



Romford
BAPTIST CHURCH



Weekly Update



'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory'
(Ephesians 3:20-21 - RBC Year Text 2024)

Sunday 15th December 2024

10-10.15am **Sunday morning prayer**, Oak Room

10.30am **Morning Service**
Toddler Christmas Service

6pm **Evening service** (Communion)
Mary's Song

To join online worship, please visit www.romfordbaptist.org.uk

This week



Monday

9.30am

Rise Park School Christmas Service

7.30pm

Remembering at Christmas

Tuesday

9am-2.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival (entry through The Meeting Place)

10am

Needlecraft

10.30am

Amaze additional needs group

2pm-3.30pm

Treasure Times

Wednesday

9am-2.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival (entry through The Meeting Place)

7pm-8.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival (entry via side door)

12.45pm

Prayer

Thursday

9am-2.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival (entry through The Meeting Place)

4.30pm

Carols in the Café

Friday

9am-2.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival (entry through The Meeting Place)

10am-12

Craft Group (in The Meeting place)

7.30pm

Youth Sleepover

Next Sunday

Morning Worship 10.30am

Evening Service - Carols by Lamplight 6pm

Prayer



- Please pray for those who are unable to come to church, due to health or mobility issues. Thank God for the live streaming of our services.
- Kindly continue to pray for Joyce Lewis' son Steve, William Cuthbert, Jacquie Rose, Iris Oliver, Keith Carter's son Michael, Maureen Smith's daughter Valerie, Ken Flack, Angela's sister, Marlene, Brian Sharp, Alison Savine and her father Charles.
- Please pray for Arthur and Mavis Poultney.

Thank you

- Sarah Jenkin is grateful for all your prayers for her mother-in-law Pam who was fighting cancer and undergoing treatment. She has just been declared cancer-free. Praise the Lord for His goodness. Sarah, Richard, Pam and family are grateful for your care for them.
- Maureen Smith would like to thank the church family for supporting her daughter Valerie for the past two years. She is grateful for you all. Valerie's treatment is still ongoing so please continue praying for her. Blessings to you all.



This week, the Foodbank needs are:

Jam, Biscuits, Milk, Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Packet Basmati Rice, Washing Up Liquid, Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Soap, Milk, Nappies
5/6/7

Donations can be given to RBC Community Care by;

- putting a marked envelope with cash or a cheque made payable to 'RBC Community Care' in the offering
- by bank transfer CAF Bank Account, No 00036848, Sort Code 40-52-40
- via the contactless machine in the foyer

Gift Aid forms and envelopes for RBCCC are available at the Welcome Desk. **Thank you.**

Information/Dates to note

Small groups - Autumn Term

18 Dec Social for small groups. (The Christmas Tree Festival will be open from 7pm if you want to come and enjoy it as part of your social)

Sleepover - This Christmas holidays we are delighted to be hosting a festive sleepover for those in **school years 7-11**, from 7:30pm on Friday 20th December until 9am on Saturday 21st December.

We look forward to a night full of fun activities, food, snacks, games and a bouncy castle. If you would like to attend, then please complete the consent form and return to Andy Stannard by Sunday 15th December.

The Meeting Place Holiday Break - the Meeting Place will close end of day Friday 20th December and will reopen on Monday 6th January.

Help, please - We will be serving warm drinks and mince pies after the Carols by Lamplight service next Sunday. If you can donate some mince pies for this occasion, please bring them by next Sunday morning.

Salvation Army Carols - Following the service on 22nd December, Christians in and around Romford are gathering by a stage in the Marketplace to sing carols together with the Salvation Army.

Baptismal Service - We are planning a baptismal service on **Sunday 25th January**. If you think this is the next step for you, please speak with one of the Pastors.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day during our morning worship, we will have an opportunity for children to unwrap a gift on the stage. Please feel free to bring such a gift, preferably not too noisy to unwrap together.

