



CHESTER ROAD

Baptist Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN - SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2019

Sunday morning (10.30am): Mary's Playlist (Luke 1:46-55)

Despite her circumstances, Mary's 'recently played' was full of praise and awe. Little did she know just how blessed we would be today by her blessing.

Sunday evening (4.30pm): Christmas started early for Micah (Micah 5:1-6)

Christmas started early for Micah. Many overlooked Bethlehem, yet it had a disproportionate influence on world history. Don't despise where you live. God can work anywhere.

This week



Recruitment update: Final stage *Children's & Families Worker* and *Associate Minister - Youth, Young Adults & TBC* : **There will then be a brief additional church members meeting today after the morning service to make decisions.**



Worship Group: The next meeting is on Monday 9th December at 7.45pm. Any queries please contact Jenni Beesley.



Disciples' Group will meet on Monday 9th December in the Lounge at 7.45pm. Any queries please contact Mike Miller.



Early Bird Prayer is on Tuesday 10th December, drop-in anytime between 6.30 - 8am, grab a light breakfast, pray and go!



Club Tuesday: Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th December at 11.30am. Any queries contact Norma Scott.



Tuesday Bible Study Group, for those who have booked, will be meeting at The Fox at Walmley, B76 1NP on 10th December at 12.15pm. Any problems please let Edwin know on 07484 642161. Our first meeting in the New Year will be on Tuesday 14th January at 1.45pm in the church lounge. If you would like to join us you will be very welcome.



Midweek Communion is on Wednesday 11th 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. Please note Job Club will be closed on 26th December 2019 and 2nd January 2020. Return 9th January. Wendy Sharples (Coordinator).



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



Messy Church: Saturday 14th 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. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm.



Candle-lit Carol Service will take place on Sunday 15th December at 4.30pm. Enjoy traditional carols, readings, mince pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic). A great community experience. **Help!** We need donations of mince pies / Christmas biscuits for refreshments after the Carol Service. If you are able to, please leave donations in the church kitchen next Sunday morning – thank you.

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Contact: Due to Christmas holidays, the deadline for Contact is Sunday 15th December. Please pass any information or articles to Julia in the office (office@chesterroadbc.org.uk).



Christmas Presents! If you are buying on Amazon this Christmas please use [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and select Chester Road as your charity and Amazon will give us a donation for every purchase. Details are in Contact - Thank you.



Toy Collection: We have received a thank you letter from Birmingham City Mission for our donation of toys for Christmas which can be seen on the notice board in church.



Christmas greetings: To the fellowship at the Church of the Good Shepherd on the birthday of Christ, wishing you all a happy Christmas and New Year – Allen Cooper.

Prayer Points



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



Beers and Carols on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm. Sing carols with a pint 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 19th 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...



Boldmere Nativity Parade on Saturday 21st December at 3.30pm starting at Boldmere Methodist Church (B73 5UB). Dress up as a Nativity character, carry a star, bring a toy sheep or just be yourself! All welcome – maybe bring a lantern or torch.



Christingle Service: Tuesday 24th 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 25th 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



Next Sunday: 15th December 2019

10.30am: Teach and Communion / **4.30pm:** Carol Service (please note no evening 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 - Thank you.
- ❖ **Please send items for the Bulletin to the office by Wednesday 11th December – thank you.**