



CHESTER ROAD

Baptist Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN - SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2019

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday morning (10.30am): Angel's Playlist (Luke 2:8-20)

Christ came for outsiders: a shunned teenage mum, nightshift workers... They didn't need telling it was good news, they knew it was!

Sunday evening (6.30pm): Christmas started early for Hosea (Hosea 11:1-4)

Christmas started early for Hosea. Parents want the best for their child. None can know for sure what life will throw at them. Hosea could see what Mary would face.

This week



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!



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.



Preaching elsewhere: Please pray for Ken Hawkings as he preaches at a joint candlelit service at Hockley Heath with St Thomas at 6pm.



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



Early Bird Prayer: Please note that we will not run on 24th or 31st December; we restart on 7th January.



Midweek Communion: Please note there will be no Midweek communion on Christmas Day or New Years Day; we restart on 8th January.



Job Club will be closed on 26th December 2019 and 2nd January 2020. We restart on 9th January. Wendy Sharples (Coordinator).



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.



Church Office Closure: Please note that the church office will be closed from Monday 23rd December 2019 until Tuesday 7th January 2020. Merry Christmas to everyone from Julia, Dennis and Andy.

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Contact is out today, please take a copy.

Prayer Points



Please pray for: Cis, Clifford, Thelma, Paul, Mike, Dennis and 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 to 2020!



Small Groups: The next meeting for Small Group Leaders will take place on Friday 3rd January in the Lounge at 2pm. Any queries please contact Judith and Mike Miller.



Women's Group Breakfast Meeting will take place on Saturday 4th January at 9am in the lounge. Any queries please speak to Judith Miller.



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.



Messy Church is on Saturday 11th January from 3-5pm with a planning meeting on Tuesday 14th January at 7.30pm in the lounge.



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



Tuesday Bible Study Group: will meet on Tuesday 14th January at 1.45pm in the lounge. Any queries speak to Edwin.



Wednesday House Group will meet on 15th January at 7.45pm at the home of Ruth and Ewan McIntosh. All are welcome! Any queries speak to Ruth or Ewan.



Church Meeting: The next church meeting will take place on Thursday 16th January at 7.45pm in the Bevan Jones hall.



One-2-One: The next lunch will take place on Friday 17th January at 12.30pm. For more information please contact Sue Ridal.



Next Sunday: 29th December 2019

10.30am: General Service: **Anna & Simeon (Luke 2:21-40) - God's plan for you** led by Ken Hawkings / **6.30pm:** No 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 8th January – thank you.**