



# CHESTER ROAD

## Baptist Church

**WEEKLY BULLETIN - SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019 - ADVENT**

**Sunday morning (10.30am): Eli (Luke 1:39-45)**

*The 'song of Elizabeth' from Luke 1 is the first of many in the Christmas story and if you like musicals, this is a moment of spontaneous singing to rival anything in Les Miserables or Hamilton with its message of comfort, encouragement and hope.*

**Sunday evening (6pm): Jeremiah (Jeremiah 33:12-18)**

*Christmas started early for Jeremiah. Though everything seemed in chaos, he could see salvation coming.*

### This week



**Preaching elsewhere:** Please pray for Edwin Boddington leading worship at Bilston Church this morning and Ken Hawkings as he preaches at Trinity Monkspath Ecumenical Church at 10am and at Hockley Heath Baptist Church at 4pm.



**Worship Group:** The next meeting is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.45pm. Any queries please contact Jenni Beesley.



**Disciples' Group** will meet on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Lounge at 7.45pm. Any queries please contact Mike Miller.



**Early Bird Prayer** is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, drop-in anytime between 6.30 - 8am, grab a light breakfast, pray and go!



**Club Tuesday:** Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.30am. Any queries contact Norma Scott.



**Midweek Communion** is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am.



**Job Club** at Chester Road is every Thursday 10am–12pm in the Primary. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Wendy Sharples (Coordinator).



**Leadership Team (Deacons)** will meet on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in the lounge.



**One-2-One:** The next lunch will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm. For more information please contact Sue Ridal.



**Erdington Hustings:** Meet the candidates who want your vote in Erdington and ask them questions at Six Ways Erdington Baptist Church, Wood End Road, B24 8AD on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. For more information and to suggest a question:

<https://erdingtondebate2019.eventbrite.co.uk>



**Recruitment update:** Final stage *Children's & Families Worker* and *Associate Minister - Youth, Young Adults & TBC* candidates will be with us this:

- Fri 6th Dec - with Brigades children/ young people
- Sat 7th Dec - with parents/carers, young adults, children's & youth volunteers and Leadership Team (Deacons).

There will then be a brief special/ additional church meeting next Sunday 8th December after the morning service to make decisions.

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**Women's Group Breakfast Meeting:** The final session for 2019 will be our Away Breakfast; we are going to The Ramada Hotel, Penns Lane, B76 1LH on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 9-10:30am. Cost £10.00 - All women welcome - Contact Judith Miller.

### Prayer Points



**Please pray** for: Sheila Hickingbottom, Cis, Clifford, Thelma, Paul, Mike, Sue, Steve, Joyce, Joy, Amena, Jessie, Carol, Dorothy, Paula and Irene. 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



**Tuesday Bible Study Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm. You are very welcome to join us. If you have any questions speak to Edwin.



**Breakaway:** Our Christmas celebration on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. If you have any queries please contact Ann Hawkings on 0121 351 2086.



**Messy Church:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 3-5pm. You are invited to a special Christmas session; 2 hours of fun, crafts, dressing up carols and food. All are welcome.



**Candle-lit Carol Service** will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm. Enjoy traditional carols, readings, minced pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic). A great community experience!



**Beers and Carols** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Sing carols with a pint at The Yenton Pub & Grill. Bring a mate! Corner of Sutton Road/ Chester Road B23 5TW [not Chester Road Baptist Church]



**Higher – Prayer Night** is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. We gather as a church to pray together for a range of church, community and global issues. Creative, focused, from the heart, together...



**Christingle Service:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm. In this creative all-age service, you'll make your own Christingle and step in costume into the Nativity. Great fun for children, parents/ carers and grandparents!



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

For key Christmas events to invite friends and family to, see: [www.ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Christmas](http://www.ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Christmas)



**Next Sunday: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**10.30am:** Teach and Profile Service (followed by church meeting) / **6.30pm:** General Service

- ❖ **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 4<sup>th</sup> December – thank you.**