

Issue #

Sunday 01 December 2024

Welcome...

Joining us for the first time...? You are very welcome!

During the 11am service our children & young people will enjoy time together with their leaders. Please collect your children from the downstairs of the Christian Centre at the end of the service.

'And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name.'

Luke 1:46-49

Today....

Sunday 01 December - First Sunday of Advent | Hope

9.15am: Morning Communion Service - ADVENT TEACHING SERIES

Embracing Humility: 'Humility Exhorted'

(Philippians 2:1-4 & Luke 1:46-49) Chris Brockway

Refreshments will be served in the church foyer between the services

11.00am: Morning Communion Service (as 9.15am)

6.30pm: Let's Explore - Youth Supper (10-17+)







Next week...

Live Streaming - If you can't join us in-person, we'll be live streaming the 11am service on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/c/ChristchurchBaptistChurch

Monday 02 December

7.00am: Advent | Start The Week With Prayer

9.00am School Nativity Visits

12.45pm: Deeper - Bible Study For Mums

Tuesday 03 December 2.30pm: Songs Of Praise

Thursday 05 December 10.00am: Linkup Café

6.30pm: Connect - Youth Bible Study (10-12+) 6.45pm: Connect+ - Youth Social (14 -16+)

Friday 06 December

7.00am: Advent | End The Week With Prayer

10.00am: Stepping Stones - Parent & Toddler Group

6.30pm: Trailblazers - Friday Kids Club

Saturday 07 December

9.30am: Big Clear Out Of 51 Bargates

Might you be free and willing to join us for the morning 9.30am 12.30pm for a clearing out 51...? Many hands will make light work!

More news....

Giving To The Work Of Our Church - If you would like to give a cash offering for the work of God's Church, please place it in the box on the stage, in the foyer or use the offering bags which will be circulated during our opening worship. We also have two contactless giving points which you can use. For more information about giving to the work of Christchurch Baptist Church please visit our website where you can also download Standing Order and Gift Aid forms: www.christchurchbaptist.org.uk/giving. If you are a visitor with us today, please do not feel any obligation to give.



Scan the QR code to give online via ChurchSuite

More news....

Sunday 08 December - Second Sunday of Advent | Joy

9.15am: Morning Worship - Embracing Humility

'Humility Exemplified' (Philippians 2:5-8 & Luke 1:39-45) Dave Edwins

11.00am: Morning Worship (as 9.15am)

12.30pm: Bring & Share Lunch

6.30pm: Let's Explore - Youth Social (10-17+)

Songs of Praise - Our next Songs of Praise service will be at 2.30pm on Tuesday 03 December (this coming Tuesday). We will be having an afternoon of carols, readings, poems and prayers as we think about Advent and prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus this Christmas. Do come along and invite your friends and neighbours. Our midweek service is followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

Bring & Share Lunch - On Sunday 08 December we will be having our next quarterly 'Bring & Share Lunch' in the main church hall, which is an opportunity to gather informally with others in our church family. Please sign up to let us know that you are planning to attend so we can factor you into the logistics, via the email you will receive later today or contact the church office. During sign up you'll be asked to indicate what food you might be able to contribute to the lunch. Sign up even if contributing food is not possible for you, we're keen that everyone is included.

Carol Service at Fairmile Grange - If you are interested in being involved in a Carol Service for the residences of Fairmile Grange on the 12 December at 3.30pm, please contact Kay Boulton - kay@christchurchbaptist.org.uk.

Christmas Greetings - Why not send Christmas greetings to everyone in our CBC Church family by emailing your message to Julie (office@christchurchbaptist.org.uk) or write a note and drop it into the church office. The collating of Christmas messages to the whole church family into one publication works so well. Please make sure your message is sent on or before Wednesday 11 December and we will compile them to be an addition to the notice sheet on 15 December.

Christmas - Visit our website <u>www.christchurchbaptist.org.uk/christmas/</u> for information on all our upcoming Christmas services.

Message From Christchurch Foodbank+ Thank you so much for all your generous support and prayers and for continuing to help us help those in our communities. Christmas is wonderful time of year for many but also a very difficult time of year for some. We have lots of extra schemes over the winter season and would be so grateful of a little extra donation if you can. Our needs are UHT milk cartons, tinned fruit, tinned corned beef/ham, tuna, custard and Christmas goodies, OR if you can spare a pound or two, we can buy our most needed items on your behalf.

More news....

Praise God:

- That He has made a way for us to be in relationship with Him by the sacrifice of His Son Jesus that we remember and celebrate as we share communion today during our services.
- That He is with us through whatever we are facing and will face in the future. Thank Him for the amazing love and comfort He lavishes on us.
- For His sacrificial love for each one of us. Pray that we would grow in our knowledge of His deep love and then be able to share that with others.

Please Pray:

- For Chris Brockway as he shares God's Word with us this morning.
- For the children, youth and their leaders as they enjoy time with each other and explore more of God today.

Advent | Start & End The Week With Prayer & Reflection - You are warmly invited to join us online at the start and end of the week throughout Advent for a short time of prayer and reflection, 7am-7.15am, Mondays and Fridays, starting this Monday (02 December).

'Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.'

Philippians 2:1-4

Staff team....

Rev Chris Brockway (Team Leader)

Rev Kay Boulton (Minister)

Jackie McGregor (0-18s Ministry Lead)

Julie Dynan (Administration)

Mark Coleman (Caretaker)

Church Office is closed on Wednesdays



Showering uses less hot water, and hence less energy, than bathing.



