



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 22nd December 2024

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

10.30am **Morning Service**
It's coming, ready or not

6pm **Evening service**
Carols by Lamplight (The darkening world)

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

This week



Tuesday 24th December

4.30pm Carols around the crib

Wednesday 25th December

10.30am Christmas Day Family Worship

Sunday 29th December

Morning Worship 10.30am

Tuesday 31st December

10pm - Crossover Service

Sunday 5th January 2025

Morning worship (Communion) 10.30am

Evening Service - 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, 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 23rd December and on Monday 30th 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 2nd 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 Ian know before Christmas so we can arrange the timings.

Baptismal Service - We are planning a baptismal service on **Sunday 26th 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 20th December and will reopen on Monday 6th January.

Church Office will be closed from end of day Friday 20th December till Monday 6th 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 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

Crossover Service

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DECEMBER



CELEBRATION CROSSOVER SERVICE

10PM - 12.30AM



Ian Bunce



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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

ROMFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
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.

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 www.romfordbaptist.org.uk, 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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