

Trinity News



February 2015

Worship at 10.30am in the Exchange— Coffee Bar afterwards	Sun 1 8 15 22
Easter Choir Practice at 12.30am in the Exchange	Sun 1 8 15 22
Church Meal at 12.30pm in the Exchange	Sun 15
Mustard Seed Team meet at 8.00 pm in The Exchange	Mon 2 9 16 23
NLT Meeting - 8pm in The Exchange	Tues 4 10 17
ReC Group: 7pm–9pm in the Exchange	Tues 4 10 17
Prayer Event — 8pm in The Exchange	Tues 24
Worship Practice —8pm in The Exchange	Thurs 5 12 19 26
Thursdays at The Exchange Class : 8pm	Thurs 5 12 19 26
Junior Alpha 6pm - 8pm in The Exchange	Sat 7 14 21 28
Acess Encounter Worship Night 7.30pm— in The Exchange	Sat 21
Child Protection Training 10am -12pm : Exchange	Sat 28
Acess Youth Night — 6.00pm–8pm : Exchange	Sat 7 28



Eyes Open

We began the year by thinking about how a homeless beggar on the street called Bartimaeus had a lot to teach us as he cried out to a passing Jesus on the road '**Lord I want to see again...**' (Mark 10: 46-52). The result of this encounter was that Bartimaeus threw off his cloak, that thing that defined him and brought him comfort, and with new vision and a new spring in his step, **followed Jesus along the way**. I want to be like Bartimaeus! I love his cry for help, his passion for Jesus, his willingness to follow Jesus out of the comfortable into the unknown, and his sense that being on the road with Jesus was the best place to be. Jesus is constantly wooing us into a great adventure with him, and as we wrap up the current teaching series on Trinity Values (see www.trinity.ie/about/values), I hope you have a clearer understanding of **WHO** he has made us and **WHAT** he is calling us into. If you missed any of the messages, you can catch up at www.trinity.ie/resources/trinity-radio/.



Andy Bowie

We are all priests, called and equipped to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus, there are no laity and no clergy in Trinity Church (Fergus, 11th Jan). As the church, we are the primary agent of the Kingdom of God, an attractive community bringing blessing to those around us (Paul, 25th Jan). We are a community on mission, partnering with Jesus in getting his will done on earth as in heaven (Niamh, 18th Jan). My prayer is that, as we journey with him on the road, the Lord will continue to open our eyes to see what He is already doing around us, **so that we can partner with Him** in His great Kingdom venture.

Jason Upton @ Exchange

The Power of the Cross—

Jason Upton in Concert in the Exchange on Tuesday 10th March 2015, 6.30pm

Tickets €15 and available from Joe Kerrigan or at— jasonuptonireland@gmail.com

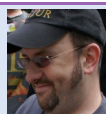
Contratulations — Grandparents

Congratulations to **Tiffany and Brian Allen** on the birth of their first grandchild—a boy, who was born on 27th January 2015 to their son Kieran and Kuxi—Congratulations.



Easter Choir

There will be an Easter Choir this year, led by Bill Gunter (pictured) performing Keith Green's Easter Song, Choir Practice at 12.30pm on Sunday (1 hour)—16 people already signed up and Bill is looking for 4 more, especially men.



Thursday Nights @ Exchange

Thursday Night Classes are starting again—

Thursday 5th February : Fergus Ryan
Sermon on the Mount—for 6 weeks

Thursday 26th February : Nicholas Schofield
Ministering in the Holy Spirit- for 12 weeks

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Visiting The Exchange in February is . . .

Age Action—are running a Computer Course from 12noon—2pm on Wednesdays for 4 weeks starting on Wednesday 18th February. We are delighted to welcome them to the Exchange.



Baptism

We are planning Baptisms for Sunday 22nd March. If you have not been baptised and would like to be —please see Paul Rothwell (pictured).



Prayer Event—Tuesday 24 February

We are holding quarterly Prayer Events this year—the first one for 2015 takes place on **Tuesday 24th February**. Please put this date in your diary as an important date not to be missed. We will be encouraging everyone to spend time praying and fasting for a few days leading up to this Prayer Event so that we come prepared having already heard from God.

Church Meal—Sunday 15 February

You must know that Valentine's Day is 14 Feb— to celebrate God's love for us, and our love for Him and each other, we are going to have a meal together, after our worship meeting (12.30pm) on Sunday 15th February.



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Team Hope—let's take a closer look



Our passion is to serve needy children, their families and the wider community. Offering a true and very real HOPE for a better future.

Let's give you a little glimpse into our world

Last Christmas we made a decision to send a consignment of Christmas Shoebox gifts to children in Phalombe, Malawi for the first time. Through the summer we established a partnership and network that would work really well in a country that so desperately needs our help.

Whilst the shipment was still en-route, Chris (our partner there) shared with us about the devastating floods that arrived very suddenly, mud homes were washed away, crops destroyed and sadly lives were lost. By now we were fully aware of how easily a flood could destroy an entire community. What a privilege it was to be able to offer some



relief support, before it was too late. Working diligently with Chris in Phalombe we arranged funding for emergency food, kitchen utensils and some construction plastic sheeting. Please pray for these victims that they recover even stronger than before. If you feel called to help by donating, please do so on the 'donate/projects' section of our website www.teamhope.ie Thank you for caring.

Ministry Team News—Small Groups

Invitation

Relationships are precious. God values relationships so much that he sent Jesus to die so that our broken relationship with him could be reconciled. Small groups offer an invitation to deepen your relationship with one another, with the Father and outward to the world. This is big stuff, think about it – everything else is considered worthless if you don't have love/relationships. This is the pearl of great price and because it's so valuable it is a place of intense warfare – be warned, you will be bombarded with distractions when you choose to participate

Challenge

It's not all going to be happy-clappy, it gets messy at times because this is about real-life. You can maintain a pleasant superficial relationship when you only meet once a week. But if you invite someone to get closer, to get to know you and involve you in discipleship well now you get the real deal. It's not always easy to get on with one another, some of us are grumpy, some are super successful and make you feel a loser, some have squeaky boots or sing out of tune but it's worth it and don't be unaware of the schemes of the enemy – it's God's desire that we meet with one another, it's the enemy's desire to separate, divide, keep you busy doing something else et

Reward

Small groups are the source of mission. This is where you can deepen your faith – up, in & out. Up with the Father, in toward one another and outward in service to a needy world. The harvest is massive, working out your salvation is an unending task, seeking the unfathomed ways of God goes on for eternity. You weren't meant to do it alone, this body needs every toe and belly-button so that we may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. There are currently 10 small groups meeting regularly. Contact Niamh or Gerry to learn more.



Jesus was in a small group.



Life change happens in small groups