We have seen ever growing needs for people of the community this year, particularly those needing food and simple support. On Christmas Day the offering will be split between the Foodbank and The Meeting Place blessings fund to provide food and support for some of the most needy in our community. Please support this appeal if you are able.

Christmas Services

Sunday 15th December:

10.30am All-age Nativity*
6pm Evening Worship*

Monday 16th December:

7.30pm Remembering at Christmas*
(For those who find Christmas hard or have lost a loved one)

Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th December:

9am-2.30pm Christmas Tree Festival
Also 7-8.30pm Wednesday only

Thursday 19th December:

12.30pm Carols in the café

Sunday 22nd December:

10.30am Morning Worship*
6pm Carols by lamplight*

Christmas Eve:

4.30pm Carols around the crib

Christmas Day:

10.30am Christmas Day Family Worship*

Sunday 29th December:

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship*

Tuesday 31st December:

10pm New Year's Eve Crossover Service*

* these services can also be viewed live online at www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/live

Remembering at Christmas

Remembering at Christmas - An Invitation

We hear so much about Christmas being a season of joy and laughter and fun yet Christmas can also be a painful time for some people for all sorts of reasons. Perhaps it is your first Christmas without a loved one or the person you love is not able to be with you this year because of work or other commitments. Perhaps it is a time of year that is always hard because of things in your past or what is happening in your present situation.

We would like to invite you to a special
“Remembering at Christmas” service on **Monday 16 December**
at **7.30pm** which will include familiar carols, prayers, poems and readings
but it will also give space for an act of remembrance and reflection.

If you are unable to be present but you would like us to read out the name
of your loved one during the service please email
vbunce@romfordbaptist.org.uk or ring 07905 132848 by
Sunday 15 December.

The service will also be live streamed on www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/live

Christmas Tree Festival

You are invited to our

Carol themed Christmas Tree Festival

Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th December 9am-2.30pm

Entry through the Meeting Place

Wednesday 24th December 7-8.30pm

Entry via the side door



Vote for your favourite tree

There will be 3 categories for voting:

- Best imaginatively decorated tree that fits the carol title
- Greatest decorated tree to the carol title by age/ability
- Most personally and creatively decorated tree to the carol title

There will also be the opportunity to engage with a Tree of thanks and a Tree for Prayers.

The trees will be part of the services on Sunday 22nd December and the winners will be announced in the Carols by lamplight at 6pm on that day

Crossover Service

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DECEMBER



Romford
BAPTIST CHURCH

CELEBRATION CROSSOVER SERVICE

10PM - 12.30AM



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**A time of lively
worship, testimony
the word and
Communion**

Ending 2024 giving thanks to God and
entering 2025 with God leading us
The service will include a Thank-Offering

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MAIN ROAD, ROMFORD, RM1 3BL



If anyone has a special rendition or a poem or anything to glorify God, the person should please see Jide.

Anyone willing to be part of the New Year's Eve team - steward, singers or play any musical instruments, please see Jide.

Vacancy



We are seeking to appoint a:

**Foodbank and Social Action Coordinator
(Part time - 21 hours per week, 0.56 fte)**

(Salary £27,200 p.a., pro rata)

This is an exciting but busy role to co-ordinate the Collier Row and Romford Foodbank and other social action ministries of the church and RBC Community Care charity.

You must be self-motivated and enthusiastic, working well - and with initiative - both individually and as part of a team. You must also be able to motivate and support a team of volunteers. A flexible approach will be required. This role also requires a DBS check and an ability to lift food items for the food bank.

For full details and an application pack, or to arrange an informal conversation, please email Steve Street at info@romfordbaptist.org.uk

Offerings and gifts

We are grateful to all who give their offerings and gifts to the church. There are several ways to give to the church including online on www.romfordbaptist/giving, posting a cheque to the church or bringing your offerings with you.

The BACS details for the church account is: Romford Baptist Church
Sort Code No. 83 04 25 Account No. 19354486

If you would like to make a contactless donation, you will be able to do this on the machine in the church. We advise that credit cards are not used for this purpose. Further instructions will be provided at the machine.



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