



CHESTER ROAD

Baptist Church

WEEKLY BULLETIN - SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2020

Sunday morning (10.30am): Lord of all Creation (Psalm 24:1-2)

What we believe about God (theology) affects how we live and treat the planet. He is the Lord of ALL Creation.

Sunday evening (6.30pm): Freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1-15)

Paul impresses on the Galatian Christians that the freedom won through Christ is to be fully enjoyed, but is not licence to go wild. How do we find a balance?

This week



Corona Virus: We are alert to the risk of Coronavirus. Whilst we don't want to overreact, neither must we be complacent. We ALL have a part to play:

1. **Everyone** All of us have both a *personal* and *shared* responsibility to follow public health instructions and advice from the UK Government/ Public Health England.
2. **Greet one another** with a holy elbow. Ordinarily, we shake hands, hug, share the peace. Just for now, let's go all-in for elbows.
3. **Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.** Sometimes, the best actions are the most simple. Always sneeze into a tissue or your upper arm. (Never into your hands.)
4. **Hand-washing.** Frequent and thorough hand-washing throughout the day is vital. Each time, wash/ scrub for 20 seconds - long enough to recite the Lord's Prayer!
5. **Cleaning.** We've revised our on-site cleaning schedule and cleaning materials to be more antiviral.
6. **Communion.** We already use individual cups. Now we're using pre-cut cubes of bread to reduce risk of cross-contamination.

If you are concerned you may have flu-like or coronavirus symptoms - or have recently returned from a 'high risk' area - go to <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>. Alternatively, call **111**. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital unless directed to do so by a medical professional.

If you are advised to self-isolate for 14 days, please follow all instructions. During that 14 day period, you will need to refrain from visiting Chester Road Baptist Church. Church is far more than a Sunday service. We are a #GrowingCommunity. For full details see

www.ChesterRoadBaptistChurch.org.uk/Coronavirus.



Lent Groups at CRBC will take place in the lounge on Monday 9th March at 7.45pm (led by Mike Miller), Tuesday 10th March at 1.45pm (led by Edwin Boddington), Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm (led by Danny Brierley) and Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm (led by Carys Egner). See ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/LentGroups for more information.



Expenses – Our financial year ends on 31st March. To aid our year end balancing no expenses will be paid in the last week of March. Please ensure any cheques you have from CRBC are cashed before 30th March. Many thanks, Peter.

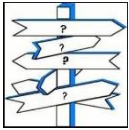


Worship Group: Full Worship Team meeting for all musicians and singers this Monday 9th March, 7.45 pm. Time to worship, pray and plan together.

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Seniors Work Consultation: An opportunity for anyone who would consider themselves to be a 'Senior', or *anyone* with an interest in the Seniors work of the church, to attend a consultation meeting. Come and have your say on Tuesday 10th March at 3.15pm, repeated at 7.30pm. More details in Contact or from Liz Clayton.



Midweek Communion is on Wednesday 11th March at 11.30am. A weekly short service with liturgy, prayers and readings followed by coffee/tea.



Breakaway: Our penultimate meeting is on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm with speaker Sheila Pennell giving a talk about Liberace the Pianist entitled "15 Minutes of Fame".



Messy Church takes place on Saturday 14th March from 3-5pm followed by a planning meeting on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm in the lounge.

Prayer Points



Please pray for: Matt T, Pat, Cis, Clifford, Thelma, Paul, Mike, Dennis and Sue, Steve, Joyce, Joy, Amena, Jessie, Carol, Dorothy, Paula, Irene, Eileen, Ann-Marie, Renee, Margaret and Maurice and Allen Cooper. 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



Church Meeting: The next church meeting will take place on Thursday 19th March at 7.45pm in the Bevan Jones hall. All are welcome.



Not yet baptised? Our next baptisms & faith stories service is on Sunday 29th March. Talk to Danny, Liz, Carys or one of the Leadership Team to find out more.



Erdington Foodbank needs trustees. Can you help? Approx 4 meetings per year. Must have a reasonable awareness of, and a strong commitment to, the work of foodbanks. Need to meet the Charity Commission requirements to be a legal trustee (eg no record of financial misconduct/ bankruptcy). Contact Gerard Goshawk, gerard.goshawk@gmail.com.



Haydn's Last Words of Christ: A concert featuring Bridge String Quartet / Colin Twigg CBSO with poetry readings by Christopher Kent will take place on Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm here at Chester Road. Please invite friends and family.



Help! Do you have any furniture taking up space that you've been thinking about getting rid of? Carys is in need of furniture for her new flat. Suggested items: washing machine, wardrobe, drawers, sofa, dining table and chairs. If you have anything that may be of use please contact her on 07596225460.



Next Sunday: 15th March 2020

10.30am: Teach and Communion 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@ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk - Thank you.
 - ❖ **Please send items for the Bulletin to the office by Wednesday 11th March – thank you.**
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