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First Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Members and Friends of Trinity at Bowes

A very happy new year to you, and welcome to the first Newsnotes of 2021. We have come from a year of many challenges, the church having been closed on three occasions during the past year. We missed our Advent service on 20th December, Christmas day Service and our beloved Covenant Service of 2021.

We give thanks that we have been blessed indeed, over the past year. The good Lord has guarded and protected us all from the dreaded virus. For although we were faced with many difficulties, we have continued in fellowship with virtual services, devotions, and prayers. Many members have continued to offer active financial support to Trinity at Bowes. Unfortunately, with Centre Plus being closed; members of staff are no longer required.

Challenges continues into the new year as a new strain of the virus, which spreads much more easily than the original, has emerged. Vaccines have become available, which will help to reduce the spread of the virus. Throughout all these difficulties, Trinity at Bowes remains a beacon in the community, still providing some assistance for members and friends in need.

On behalf of the trustees a big "Thank you" goes out to Rev Sam and his team, who have worked tirelessly to encourage, motivate and support us; even offering us all a Christmas gift.

As we reflect on the words of our covenant, the words of Priscilla Jane Owens come to mind and remind us to be steadfast in our faith and trust in God.

"Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the Strong tides lift, and the cables strain, Will your anchor drift or firm remain?"

Thankfully Priscilla answered this for us all in her chorus which says that:

"We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!"

Theo Hercules

LECTIONARY REFLECTION

By Suzy Godfrey

Genesis 1:1-5 & Psalm 29: 1-11



If you believe Genesis 1:1, you really have no problem believing the rest of the Bible. The God big enough to have created the heavens and the earth is big enough to do all the rest the Bible says that He did and does.

Psalm 29 may have been written by David, perhaps based on even older hymns he knew. He describes a real and powerful storm, one which spread across the Mediterranean Sea, through the mountains of Lebanon and Sirion, destroying the famous cedar forests then on down the River Jordan to the deserts of Kadesh. What a storm! Thunder, lightning, floods, even the ground shook. Such storms and earthquakes are not commonplace but do happen in that area from time to time, bringing devastation and upheaval.

This psalm begins with a call to worship, asking all heaven to give praise and recognition of His strength and glory. The poetic repeating of the phrase “The voice of the Lord...” reassures us that the power and might of God is in control of the natural world. Seven times this phrase is used to make sure we get the message! Just as in the beginning God spoke and the world came into being, God’s voice is heard here. In Verse 10 the word used for flood is the same as that used for The Flood, the story of Noah, described in Genesis, it is used nowhere else in the bible. It is another reminder of God’s terrible power but also of His promise of peace. Strength and peace are blessings from God we can rely on, no matter what the challenges we face.

This psalm speaks to us today as we face storms, upheaval of Lockdown and the devastation that Covid has brought to the whole world.

Be reassured and reminded that God is in control, we are blessed with peace and strength, to Him be all Glory and Honour, Amen.

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O God our heavenly Father, as our United Kingdom has entered into more restricted lockdown, we come to you not to just seeking answers but seeking your strength and courage for the days ahead.

God, this week we lift up the people of TaB, the families, friends and those who have asked us to pray for them. Help them to find ways to know that you love us all and consider each one of us important and a part of your creation. Pour into our lives your Holy Spirit to take away our worries, sickness and fear.

We pray for all who are unwell, all those who are homebound or in residential care and for all those who have recently been bereaved.

Remembering especially:

Elizabeth Arnold, Late Robert Barker's family, Catrina Bassey, Joyce Beaumont, Barbara Biggs, Iris Branch, Christina Cabrera, Dorothy Campbell, Lynette Heaven, Yvonne Jordine, Rhona Knight, Beverly Watkins-Kowa, Ken Kowa, Yvonne Obeng, Hope Siwela, Sithabile Ncube & Elizabeth Takaedza.

Robert William George Barker (known as Bob Barker)

It is with great sadness we have to inform our friends at Tab and beyond of the death of Robert Barker, known to us as Bob.

Donations using the reference "IMO Bob Barker" instead of flowers to (IMO = In memory of)

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Due to Covid restrictions there is a limit to the number of people able to attend the service, being held at Southgate Cemetery If you wish to join, then please feel free to log on to this website

at 2pm on Monday 11th January: <https://www.obitus.com/>

Using the following logon details

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

Jessica Simons 8th

Danielle Owusu 10th

Michele Huntley 14th

May God grant you overflowing joy, abundant opportunities, and a shower of blessings. Happy Birthday!

To all who have Anniversaries this week.

May your marriage continue to be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the days of your life.

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Church News and Centre Plus

Despite Government permissions, the Circuit ministerial team has decided that all churches in our circuit, including Trinity at Bowes, will remain closed for worship until further notice.

Worship can still take place through the New River Methodist Circuit - Online Church

Available on Facebook OR You Tube. Search for New River Methodist Circuit

<u>Streaming Schedule for New River Methodist Circuit Online Church</u>			
Day(s)	Time	Online Event	
Monday - Saturday	8.00 am	Thought for the Day	<i>Pre-recorded</i>
Monday - Saturday	9.00 am	Morning Prayers	<i>Live</i>
Saturday	10.30 am	Virtual Coffee Morning	<i>Live</i>
Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday Circuit Service	<i>Pre-recorded</i>

13th Wednesday 5pm - TaB Praise & Worship

30-minute **Worship & Interactive Bible study**. You are invited to participate
Join via Zoom

Meeting ID: 992 829 7354 - Passcode: 518822

TaB Website & TaB Church Face Book

Our TaB website <https://www.trinityatbowes.co.uk> and TaB Facebook: **TaB Church** are frequently being updated. Contact Peter Godfrey with your ideas **Email: petergodfrey@blueyonder.co.uk**

TaB Sunday School Resources

Resources for Sunday school families can be found on our TaB home website using the following link <https://www.trinityatbowes.co.uk/sunday-school>

Peter Godfrey is the contact for Sunday School resources **Email: petergodfrey@blueyonder.co.uk**

Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church Bank Account Details

Should you wish to make a donation, it can be done by bank transfer to Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church. Our bank account details are as follows:

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Account held at the Santander Commercial Bank Please ensure you use your name as the payment reference

New River Circuit News

You're invited to try Alpha at Middle Lane Methodist Church

What is Alpha? Visit www.middlelanechurch.org/alpha to find out more & register. Zoom login details will be sent to you.



#TryAlpha

Alpha Online started on Zoom from Monday 4 Jan at 7:30pm.
Join in next Monday

If you would like news items, prayer requests and or celebrations to be included in the NewsNotes
Please send an email to newnotes@trinityatbowes.co.uk before 10.00am every Thursday.

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