



CHESTER ROAD

Baptist Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN - SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2018

Sunday morning (10.30am): Christmas Number One (Luke 1:39-56)

The first Christmas was accompanied by the most dramatic of music releases. Mary's Song captured the hearts of the world (and heaven) with it's pure response to God's call on her life and the gift of Christ for all humanity. 2,000 years later it continues to move, inspire, and challenge us.

Sunday evening (6.30pm): 'Christmas Light' (Isaiah 9:1-7)

750 years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah proclaimed, "the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Light: pure, dazzling, revealing, guiding, comforting... No surprise, given that Jesus, the Christ of Christmas, is THE Light of the World.

This week



Disciples' Group: The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th December. Any queries please contact Mike Miller.



Early Bird
PRAYER
Tuesdays
6.30-8.30 am
beginning with tea

Early Bird Prayer on Tuesday 11th December; drop in anytime between 6.30-8.30am.



Messy Church planning meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm.



Midweek communion will be on Wednesday 12th December at 11.30am; a short communion service with prayers, readings, and liturgy.



Worship Group: The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th December at 7pm. Any queries please contact Jenni Beesley.



Breakaway: Our last meeting of the year is on Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm and will be a Christmas Celebration. We will be entertained by the After Dinner Singers. Any queries please contact Ann Hawkings.



Contact: The deadline for Contact is TODAY, (early for Christmas); please pass any articles or information to Julia in the office (office@chesterroadbc.org.uk) - thanks.



Pray One For Me! Got a prayer request? Pop it into the *Pray One For Me* box in the foyer, or post online www.ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/PrayOneForMe



Photographic Competition - *Image of the Invisible God* - We're running a photographic competition with Aston & Erdington Photographic Society (who meet Mondays 8-10 pm @ Chester Road) called *Image of the Invisible God*. For more info: www.ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/PhotoCompetition. Who could you tell?



Other News: 3 bedroom semi-detached house in Goosemoor Lane, Erdington, available for immediate rent. Enquiries to Neil Spencer on 07790 569326.

Prayer Points



Please pray for: Issac, Mike, Sue, Steve, Jennifer (aged 10), Rob, Geraldine, Pat, Joyce, Murene, Ezechiel, Hazel and Roger. Also Irene is at home recuperating from her operation. See Contact for other prayer needs.



Please pray for the church. If you know of anyone in need of prayer please let Pastoral Care Leaders, Hazel Wilson and Laurel Trench, know.

Looking ahead



Saturday 15th December: Christmas on the Streets

11am - Carol singing in Erdington, meet outside St Barnabas Church, High Street, Erdington, B23 6SY.

3.30 pm - Nativity Parade, Boldmere. Meet outside Boldmere Methodist Church, High Street, Boldmere, B73 5UB.



Sunday 16th December: Candle-lit Carol Service here at Chester Road at 4.30 pm - Enjoy traditional carols, readings, mince pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic) A great community experience! All **donations** of mince pies and Christmas cookies will be gratefully accepted.



Tuesday 18th December: New Oscott Village are holding a Christmas Service at 6pm.



Wednesday 19th December: 1pm - Birmingham YMCA Carol Service @ Chris Bryant Centre, 300 Reservoir Road, Erdington B23 6DF.



Next Sunday: 16th December: 10.30am – Communion Service / **4.30pm** – Carol Service.

Notes

- ❖ **Welcome** to everyone worshipping with us today. First time visit? Please pick up a Welcome Card from the Connection Point in the foyer.
- ❖ **In case of fire**, please leave via the nearest Fire Exit. Take a moment to locate them. Please assemble in the car park by the traffic lights.
- ❖ **Toilets** are located off the foyer. The disabled toilet includes **baby-changing** facilities.
- ❖ **Hearing Loop** is available. Switch to 'T'. It's best to sit in the middle sections.
- ❖ **Worship** Feel free to stand, sit, take part or observe as you feel comfortable.
- ❖ **Refreshments** are free and Fairtrade. Please stay for a cuppa!
- ❖ **All room booking** requests & articles for Contact should go directly to Julia in the office either by phone (0121 350 2779) or via email: office@chesterroadbc.org.uk - Thank you.
- ❖ **Please send items for the Bulletin to the office by Wednesday 12th December – thank you.**