgetary spending priorities for the coming years, and to submit ideas to the deacons by letter or email to Ron Jones by **Tuesday 6th February**; no ideas are ruled in or out at this stage; submitting ideas in advance helps the leadership discern common patterns. In these submissions, we are seeking suggestions as to the broad vision that should shape our spending priorities; the financial and other implications of each option will subsequently be clearly set out for members' consideration before the additional February Church members' meeting.

It's A Man Thing

It's A Man Thing meets on Wednesday 2nd February at 8pm. Please join us on Zoom (834 9066 6122 Passcode IAMT) for our usual time of conversation, prayer and study, as we encourage each other to live out our faith. Plus we have a curry night on Wednesday 16th February - 7.30pm at Sagoor, Blendon Road, Bexley. See me for more details and to book in - Andrew Altman

For Your Prayers

- Praise God that He has so abundantly provided for the church financially during the pandemic. Please pray that we will be able to discern together what God wishes us to do with this provision.
- Pray for NHS staff and key workers who face extra pressure of staff shortages at this time of high infections.
- Pray for those known to us suffering with or recovering from covid and long-covid including Margaret Kemp and Janet Grist.
- Pray for volunteers to help restart a toddler group at Trinity.
- Pray for the Bexley Winter Shelter. Trinity are hosting communal meals on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- Pray for those within the fellowship who are housebound or can't get out as much as they would like.

Trinity Tots Playgroup

Plans for our new playgroup are coming along well. I have renamed the group Trinity Tots Playgroup and also designed a new logo. Our aim was to start the new group in January, however with the worsening covid situation we made the decision to delay the start until after February half term. We have had lots of good quality toys donated and have also purchased some new resources, all of which will be valuable in enabling us to set up an exciting and varied environment for the children to enjoy each week. Plans and procedures are all in place and I have prepared all the necessary paperwork.

However, at this current time I do not have a team in place to enable me to go ahead with the opening of this new playgroup and I need at least 3 more people in order to start the group in February as planned.

I want to build a team big enough to ensure we can provide the best possible experience for the families who attend. My aim is for us to have the flexibility to spend time talking to the families so we can build relationships, alongside managing the environment and providing refreshments and other activities. If you are available on a Wednesday morning and feel that you would like to get involved in welcoming new families into Trinity each week and showing them what it is like to be part of our Trinity family, then please get in touch.



Trinity Diary

Monday 31st January	1- 3.30 pm	Foodbank
Tuesday 1st February	6 pm	Bexley Winter Shelter
Wednesday 2nd Feb	8 pm	It's A Man Thing
Thursday 3rd February	9 - 2 pm	BCU based at Trinity
	6 pm	Bexley Winter Shelter
Friday 4th February	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Foodbank
	8 - 10 pm	YP
	9 - 2 am	Street Pastors based @ Trinity
Sunday 6th February	9.30 am	Morning Prayers
	10.30 am	Morning Service

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 27th February	Noon	Extra Church Members Meeting
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