



'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 22nd December 2024

10-10.15amSunday morning prayer, Oak Room10.30amMorning Service<br/>It's coming, ready or not6pmEvening service<br/>Carols by Lamplight (The darkening world)To join online worship, please click www.romfordbaptist.org.uk

## This week

**Tuesday 24th December**4.30pmCarols around the crib

Wednesday 25th December10.30amChristmas Day Family Worship

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December Morning Worship 10.30am

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December** 10pm - Crossover Service

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025** Morning worship (Communion) 10.30am Evening Service - 6pm



- 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, Ken Flack, Angela's sister, Marlene, Brian Sharp, Alison Savine and her father Charles and Arthur and Mavis Poultney.
- Please pray for Val, Maureen Smith's daughter who has been told today that her cancer has spread. Please pray for peace and comfort as they absorb this news.



#### This week, the Foodbank needs are:

Jam, Mince Pies, Christmas Puddings, Tin Spaghetti, Tin Tomatoes, Washing Tablets, Washing -up Liquid, Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Toilet Rolls

#### 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. **Opening Times -** The Foodbank will be open as usual on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December.

# **Information/Dates to note**

**Salvation Army Carols** - Following the service on Sunday, Christians in and around Romford are gathering by a stage in the marketplace to sing carols together with the Salvation Army.

**Help needed -** On January 2<sup>nd</sup> late afternoon we need to run five (5) cables from the TVs back to the AV desk. We could do with a few helpers. No electrical knowledge needed. If you can help, please let lan know before Christmas so we can arrange the timings.

**Baptismal Service** - We are planning a baptismal service on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. If you think this is the next step for you, please speak with one of the Pastors.

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

**Church Office** will be closed from end of day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December till Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025. In case of emergency leave a message as messages will be checked periodically.

**Gifts for Children**- 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.

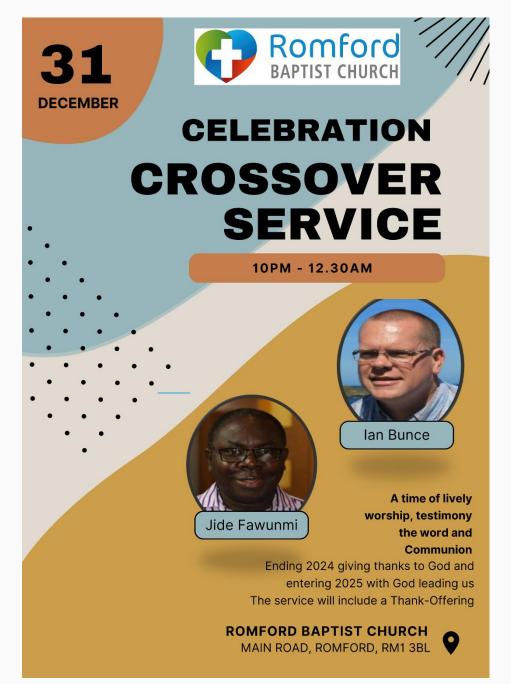
# **Christmas Day Offering**

As the year has gone, we have had ever growing needs for people of the community, particularly those needing food and simple support due to the cost of living. This Christmas, our Christmas Day offering will be split between the food bank 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 10.30am Morning Worship\* Carols by lamplight\* 6pm **Christmas Eve:** Carols around the crib 4.30pm **Christmas Day:** Christmas Day Family Worship\* 10.30am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: Sunday Morning Worship\* 10.30am Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December: New Year's Eve Crossover Service\* 10pm \* these services can also be viewed live online at www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/live

# **Crossover Service**



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.

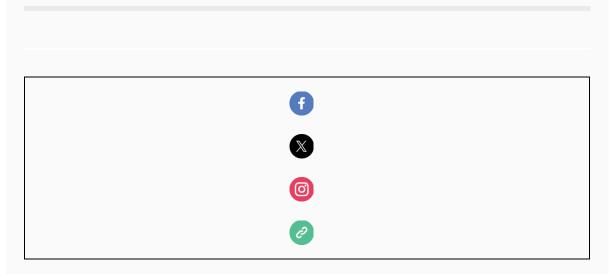
You must be self-motivated and enthusiastic, working well - and with initiative - both individually and as part of a team. You must also be able to motivate and support a team of volunteers. A flexible approach will be required. This role also requires a DBS check and an ability to lift food items for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

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

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 8 January 2025.

# **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 at <u>www.romfordbaptist.org.uk</u>, 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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