



CHESTER ROAD

Baptist Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN - SUNDAY 12th MAY 2019

Sunday morning (10.30am): Thomas – deeper faith (John 20:24-31)

Thomas is often known for his doubt and yet he was the first to recognise Jesus as God. Questioning is not bad, it's good; it often leads to deeper faith. Don't fear doubt. Let it take you to a deeper faith.

Sunday evening (6.30pm): Finding God in despair (Psalm 77:1-20)

When life is overwhelming, we can feel on our own. Finding God in our despair can seem a distant hope. Remembering past blessings can help us find God in the present.

This week



Missed Deeper – in Bible engagement? Catch the session again on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm. So, you want to go deeper in your engagement with the Bible. On 13th May Danny Brierley will ask some big questions about what the Bible is and is not. Please note that this session is being held in conjunction with the Disciples Group meeting.



Early Bird
PRAYER
Tuesdays
6.30-8.00 am
Remembering with love

Early Bird Prayer is on Tuesday 14th May, drop-in anytime between 6.30 - 8am, grab a light breakfast, pray and go!



Club Tuesday will meet on 14th May at **11.30am** (please note new time). Any queries please contact Norma Scott.



Housegroup will meet on Tuesday 14th May at 1.45pm. If anyone would like to join us please see Edwin.



Messy Church planning meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm.



Midweek Communion is on Wednesday 15th May at 11.30am.



Church Meeting: The next church meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th May at 7.45pm in the Bevan Jones hall.



Deacons: The following 5 people have been nominated to serve as Deacons from May 2019 to May 2022: Ann Hawkings, Ewan McIntosh, Martin Ridal, Norma Scott and Peter Vincent. The election will take place at the May church meeting.



Worship Group: The next meeting is on Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm. Any queries please contact Jenni Beesley.



Contact deadline is next Sunday, 19th May. Please pass any articles or information to Julia in the office (office@chesterroadbc.org.uk) - thank you.

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Christian Aid Week: Today is the start of Christian Aid week. If you would like to support their work financially, then please use one of the red envelopes which are available in church and place in a church offertory bag. Alternatively, go to their website at www.christianaid.org.uk/Christian-Aid-Week

Prayer Points



Please pray for: Mike, Sue, Steve, Rob, Joyce, Joy, Hazel, Dorothy and Barry. 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



Disciples Group will meet on Monday 20th May at 7.45pm in the lounge. Any queries please contact Mike Miller.



Coffee Morning will take place at the home of Chris and Alison East on Saturday 25th May at 10.30am.



Higher – prayer nights: Gather as a church to pray together for a range of church, community and global issues. The next session is on Wednesday 29th May at 7.45pm.



Where do we grow from here? Rev Ken Benjamin, President of the Baptist

Union and Senior Minister of Chichester Baptist Church, is delivering a workshop here at Chester Road on Saturday 15th June from 10am - 2pm; buffet lunch included (arrival/refreshments from 9.30am). ‘What happens when Christians use their shared interests to grow community and share faith with others?’ Who is it for? *Everyone* interested in local mission, growing community, and whole-life discipleship. It is free to CRBC people, (£10 per person for those from other churches). To book: t: 0121 350 2779 e: Office@ChesterRoadBC.org.uk.

Also, on Sunday 16th June at 6.30pm there is a Cluster Service at Sutton Coldfield Baptist with Rev Ken Benjamin with an inspirational message on whole-life discipleship. Please note that there is no evening service at Chester Road.



Got a faith story to tell? Our website, ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk, includes short testimonies of how people came to faith/ how faith has helped/ is helping them. Contact Danny if you have a 'real life' faith story to tell.



Next Sunday: 19th May - 10.30am – Communion Service / 6.30pm – General Service.

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- ❖ **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 15th May – thank you.**
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