

Trinity Community Church

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Church Meeting July 2021

CORONAVIRUS

I'm sure we all had some sense of disappointment when the government announced the postponement to 'Freedom Day' last month. While that was difficult, we understand the caution being taken with the rapid increase in Delta variant cases. This has meant that we as a church have had to push back our plans.

Here is an update of our plans over the coming months:

- We continue as we have been doing during this year. Please continue to follow our guidelines and please continue to book for our Sunday service, if possible.
- From **Sunday 25th July** we will change the way we use our booking system. there will be two seating zones in the church building for our Sunday morning service. Zone one will be seating for those who are happy to sit with others without social distancing. Zone two will be for those who would like a social distanced seat. The hope is that this will provide a bridge from restrictions to no restrictions. So, from the 25th July, please book using the current system, if you would like a socially distanced seat at our morning service.
- As we approach the summer holidays, from the **18th July**, our morning services will be all age services. Our theme is 'Jesus Builds a Bigger Table.'
- It was great to have the band back playing at our last baptism service. During the coming months, we will have the band live twice a month, as we wait and long for that day when we can sing as God people once again.
- Junior Church is planning to return in September.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding during this pandemic. It has been a challenge for us all, but there is some light at the end of the tunnel.

Once again, I would also like to thank those who have volunteered to clean the building after our Sunday morning worship. Without those volunteers we would not have been able to open.

MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)

At our Annual Church Meeting in May, we spent some time reflecting on the way God has been at work over the past 3 to 4 years. As part of our MAP review, we want to build a picture of where we are up to as a church. The next part of the review involves some input from the whole congregation, as well as from our local community.

At our July church meeting, those gathered will begin to help build that picture by completing a survey looking at all aspects of church life and ministry.

The survey will be available, in both printed and online versions. If you are able to complete the survey online, that would be helpful in collating the information. If you are unable to

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attend the church meeting in July, you can complete the survey any time before the end of July.

ST JAMES

A small group from the ECC have had some very positive meetings with members of the PCC from St James church. Out of those meetings has been a vision for St James to be a centre, in the centre of Accrington, for mission and discipleship. An update will be given at the meeting.

PEWS

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A YEAR OF PRAYER

It was such a blessing to be back praying in person, at our monthly prayer meeting at the beginning of June. We take a break during August with our next time of prayer on the **4th September, 9:15am, at the Woodnook Centre**. From September we will be adding another opportunity for us to gather as God people in prayer. That will take place on the third Monday of the month, beginning on **Monday 20th September, 7:15pm, at Trinity Community Church**. Let us make corporate prayer a priority.

Date for your diary: our next morning of prayer will be on Saturday 16th October 2021. Venue to be confirmed.

GENEROSITY PROJECT

In September we will begin a new series thinking about generosity in giving of our time, skills, and money. There will be a teaching series on Sunday mornings, leading up to harvest. Alongside that teaching series, small groups will spend 6 weeks thinking through generosity using material called 'The Generosity Project.' There will be an opportunity for people to join a small group as we relaunch them in the coming months.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:26-26 NIV)

Revd Paul McNally