



# CHESTER ROAD

## Baptist Church

### WEEKLY BULLETIN - SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018

#### Sunday morning (10.30am): 'Christmas Everyday!' (John.1:1-18)

*What if it could be Christmas every day? Jesus, the Logos, came so that we can be in right relationship with God. Welcome Jesus, He's moved into your neighbourhood.*

#### Sunday evening (4.30pm): 'Christmas Hope' (Isaiah 11:1-11)

*750 years before the birth of Christ there were social, political, military and environmental tensions. The future looked very uncertain. But Isaiah had hope. God would grow a new shoot. Today, we are fruit of that. Have hope.*

#### Christmas Day (10.30am): Luke 2:1-7

*Christ has come. God is with us!*

### This week



**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** Christingle Service here at Chester Road Baptist Church at 4.30pm. In this creative all-age service, you'll make your own Christingle. Great fun for children, parents/ carers and grandparents!



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Day Service at 10.30am. A *short* celebration on the Big Day. Bring, escape or send your guests!



**Thank you** to everyone who's invited friends and family to our Christmas services and events, or distributed invitations.



**Reminder:** Christmas cards in the church's post box on the wall; it looks as if we are in overload as the A-Z boxes are full up! Please collect yours ASAP – thank you.



**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](http://www.ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/PrayOneForMe)



**Missing table:** We are missing a green top table from the Bevan Jones Hall. If anyone has borrowed this could they please return it – thank you.



**Contact** is out today, please take a copy.

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## Prayer Points



**Please pray** for: Mike, Sue, Steve, Jennifer (aged 10), Rob, Geraldine, Joyce, Murene and Joy. Roger who is recovering from an 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



**Please note** that the kitchen will be closed for use from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 due to maintenance. The kitchen will be available to use for refreshments only on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December.



**Midweek Communion:** next one is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 11.30am; a short communion service with prayers, readings, and liturgy.



**Worship Group:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 7pm. Any queries please contact Jenni Beesley.



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**Ladies' Group Prayer Breakfast:** We will meet on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January from 9am to 10.30am. The focus of the session is discipleship and building the confidence to share our faith. All welcome. For more information please contact Judith Miller.



**Early Bird Prayer:** next one is on Tuesday 8th January, drop-in anytime between 6.30 - 8.00 am, grab a light breakfast, pray and go!



**Save the dates: Church Lunch** – Sunday 28th January and **Worship Team workshop** - Saturday 23rd March from 10am-2.30pm for all current & interested musicians & singers. Highly practical, input from Clare Soar, lunch together.



**Restore** (A Churches Together project) is offering free training for those interested in refugee issue or befriending; please see Contact and the poster in foyer for more details.



**Next Sunday:** 30<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am – General Service / 6.30pm – **No Evening Service.**

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### 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](mailto:office@chesterroadbc.org.uk) - Thank you.
  - ❖ **Please send items for the Bulletin to the office by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – thank you.**
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