



CHESTER ROAD

Baptist Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN - SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019

Sunday morning (10.30am): Zechariah's Playlist (Luke 1:57-80)

What's on your Christmas playlist? Zechariah was left speechless by his holy encounter and the enormity of what God was about to do.

Sunday evening (4.30pm): Candle-lit Carol Service (no evening service)

This week



Recruitment update: Rev Liz Clayton (Seniors Worker) and Carys Egner (Children's & Families Worker) will both start Tuesday 7th January 2020. Please pray for them. Carys will need temporary lodging for a few weeks from 5th/6th January whilst she looks for a more permanent place to live. If you are able to offer, please contact e: DannyBrierley@ChesterRoadBC.org.uk m: 07840 046020.



The power of an invitation: Please invite friends, family, neighbours, colleagues to our:

1. Candle-lit Christmas **Carol Service** this Sunday (today) at 4.30pm.
 2. **Beers and Carols** Wed 18th Dec, 7.30pm at [The Yenton Bar & grill B23 5TW](#).
- For more info see ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Christmas



Preaching elsewhere: Please pray for Ken Hawkings as he preaches at Trinity Monkspath Ecumencial Church at 10am and at Hockley Heath Baptist Church at 4pm.



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



Worship Group: The next meeting is on Monday 16th December at 7.45pm. Any queries please contact Jenni Beesley.



Early Bird Prayer is on Tuesday 17th December, drop-in anytime between 6.30 - 8am, grab a light breakfast, pray and go! Please note that we will not run on 24th or 31st December; restart on 7th January.



Midweek Communion is on Wednesday 11th December at 11.30am. There will be no Midweek communion on Christmas Day or New Years Day; restart on 8th January.



Job Club at Chester Road is every Thursday 10am–12pm in the Primary. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Job Club will be closed on 26th December 2019 and 2nd January 2020. Return 9th January. Wendy Sharples (Coordinator).



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.

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2020/21 Budget needs to be prepared for the January 2020 finance meeting (to be approved at January Church Members meeting). If you have any plans for additional expenditure please let me have the details (what the project is and what it costs) by Sunday 22nd December. Many thanks, Peter Vincent.



Refreshments 2020! We need volunteers to prepare and serve the refreshments after morning service. If you can help please put your name on the refreshment rota in church or talk to Ann Hawkings – thank you.



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.

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



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

Looking ahead to 2020!



Club Tuesday will return on Tuesday 7th January at 11.30am. Any queries contact Norma Scott.



Leadership Team (Deacons): The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th January at 7.30pm in the lounge.



Breakaway will meet on Thursday 9th January at 7.30pm. If you have any queries please contact Ann Hawkings on 351 2086.



Disciples' Group will restart on Monday 13th January in the Lounge at 7.45pm. Any queries please contact Mike Miller.



Next Sunday: 22nd December 2019

10.30am: Celebrate and Respond 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 18th December – thank you.**
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